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RBI CURRENT RATES

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Policy Rates

Policy Repo Rate : 6.00%

Reverse Repo
Rate : 5.75%Marginal Standing
Facility Rate : 6.25%

Bank Rate : 6.25%

Reserve Ratios

CRR : 4%

SLR : 19.5%

Exchange Rates

RBI Reference Rate

INR / 1 USD : 65.0784

INR / 1 Euro : 80.1636

INR / 100 Jap.
YEN : 60.9700INR / 1 Pound
Sterling : 89.8537

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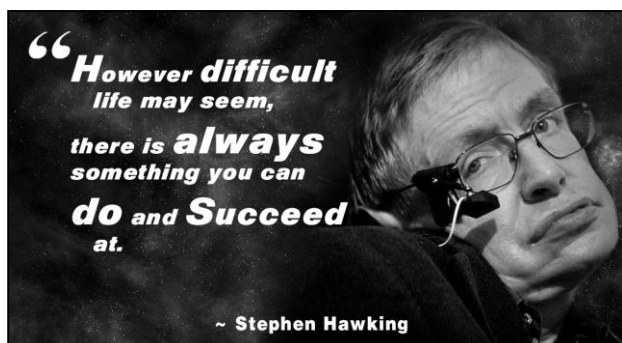
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ALL ABOUT STEPHEN HAWKING



Renowned physicist and modern cosmology patron, Stephen Hawking, passed away on March 14, 2018 at his home in Cambridge. He was 76.

The death was confirmed by the Professor's children Lucy, Robert and Tim who said in a statement, "We are deeply saddened that our beloved father passed away today. He was a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years.

About Stephen Hawking

- The great physicist was born on January 8, 1942 in Oxford, where his parents had decamped from north London for him to be born away from the worst of the wartime bombing raids.
- When he was 8, the family moved to St Albans where he attended school before going to Oxford University.
- Despite being diagnosed with the life-threatening ALS disease in 1963, he went on to Cambridge University to study Cosmology, gaining his PhD and becoming a research fellow and lecturer.
- His most notable work has been on the basic laws which govern the universe - including theories about the Big Bang and black holes.

A Genius First

- Hawking's first major breakthrough came in 1970 when he and Roger Penrose applied the mathematics of black holes to the entire universe and showed that a singularity, a region of infinite curvature in spacetime, lay in our distant past: the point from which came the big bang.
- Hawking continued to work on black holes and in 1974 drew on quantum theory to declare that black holes should emit heat and eventually pop out of existence.
- In 1982, Hawking was among the first to show how quantum fluctuations – tiny variations in the distribution of matter – might give rise through inflation to the spread of galaxies in the universe.
- Hawking wrote 'A Brief History of Time' explaining complex scientific theories to the masses, which was published for the first time in 1988.

- The book sold 10 million copies and was translated into 40 different languages. It even made it into the Guinness Book of Records after it stayed on the Sunday Times bestsellers list for an unprecedented 237 weeks.

- The book was also the subject of the Oscar-winning film 'The Theory of Everything' in 2014.

- Besides this, Hawking wrote many books and won a string of awards throughout an illustrious career.

- He was known as one of the most brilliant theoretical physicists since Albert Einstein.

Medical Marvel

- While studying at Oxford, the Hawking became increasingly clumsy, falling down the stairs and having trouble rowing.
- His speech started to slur and he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) - a form of motor neurone disease at the age of 21, in 1963.
- He used to communicate using a single cheek muscle attached to a speech-generating device. Join DailyGkZone Telegram Channel
- Though the doctors gave him a life expectancy of just two years, he managed to live with the condition for more than 50 years - no less than a medical marvel!

Popular Books By Stephen Hawkings

- A Brief History of Time (1988)
- Black Holes and Baby Universes and Other Essays (1993)
- The Universe in a Nutshell (2001)
- On The Shoulders of Giants (2002)
- God Created the Integers: The Mathematical Breakthroughs That Changed History (2005)
- The Dreams That Stuff Is Made of: The Most Astounding Papers of Quantum Physics and How They Shook the Scientific World (2011)
- My Brief History (2013)

19 Facts about Stephen Hawking - whether the famous scientist was an atheist, his theories and his love life

After Stephen Hawking death we look at some of the most remarkable facts about the man who made science accessible to millions

British physicist **Stephen Hawking** has died at the age of 76, but he's left a lasting legacy behind.

From his book *A Brief History of Time* to appearing on television shows, the scientist has made science accessible - and interesting - for the masses.

But what do we know of his life? We take a look at the man, his marriage, how he talked with his synthesizer and his views on black holes, religion and what he wanted on his tombstone.

While Hawking tried to solve the mysteries of the universe, the man himself was quite happy to share his life.

Here are some facts about Stephen Hawking.

1. Where did he grow up?

Born in Oxford on January 8 1942 - 300 years after the death of astronomer Galileo Galilei - **Professor Hawking** grew up in St Albans, Hertfordshire. His parents thought it was safer than London.

2. When was he diagnosed?

After falling while ice skating during his first year as a grad student he was told he had a rare form of motor neurone disease - amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) - at the age of 22.

Hawking was given just a few years to live. It's unusual to be diagnosed so early, but he later said it meant he had to think.

"By losing the finer dexterity of my hands, I was forced to travel through the universe in my mind and try to visualize the ways in which it worked," he later said.

3. He's appeared in a lot of TV shows

Hawking is as much a celebrity as he is a scientist, having appeared on *The Simpsons*, *Futurama*, *Star Trek* and having provided narration for a British Telecom commercial that was later sampled on a Pink Floyd album. He first appeared as himself on TV in 1993 - in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* - making jokes while playing poker with Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton. He also appeared on *The Big Bang Theory*.

He's also starred in his own miniseries *Stephen Hawking's Universe*.

4. He was bullied at school - and wasn't actually top of the class

He had a difficult time at the local public school and was persecuted as a "swot" who was more interested in jazz, classical music and debating than sport and pop. Although not top of the class, he was good at maths and "chaotically enthusiastic in chemistry".

He went on to study physics as Maths wasn't available at the university he chose - he went to the same college as his father at Oxford.

5. ...in fact he said he was mediocre

Hawking has said of his workload as an undergraduate at Oxford "amounted to an average of just an hour a day".

He also said: "I'm not proud of this lack of work, I'm just describing my attitude at the time, which I shared with most of my fellow students. You were supposed to be brilliant without effort, or to accept your limitations and get a fourth class degree."

6. He went on to get a first

Despite his workload confession, Hawking got a first and went to Cambridge to begin work on his PhD - but he was already beginning to experience the first symptoms of his illness, having fallen over twice for no reason during the last year of his undergraduate degree.

7. His first marriage

Hawking has credited his marriage in 1965 to Jane Wilde, a language student, as a turning point in his life at a time when he was unsure as to what the point of a degree was if he was to die soon. They went on to have three children - Robert, Lucy, and Timothy.

8. He interrupted a lecture

At a meeting of the Royal Society meeting, Hawking interrupted a lecture by renowned astrophysicist Sir Fred Hoyle to let him know that he had made a mistake. When asked how he knew there had been an error, Hawking replied: "Because I've worked them out in my head."

9. His research on black holes

During the 1970s Hawking produced a stream of first class research, including probably his most important contribution to cosmology: the discovery of Hawking radiation, which

allows a black hole to leak energy and gradually fade away to nothing.

10. A Brief History Of Time was a best selling book

In the 1980s, Professor Hawking and Professor Jim Hartle proposed a model of the universe which had no boundaries in space or time. The concept was described in A Brief History Of Time, which sold 25 million copies worldwide.

11. His second wife was his nurse

In February 1990 he left his wife of twenty five years to set up home with one of his nurses, Elaine Mason. The couple married in September 1995 but divorced in 2006.

12. He's predicted the end of humanity

Among some of his more unconventional theories, Professor Hawking has predicted the end of humanity - due to global warming, a new killer virus, or the impact of a large comet.

13. His awards

In 2009 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States. He was awarded an CBE in 1982 and the Companion of Honour in 1989.

He also was given many other awards, medals and prizes like Fundamental Physics prize (2013), Copley Medal (2006) and the Wolf Foundation prize (1988).

Hawking was the Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge for 30 years, taking up the post in 1979 and retiring on 1 October 2009.

He is also a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge having held many other academic positions.

14. His relationship with religion - was he an atheist?

In recent years, Professor Hawking has examined the relationship between science and religion, writing a 2010 book Grand Design, which argues that evoking God is not necessary to explain the origins of the universe. He has said he's an atheist, though he has caused confusion before by claiming the entire universe is God - he has expressed pantheistic views.

15. His life could be summed up in an equation

His formula involves the speed of light (c), Newton's constant (G) and other symbols that probably make no sense to you or me - it's used for measuring emissions from black holes, a formula known as Hawking radiation.

Hawking himself was puzzled at first as he thought black holes were celestial death traps that swallowed up energy. He then decided that it was possible because of the quantum theory, general relativity and thermodynamics - and brought it all together in one simple formula.

16. Hawking wanted his equation carved on his tombstone

He once said he wanted the Hawking Equation put on his gravestone when he died.

17. He almost died in 1985 - and how he got his speech synthesizer

Hawking did almost die of pneumonia when he was travelling to Geneva. He was unconscious and hooked to a ventilator. His wife then had the decision of whether to remove the life support - but she rejected the idea.

He underwent a tracheotomy, to help him breathe, but it removed his ability to speak, which is why he had his famous speech synthesizer.

18. Who made his speech synthesizer?

It was made by a California-based company called Words Plus, which ran Equalizer on an Apple II computer.

The system was mounted on to the wheelchair so Hawking could 'speak' using a hand clicker to choose words on a screen.

When he was no longer able to use his hands Hawking used an infrared switch attached to his glasses that detects cheek movements.

The tech was overhauled by Intel, though he actually insisted he keep the robotic voice with the no-accent as he said it was part of his identity.

19. He wrote his book using the synthesizer

Hawking was convinced he could write a book about the mysteries of the universe that everyone would be able to understand.

When he lost the ability to write and speak the task proved harder, but he used his speech synthesizer with help from students who relayed his draft changes to his US editor by phone.

A Brief History of Time was the result. He went on to write many more books, even co-writing one with his daughter Lucy.

UNION BUDGET 2018 - 19

Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the Budget for the fourth time in the Lok Sabha on Thursday with emphasis on agriculture and healthcare.

While there are unlikely to be any major changes in indirect tax as most of them are now under the purview of the Goods and Services Tax Council, Budget 2018 could have several positive changes on the direct tax side, according to analysts.

• Top Developments

1. Govt. to implement MSP for all crops; MSP hiked to 1.5 times of production costs
2. Rural haats to be upgraded to Grameen agricultural markets
3. This year's Budget to focus on agriculture and rural economy
4. Women SHGs will be encouraged to take up organic farming
5. 2,000 crore fund for development of agri market
6. 2 crore additional toilets to be constructed under Swach Bharat Abhiyan
7. Free power connections to 4 crore homes
8. Govt. to provide free LPG connection to 8 crore women under Ujjwala scheme

The Union Budget of India for the financial year 2018-19 was presented to the Parliament on **1 February 2018** by **Finance Minister Arun Jaitley**.

The 2018 budget is considered to be a crucial one as it the first since the rollout of Goods and Service Tax (GST) regime in India.

This year's Budget will particularly focus on strengthening agriculture, rural development, health, senior citizens, education, employment, MSME and infrastructure sectors.

Following are the Highlights of the Union Budget 2018-19

• Economic and Fiscal Situation

- Indian economy is now 2.5 trillion dollar economy making it the seventh largest in the world. India is expected to become the **fifth largest economy** with growth rate of **8 percent** very soon.
 - India's GDP is expected to grow at 7.2% to 7.5% in the second half of 2017-18.
 - **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, in its latest update, has forecasted that India will grow at **7.4%** next year.
 - **Total expenditure** during 2018-19 is estimated to be over **Rs. 24.42 lakh crore**.
 - **Fiscal Deficit** pegged at 3.5 % of GDP at Rs 5.95 lakh crore for 2017-18, projected at **3.3 % for 2018-19**.
 - **Rs 21.57 lakh crores** transferred as **net GST** compensation to states against a projection of Rs 21.47 lakh crores.
- #### • Important Announcements
- Government has declared **Minimum support price (MSP)** for the majority of **rabi** crops at least at 1.5 times the cost involved and MSP for the all unannounced crops of **kharif** at least at **1.5 times of their production cost**.
 - 470 Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC) out of 585 APMCs have been connected to e-NAM network and rest will be connected by March 2018.

- Existing 22,000 rural Haats to be transformed into **Gramin Agricultural Markets (GRAMs)** to protect the interests of 86% small and marginal farmers.
- Specialised agro-processing and financial institutions in Food Processing Sector to be promoted.
- Special scheme for free dialysis of poor have been initiated.
- Facility of Kisan Credit Cards to be extended to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers.
- Around **2 crore more toilets** to be constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Special scheme will be implemented to support Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi NCT to address air pollution and subsidise machinery for management of crop residue.
- 24 new Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals** to be set up to ensure at least 1 Medical College for every 3 Parliamentary Constituencies and at least 1 Government Medical College in each State of the country.
- World's largest **Health Protection Scheme** covering over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families launched with coverage upto **Rs 5 lakh per family** for secondary and tertiary treatment.
- Scheme called **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBAR-DHAN)** to be launched for conversion of cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost, fertilizer, bio-gas and bio-CNG.
- Proposed to take up **construction of tunnel under Sela Pass**.
- Develop **10 prominent tourist sites into Iconic Tourism destinations**.
- Dedicated **Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)** to be established in National Housing Bank (NHB).
- Develop **two Defence Industrial Production Corridors** in the country.
- Defence Production Policy 2018** to be rolled out to promote domestic production.
- Launch Scheme to assign a unique ID to every individual enterprise in India.

- Department of Commerce to develop **National Logistics Portal** as a single online window to link all stakeholders.

- Government will formulate a comprehensive **Gold Policy** to develop gold as an asset class. Gold Monetization Scheme to be revamped to enable people to open a hassle-free Gold Deposit Account.

- Central Board of Excise and Customs [CBEC] to be renamed as **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**.

• Important Allocations:

Agricultural Sector

- Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund** to be set up with a corpus of **Rs 2000 crore** for developing and upgrading rural agriculture market infrastructure.
- Allocation for **Ministry of Food Processing** doubled from Rs 715 crore in RE 2017-18 to **Rs 1400 crore** in BE 2018-19.
- Rs 500 crore** allocated to **"Operation Greens"** to address price fluctuations in potato, tomato and onion.
- Restructured **National Bamboo Mission** to be launched at a cost of **Rs 1,290 crore** to promote bamboo sector.
- Fishery and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FAIDF) and Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)** to be set up with total corpus of **Rs 10,000 crore**.
- Institutional Credit for agriculture sector** increased from Rs 8.5 lakh crore in 2014-15 to Rs 10 lakh crore in 2017-18 and further to **Rs 11 lakh crore for 2018-19**.

✓ Rural Development

- Rs 14.34 lakh crore** to be spent by the Ministries in 2018-19 for creation of livelihood and **infrastructure in rural areas**.

- Proposed **8 crore free LPG gas connections** to women under **UJJWALA Scheme** and **4 crore free electricity connections** to the poor under **Saubhagya Yojana**. **Rs 16000 crore** allocated for the scheme.

- Loans to Women Self Help Groups** to increase to **Rs.75,000 crore** by March 2019 from 42,500 crore last year.

- Allocation under **National Rural Livelihood Mission** increased to **Rs 5750 crore** in 2018-19.

- Ground water irrigation scheme** under Prime Minister Krishi Sinchai Yojna-Har Khet ko Pani allocated **Rs 2600 crore**.

✓ **Health, Education and Social Protection**

- Government's estimated schematic budgetary expenditure on **health, education and social protection** for 2018-19 is **Rs 1.38 lakh crore**.

- Ayushman Bharat programme** allocated **Rs 1,200 crore** under which 1.5 lakh centres will be set up to provide health facilities closer to home.

- Additional **Rs 600 crore** allocated to provide nutritional support to all **TB patients** at the rate of **Rs 500** per month for the duration of their treatment.

- Right to Education Act to be amended to enable training of more than 13 lakh untrained teachers; Integrated B. Ed programme to be initiated to improve quality of teachers.

- Aims to move from black board to digital board schools by 2022.

- Eklavya schools** to be started for Scheduled Tribe population. Every block with more than 50 percent ST population and at least 20,000 tribal people will have Ekalavya schools at par with Navodaya Vidyalayas by 2022.

- Initiative named **"Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE) by 2022"** to be launched with a total investment of **Rs 1,00,000 crore** in next 4 years.

- Set up two new full-fledged **Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPA)** selected on challenge mode.

- 18 new SPAs would be established in the IITs and NITs as autonomous Schools on challenge mode.

- Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) Scheme** to be launched which would identify 1,000 best B.Tech students each year from premier institutions and provide them facilities to do Ph.D in IITs and IISc.

- Rs 9975 crore** allocated to National Social Assistance Programme.

- Allocation for **Scheduled Castes (SCs)**- **Rs 56,619 crore** in BE 2018-19.

- Allocation for **Scheduled Tribes (STs)**- **Rs 39,135 crore** in BE 2018-19.

- Govt will expand **PM Jan Dhan Yojana** to bring all 16 crore accounts under micro insurance and pension schemes.

✓ **MSME Sector**

- Rs 3794 crore** allocated to **MSME Sector**.

- Rs 7,148 crore** outlay for **textile sector** in 2018-19.

- Set target of **Rs 3 lakh crore** for lending under **MUDRA** for 2018-19.

- Government to contribute 12% of the wages of the new employees in the EPF for all the sectors for next 3 years

- Amend Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 to reduce women employees' contribution to 8% for first 3 years of their employment against existing rate of 12% or 10% with no change in employers' contribution.

✓ **Infrastructure Sectors**

- India needs investment in excess of **Rs 50 lakh crore** in the infrastructure sector.

- Estimated budgetary and extra budgetary expenditure on **infrastructure** for 2018-19 increased to **Rs 5.97 lakh crore** against estimated expenditure of **Rs 4.94 lakh crore** in 2017-18.

- Ambitious **Bharatmala Pariyojana** to be launched at an estimated cost of **Rs 5,35,000 crore**; develop about 35000 kms in Phase-I to provide

seamless connectivity of interior and backward areas and borders of the country.

- Under Prime Minister Awas Scheme (Rural), 51 lakhs houses in year 2017-18 and 51 lakh houses during 2018-19 will be constructed exclusively in rural areas.

- Construction of 37 lakh houses sanctioned under Prime Minister Awas Scheme (Urban).

✓ Railways & Aviation Sector

- Capital Expenditure in **Railway Sector** for the year 2018-19 has been pegged at **Rs 1,48,528 crore**.

- Government to **eliminate 4267 unmanned level crossings** in the broad gauge network in the next 2 years.

- All stations with more than 25000 footfalls will have escalators.

- All trains to be progressively provided with Wi-Fi, CCTV and other state-of-the-art amenities.

- **Specialized Railways University** to be set up at **Vadodara** to train manpower required for high speed rail projects.

- **NABH Nirman** initiative announced with allocation of **Rs 60 crores** to expand airport capacity.

- Provision for acquisition of 12,000 wagons, 5,160 coaches and approximately 700 locomotives during 2018-19.

- **Rs 51,000 crore** allocated to add 90 kilometers of double line tracks and 150 km additional suburban network in **Mumbai**.

- **Rs 17,000 crore** allocated to add **160 km of suburban network in Bengaluru**.

- Airport Authority of India (AAI) has 124 airports; Under NABH Nirman propose to expand airport capacity by more than 5 times to handle 1 billion trips a year.

- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme will connect 56 unserved airports and 31 unserved helipads.

✓ Digital Economy

- NITI Aayog to initiate a national program in the area of Artificial Intelligence(AI); Centres of excellence to be set up on robotics, AI, Internet of things etc.

- Allocation on **Digital India programme** doubled to **Rs 3073 crore** in 2018-19.

- **Rs 10,000 crore** allocated to set up **5 lakh wi-fi hotspots** to provide broadband access to five crore rural citizens.

- Department of Telecom will establish indigenous 5G Test Bed at IIT, Chennai.

- Government does not consider crypto-currencies as legal tender/coin and will take measures to **eliminate use of these crypto assets** in financing illegitimate activities.

- Propose policy to introduce toll system on **“pay as you use” basis**.

✓ Disinvestment

- Disinvestment crossed target of Rs 72,500 crore and likely to reach Rs 1,00,000 crore in 2017-18. **Disinvestment target of Rs 80,000 crore** set for 2018-19.

- Approved listing of 14 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), including two insurance companies, on the stock exchanges.

- Three Public Sector Insurance companies- National Insurance Co. Ltd., United India Assurance Co. Ltd., and Oriental India insurance Co. Ltd. to be merged into a single entity, and subsequently listed in the stock exchange, as part of the disinvestment programme.

- **Emoluments of the President** revised to **Rs 5 lakh; Vice President to Rs 4 lakh; and Governors to Rs 3.5 lakh** per month.

- Proposed necessary changes to refix emoluments of **Member of Parliaments (MPs)** with effect from April 1, 2018; automatic revision of emoluments every **5 years**, indexed to inflation.

- A **National Committee**, chaired by the **Prime Minister**, which includes Chief Ministers of all the States, representatives from across the political spectrum, Gandhians, thinkers and eminent persons

from all walks of life, has been constituted to **formulate a Commemoration Programme.**

- Commemorate **150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**, Father of the Nation, from **2nd October, 2019 to 2nd October 2020.**
- **Rs 150 crore** earmarked for the year 2018-19 for the activities leading to the **Commemoration.**

✓ **Taxation Initiatives**

- No changes in the structure of income tax slabs proposed.
- **85.51 lakhs new taxpayers** filed their returns of income in financial year 2016-17, as against 66.26 lakhs in the immediately preceding year.
- **Growth in direct taxes** up to 15th January, 2018 is **18.7%.**
- **100 percent tax deduction** for the first 5 years to companies registered as **Farmer Producer Companies (FPC)** with a turnover of Rs 100 crore and above.
- **Extend the benefit of reduced corporate tax rate of 25 percent** currently available for companies with turnover of less than 50 crore (in Financial Year 2015-16), to companies reporting turnover up to **Rs. 250 crore** in Financial Year 2016-17, to benefit MSMEs.
- Deduction of 30 percent on emoluments paid to new employees Under Section 80-JJAA of the Income-tax Act to be relaxed to 150 days for footwear and leather industry, to create more employment.
- **Standard Deduction of Rs. 40,000** in place of present exemption for transport allowance and reimbursement of miscellaneous medical expenses to benefit salaried employees and pensioners.
- Payments exceeding Rs. 10,000 in cash made by trusts and institutions to be disallowed and would be subject to tax.
- **Tax on Long Term Capital Gains** exceeding Rs 1 lakh proposed **at the rate of 10%.** However, all gains up to 31st January, 2018 will be exempted from tax.
- Propose to introduce a tax on distributed income by equity oriented mutual fund at the rate of 10%.

- Existing 3 percent education cess to be replaced by a **4 percent “Health and Education Cess”** to collect an estimated additional amount of Rs 11,000 crores.

- **GST collections** projection pegged at **Rs 7.43 lakh crore** in full year 2018-19 as against Rs 4.44 lakh crore in 9 months of current fiscal.

- Govt makes PAN mandatory for any entity entering into a financial transaction of Rs 2.5 lakh or more.

- E-Assessment of Income Tax to be rolled out across the country to transform age old assessment procedure.

- Changes proposed to the Custom Act to improve Ease of Doing Business.

- To incentivise ‘Make in India’, custom duty increased on mobile phones and TV parts.

✓ **Incentives for Senior Citizens**

- Raised the **deduction of interest income on senior citizen’s bank and post office deposits** from Rs. 10,000 to **Rs. 50,000.**
- Deduction limit for **health insurance premium/medical expenditure** raised from Rs. 30,000 to **Rs. 50,000** under section 80D..
- Increased **deduction limit for medical expenditure** for certain critical illness from Rs. 60,000 (in case of senior citizens) and from Rs. 80,000 (in case of very senior citizens) to **Rs. 1 lakh** for all senior citizens, under section 80DDB.
- Propose to extend the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana up to March, 2020.**
- Existing limit on investment of Rs 7.5 lakh per senior citizen under Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana increased to Rs 15 lakh.

9 NEW SCHEMES ANNOUNCED IN UNION BUDGET 2018 – 19

Union Finance minister Arun Jaitley presented Union Budget 2018 in Parliament. It is last full budget of Narendra Modi Government before 2019 Lok Sabha

elections. Several new schemes were announced. Some of them are

1. National Health Protection Scheme

- National Health Protection Scheme (Ayushman Bharat Scheme) will cover 10 crore poor and vulnerable families. Under it, up to Rs 5 lakh insurance cover will be provided to each family per year in secondary and tertiary care institutions. It will have 50 crore beneficiaries. It will be world's largest government-funded healthcare programme.

2. Operation Green

- It will be launched with an allocation of Rs 500 crore on the lines of Operation Flood. It aims to promote farmer producers organisations, processing facilities, agri-logistics and professional management. It also aims to aid farmers and help control and limit erratic fluctuations in the prices of tomatoes, onions and potatoes (TOP). It is essentially price fixation scheme that aims to ensure farmers are given the right price for their produce. The idea behind it is to double the income of farmers by the end of 2022.

3. Eklavya School

- Eklavya schools will be established for scheduled caste (SC) and schedule tribe students by 2022 on the lines of Navodaya schools. They will be model residential schools set up in each Block. It will in areas with more than 50% tribal areas and 20,000 tribal people. These schools will be part of Navodaya Vidyalayas. It will provide training in sports and skill development. It has special facilities for preserving local art and culture.

4. Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education (RISE) Scheme

- RISE scheme aims to lend low-cost funds to government higher educational institutions. It will be launched with a total investment of Rs. 1 lakh crore in

the next four years. It will be financed via restructured higher education financing agency (HEFA), a non-banking financial company. Join Telegram Channel DailyGKZone.

5. Prime Minister Fellowship Scheme

- It is aimed at facilitating cutting edge research by provide high fellowship amounts to 1000 B. Tech students to pursue PhD in IITs and IISc. Its purpose is to make to produce better research in India and make its institutions climb up in global rankings.

6. Kisan Credit Card to Fishermen and Cattle owners

- Kisan Credit Card was extended to fishermen and cattle owners. It will enable them to avail the easier loans. It will help people associated with milk production business in rural areas by providing financial assistance and also to fisheries.

7. Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)

- Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) will be created under National Housing Bank (NHB). It will be funded from priority sector lending shortfall and fully serviced bonds authorised by Central Government. Beyond this, he did not elaborate about the proposed Fund. It will be used to construct one crore households in the rural areas Pradhanmantri Awas Yojana.

8. Gobar-Dhan Yojna

- Gobar-Dhan Yojana (also known as Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resource Fund scheme) aims to improve lives of the villagers. Under it, solid waste of dung and fields will be changed into compost, biogas and bio-CNG.

9. National Bamboo Mission

- Rs. 1,290 crore will be allocated under this scheme to help development of bamboo production as an industry in the country. This will help the people of rural and tribal areas.

EXPECTED QUESTION ON UNION BUDGET 2018 - 19

We have prepared the Questions based on the Union Budget 2018 which will help every competitive exam aspirant to revise the Budget 2018 Quiz at ease. It is prepared in such a way so that it helps you to prepare the Budget 2018 facts and figures in quick time.

Part 1 : 12 Questions

1. The Union government in its budget 2018 has proposed to launch a restructured mission with an outlay of Rs 1290 crore to promote which sector?

- a) Handloom b) Bamboo
c) Traditional Craft d) Rural Development

2. Which among the following state governments does not qualify for the special scheme that the government is going to introduce to tackle air pollution?

- a) Uttar Pradesh b) Delhi
c) Punjab d) Haryana

3. How much fund has the Union Government allocated for its new 'Operation Green' mission ?

- a) 1000 crore b) 680 crore
c) 500 crore d) 1300 crore

4. The Union government has proposed to extend the reach of Ujjwala Yojana to how many poor women in 2018-19?

- a) 4 crore b) 10 crore
c) 8 crore d) 6 crore

5. The Indian Railways is planning to re-develop how many major railway stations in 2018?

- a) 400 b) 540 c) 730 d) 600

6. The government would be setting up an institute to train manpower for high-speed railway project in which city?

- a) Ahmedabad b) Surat

c) Pune

d) Vadodara

7. What is the salary of President as per Union Budget 2018?

- a) Rs 5 lakh b) Rs 4 lakh
c) Rs 3 lakh d) Rs 2 lakh

8. As per Union Budget 2018, the Customs duty on mobile phones and parts of televisions will be increased to what per cent?

- a) 20 per cent b) 25 per cent
c) 30 per cent d) 35 per cent

9. What was the total fiscal expenditure of the Union Government in 2017-18 as per Union Budget 2018?

- a) Rs 21.47 lakh crore b) Rs 21.57 lakh crore
c) Rs 21.67 lakh crore d) Rs 21.77 lakh crore

10. As per Union Budget 2018, senior citizens will now be able to claim benefit of deduction of what amount in case of critical illnesses?

- a) Rs 50000 b) Rs 75000
c) Rs 100000 d) Rs 125000

11. Which scheme will be launched this year as per Budget 2018 to improve the Health Sector of the country?

- a) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
b) National Health Policy 2018
c) Swasth Bharat
d) National Health Protection Scheme

12. As per Budget 2018, which three firms will be merged and then listed?

- a) UTI, Oriental Insurance and National Insurance
b) LIC, Bharti AXA and United Insurance
c) General Insurance, Max Bupa and UTI
d) None of the above

ANSWERS

1. (b) Bamboo

The Union Government in its Budget 2018 has proposed to launch a restructured bamboo mission with a fund of Rs 1290 crore to promote bamboo sector in a holistic manner.

2. (a) Uttar Pradesh

The Government is going to introduce a special scheme to support the state governments of Haryana, Punjab and Delhi to address air pollution and to subsidise machinery

required for in-situ management of crop residue.

3. (c) Rs 500 crore

The Union government plans to launch 'Operation Green' with a corpus of Rs 500 crore. It will promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management.

4. (c) 8 crore

The Lower and Middle Class have been the focus of the NDA Government during the last three years. The government had launched Ujjwala Yojana earlier to make poor women free from the smoke of wood. Though initially, their target was to provide free LPG connections to about 5 crore poor women, the government has now proposed to increase the target to 8 crore poor women.

5. (d) 600

The Indian Railways is planning to re-develop 600 major railway stations. All stations with more than 25000 footfall will have escalators. All the stations will also be equipped with high-speed wifi.

6. (d) Vadodara

The Union government had previously laid the foundation of the high-speed bullet Mumbai-Ahmedabad train. An institute would be set up in Vadodara in Gujarat to train the manpower for the high-speed railway project.

7. (a) Rs 5 lakh

Emoluments will be revised for the President to Rs 5 lakh, Rs 4 lakh for Vice-President and Rs 3.5 lakh per month for Governors. Emoluments to MPs will be refixed with effect from April 1, 2018.

8. (a) 20 per cent

The Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on 1 February 2018 presented the Union Budget 2018 in the parliament. As per the Budget, Customs duty on mobile phones and parts of televisions will be increased to 20 per cent from 15 per cent. Customs duty on raw cashew will be reduced from 5 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

9. (b) Rs 21.57 lakh crore

The Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on 1 February 2018 presented the Union Budget 2018 in the parliament. In the independent India, this is the 88th budget and the fifth of the Modi Government. The total expenditure of the Union government is Rs 21.57 lakh crore.

10. (c) Rs 100000

This year budget proposes a standard deduction of Rs 40000 for transport and medical reimbursements. All senior citizens will now be able to claim benefit of a deduction of Rs 50000 for any medical expenditure and can claim deduction of Rs 100000 for critical illnesses.

11. (d) National Health Protection Scheme

National Health Protection Scheme will be launched to cover 10 crore poor and vulnerable families. Under this, up to Rs 5 lakh will be provided to each family per year in secondary and tertiary care institutions. This scheme will have 50 crore beneficiaries.

12. (a) UTI, Oriental Insurance and National Insurance

As per Union Budget 2018, the Union government will recapitalise public sector banks to help them lend an additional Rs 5 lakh crore. Unit Trust of India, Oriental Insurance and National Insurance will be merged and then listed.

Part 2 : 50 Questions

1) How much amount did Union government allotted to the Agri-Market Development Fund for developing agricultural markets of India In the Union Budget 2018?

a.1000 Cr b.1500 Cr c.2000 Cr d.2500 Cr e.None

Answer: C

Explanation:

Union government allotted Rs. 2000 Cr to the Agri-Market Development Fund for developing agricultural markets of India In the Union Budget 2018.

2) According to the Union Budget 2018, to the field of organic farming sector Finance minister has allotted

a.100 Cr b.150 Cr c.250 Cr d.200 Cr e.None

Answer: D

Explanation:

To the field of organic farming sector Finance minister has allotted 200.

3) How much amount did Union government allotted for Restructured National Bamboo Mission?

a.1290 b.1291 c.1280 d.1281 e.None

Answer: A

Explanation:

Restructured National Bamboo Mission to be launched with an allocation of Rs 1290 crore to promote bamboo sector in a holistic manner.

4) What is the total corpus did union government allocated for fishery and aquaculture and animal husbandry funds in the Union Budget 2018

- a. Rs 11,000 crore b. Rs 12000 Crore
c. Rs 30,500 crore d. Rs 50,000 crore
e. None of these.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Union government has allocated Rs 10,000 crore for fishery and aquaculture and animal husbandry funds in the Union Budget 2018.

5) What is the amount of Credit for agricultural activities is raised In the Union Budget 2018 which was previously 10 lakh crore?

- a. Rs 11 lakh crore. b. Rs 12 lakh crore.
c. Rs 13 lakh crore. d. Rs 14 lakh crore.
e. Rs 15 lakh crore.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Credit for agricultural activities is up from Rs 10 lakh crore to Rs 11 lakh crore.

6) To the How much times The Minimum Support Price of all crops shall be increased to the production cost.?

- a.1 b.1.5 c.2 d.2.5 e.5

Answer: B

Explanation:

The Minimum Support Price of all crops shall be increased to at least 1.5 times that of the production cost.

7) Up to what percent the government will ensure payment of MSP to farmers even if they sell below MSP?

- a.50% b.25% c.75% d.80% e.100%

Answer: E

Explanation:

The government will ensure payment of full MSP even if farmers sell below MSP.

8) How much amount has allocated to food processing ministry in the Union Budget 2018 ?

- a.715 Cr b.815 Cr c.950 Cr d.1200 Cr e.1400 Cr.

Answer: E

Explanation:

Allocation to food processing ministry is being doubled from Rs 715 crore to Rs 1400 crore.

9) According to Union Budget 2018 how much corpus announced for Operation Green?

- a.200 Cr b.500 Cr c.1000 Cr d.700 Cr e.800 Cr

Answer: B

Explanation:

Rs 500 crore announced for Operation Green.

10) To which of the following sectors Kisan credit card scheme to be extended

- a. Fisheries b. Animal husbandry
c. Farmers. d. Both a and b e. All of these.

Answer: E

Explanation:

Kisan credit card scheme to be extended to fisheries, animal husbandry farmers.

11) By which of the following month loans to self help groups will increase to Rs 75,000 crore

- a. March 2018. b. March 2019. c. March 2020.
d. March 2021. e. None of these.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Loans to self help groups will increase to Rs 75,000 crore by March 2019.

12) Based on the Union Budget 2018 how much amount to be spent for providing livelihood to rural India through infrastructure building?

- a. Rs 14.34 lakh crore b. Rs 14.44 lakh crore
c. Rs 15.34 lakh crore d. Rs 15.44 lakh crore.
e. None of these.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Rs 14.34 lakh crore to be spent for providing livelihood to rural India through infrastructure building.

13) In the Union Budget 2018 Finance minister Arun Jaitley stated that 100% tax reduction available for those FPOs have turnover of.

- a.50 Cr b.100 Cr c.150 Cr
d.200 Cr e.250 Cr

Answer: B

Explanation:

100% tax reduction available for FPOs turnover of Rs 100 crore.

14) What is the growth in direct taxes in FY 2018-19?

- a.12.6% b.12% c.13.5%
d.14% e.18%

Answer: A

Explanation:

Direct taxes growth at 12.6 per cent this year.

15) How much percentage of Income Tax exempted for the Farmer producer companies with turnover of Rs 100 crore or more?

- a.50% b.10% c.20%
d.25% e.100%

Answer: E

Explanation:

Farmer producer companies with turnover of Rs 100 crore or more to get 100 per cent reduction under I-T Act for next 5 years.

16) How much percentage of Income Tax exempted for the MSMEs with turnover of Rs 250 crore?

- a.50% b.10% c.20%
d.25% e.100%

Answer: D

Explanation:

Corporate tax to be reduced to 25 per cent for MSMEs with turnover of Rs 250 crore.

17) How much amount to increase for Senior citizens interest income exemption from 10,000 for all fixed and RD schemes, including small savings.

- a.20,000. b.30,000 c.40,000.
d.50,000. e.None of these.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Senior citizens interest income exemption increased to Rs 50,000 from Rs 10,000 for all fixed and RD schemes, including small savings.

18) What is the amount of tax detection Under Sec 80 D for senior citizens?

- a.20,000. b.30,000. c.40,000.
d.50,000. e.None of these.

Answer: D

Explanation:

Amount of Rs. 50,000 tax detection Under Sec 80 D for senior citizens.

19) How many IIT and NIT are planned to open in Union Budget 2018?

- a.15. b.16 c.17. d.18. e.20

Answer: D

Explanation:

18 new schools of planning and architecture will be set up in the IITs and NITs.

20) How much amount has been allocated for credit support to through capital and interest subsidy to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises?

- a.Rs 3,790 crore b.Rs 3,784 crore
c.Rs 3,780 crore d.Rs 3,798 crore
e.Rs 3,794 crore

Answer: E

Explanation:

Rs 3,794 crore allocated for credit support to through capital and interest subsidy to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.

21) How much amount government has planned to allocate for MUDRA scheme in 2018-19?

- a.2 Lakh Crore. b.3 Lakh Crore.
c.4 Lakh Crore. d.2 Lakh Crore.
e.None of the above.

Answer: B

Explanation:

In 2018-19, to allocate Rs 3 lakh cr lending under MUDRA scheme

22) In the in Union Budget 2018 how much amount allocated for rural sanitation?

- a.Rs 16,730 crore b.Rs 16,750 crore
c.Rs 16,830 crore d.Rs 16,850 crore
e.None of these

Answer: A

Explanation:

Education and healthcare allocation increased to Rs 1.38 lakh crore

23) For serve free electricity for 4 crore houses in rural India government sanctioned _____crore.

- a.Rs 14,100 b.Rs 14,200
c.Rs 14,000 d.Rs 14,600 e.Rs 14,500

Answer: C

Explanation:

4 crore houses in rural India to get free electricity, Rs 14,000 crore allocated.

24) Under which of the following scheme Government aims to disburse 8 crore gas connections?

- a.UJJWALA b.Ujala c.UDAN
d.UPI e.None of these.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Under UJJWALA of the following scheme Government aims to disburse 8 crore gas connections?

25)What is the corpus amount did union government spent for PM Saubhagya Yojana?

- a.1500 Cr. b.1600 Cr c.1700 Cr
d.1800 Cr e.2000 Cr.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Rs.16,000 crore set apart for PM Saubhagya Yojana

26) What is the corpus amount did union government spent for Education and healthcare?

- a.Rs 1.35 lakh crore b.Rs 1.38 lakh crore
c.Rs 1.43 lakh crore d.Rs 1.55 lakh crore
e.None of these.

Answer: B

Explanation:

Education and healthcare allocation increased to Rs 1.38 lakh crore

27) How much union government committed for National health policy programme and invites contributions from the private sector?

- a.1,000 crore b.1,100 crore c.1,200 crore
d.1,300 crore e.1,400 crore

Answer: C

Explanation:

1,200 crore committed for this flagship programme and invites contributions from the private sector.

28) In the Union Budget 2018 the government will provide how much amount for nutrititonal support to all TB patients?

- a.500 Cr b.600 Cr c.700Cr
d.800Cr e.None of these.

Answer: B

Explanation:

The government will provide Rs.600 crore for nutrititonal support to all TB patients.

29) According to budget report how many new governments medical colleges will be set up by upgrading existing district hospitals in the country.?

- a.15 b.20 c.22 d.24 e.25

Answer: D

Explanation:

24 new government medical colleges will be set up by upgrading existing district hospitals in the country.

30) How much amount did government allotted to create world class infrastructure in the country?

- a.Rs.10 lakh crore b.Rs.20 lakh crore
c.Rs.30 lakh crore d.Rs.40 lakh crore
e.Rs.50 lakh crore

Answer: E

Explanation:

Rs.50 lakh crore is needed to create world class infrastructure in the country.

31) Government has sanctioned how much amount 99 cities have been selected for Smart City programme?

- a.Rs.2.00 lakh crore b.Rs.2.50 lakh crore
c.Rs.2.05 lakh crore d.Rs.2.09 lakh crore
e.Rs.2.08 lakh crore

Answer: D

Explanation:

99 cities have been selected with outlay of Rs2.09 lakh crore under Smart City programme.

32) How prominent tourist sites will be developed into iconic ones to boost tourism?

- a.5 b.10 c.15 d.20 e.25

Answer: B

Explanation:

10 prominent tourist sites will be developed into iconic ones to boost tourism.

33) Under which scheme government shall connect 56 unserved airports and 31 unserved helipads in the country?

- a.UJJWALA b.Ujala c.UDAN d.UPI e.None of these.

Answer: C

Explanation:

UDAN shall connect 56 unserved airports and 31 unserved helipads in the country.

34) Totally how many projects sanctioned under the Namami Ganga programme?

- a.185 b.190 c.187
d.188 e.192

Answer: C

Explanation:

Total 187 projects sanctioned under the Namami Ganga programme.

35) Under which scheme Six crore toilets have been built already, and in the next year, two crore additional toilets will be constructed?

- a.UJJWALA b.Ujala c.UDAN
d.UPI e.None of these.

Answer: E

Explanation:

The Saubhagya Yojana will be another focus for the government. Six crore toilets have been built already, and in the next year, two crore additional toilets will be constructed.

36) How much percentage did the government will contribute to EPF contribution for new employees in all sectors for the next three years?

- a.10 b.11 c.12 d.13 e.15

Answer: C

Explanation:

The government will contribute 12% to EPF contribution for new employees in all sectors for the next three years.

37) what Corpus amount did government allotted for Bharatmala project approved for better road connectivity ?

- a.Rs 5.45 lakh crore b.Rs 5.55 lakh crore
c.Rs 5.25 lakh crore d.Rs 5.35 lakh crore
e.Rs 5.50 lakh crore

Answer: D

Explanation:

Bharatmala project approved for better road connectivity at Rs 5.35 lakh crore.

38) Disinvestment target of _____ crore has been set for this year?

- a.50000 b.80000 c.70000
d.60000 e.None of these.

Answer: B

Explanation

Disinvestment target of ₹80,000 crore has been set for this year.

39) Which of the following insurance company going to merge to United India Insurance?

- a.Oriental Insurance. b.National Insurance.
c.General Insurance. d.Bothe a and b
e.All of the above

Answer: D

Explanation:

United India Insurance, Oriental Insurance and National Insurance will be merged and then listed.

40) The government will explore use of which type of technology proactively to boost digital economy?

- a.Cryptocurrency b.Bitcoin
c.Blockchain d.Any two e.None of these.

Answer: C

Explanation:

The government will explore use of blockchain technology proactively to boost digital economy.

41) The government will not consider which currency as legal tender?

- a.Bitocurrency. b.Pitocurrency
c.Indian Currency d.Cryptocurrency
e.None of these.

Answer: D

Explanation:

The government will not consider cryptocurrency as legal tender.

42) According to Union Budget 2018 what is the Emoluments of the President

- a.Rs.6 lakh b.Rs 5 lakh
c.Rs 4 lakh d.Rs 3.5 lakh e.Rs2.5 lakh

Answer: B

Explanation:

Emoluments will revised for the President to Rs.5 lakh.

43) According to Union Budget 2018 what is the Emoluments of the Vice President

- a.Rs.6 lakh b.Rs 5 lakh c.Rs 4 lakh
d.Rs 3.5 lakh e.Rs2.5 lakh

Answer: C

Explanation:

Emoluments will revised for the Vice President to Rs.4 lakh..

44) According to Union Budget 2018 what is the Emoluments of the Governors

- a.Rs.6 lakh b.Rs 5 lakh c.Rs 4 lakh

d.Rs 3.5 lakh e.Rs2.5 lakh

Answer: D

Explanation:

Emoluments will revised for the Governor of Rs.3.5 lakh.

45) What will be the projected fiscal deficit for this year?

a.3.0% b.3.1% c.3.2%
d.3.3% e.3.4%

Answer: D

Explanation:

Fiscal deficit 2013-14 was 4.4 per cent of the GDP, In 2017-18 3.5 per cent of the GDP. Projected fiscal deficit 3.3 per cent of the GDP

46) How much amount is allotted for the Nirbaya Fund to protect the safety of women In the Union Budget 2018?

a.50 Cr b.100 Cr c.150 Cr d.200 Cr e.250 Cr

Answer : B

Explanation:

100 crore has been earmarked for Nirbaya Fund to protect the safety of women.

47) What percentage of amount allotted for Defence sector to the GDP in the Union Budget 2018?

a.1.52 b.1.54 c.1.56 d.1.58 e.1.55

Answer: D

Explanation:

Defence was allotted 1.58% of GDP.

48) What is the corpus amount allocated to National Rural Livelihood Mission in the Union Budget 2018?

a.Rs 5730 crore. b.Rs 5740 crore
c.Rs 5750 crore d.Rs 5760 crore e.Rs 5770 crore

Answer: C

Explanation:

In the Union Budget 2018 Rs 5750 crore is allocated to National Rural Livelihood Mission.

49) How much amount is allotted for the textile sector in the Union Budget 2018?

a.Rs.7140 crore b.Rs.7142 crore
c.Rs.7144 crore d.Rs.7145 crore e.Rs.7148 crore

Answer: E

Explanation:

Government has allotted Rs.7148 crore for the textile sector.

50) What is the corpus amount allocated to Railway department in the Union Budget 2018?

a.148528 Cr b.149000 Cr
c.150000 Cr d.155000 Cr e.None of these.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Railways Capital Expenditure pegged at Rs.1,48,528 crore.

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Russia 'test-fires hypersonic missile'

Russia test-launched a hypersonic missile from a Mig-31 supersonic interceptor jet that took off from an airfield. The hypersonic missile has been described as "Kinzhal missile" – named after a type of dagger – as "an ideal weapon". The Kinzhal is said to travel at 10 times the speed of sound and have a range of 2,000 km (1,200 miles).

PM Modi, French President Macron jointly inaugurate solar power plant at Mirzapur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting French President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated 101-megawatt solar power plant at Dadar Kala village in Mirzapur district of Uttar Pradesh. The largest solar projects in the country has been set up by French company ENGIE. The company was awarded the project in 2016 with the cost of Rs. 680 crore. Solar Energy Corporation of India has signed Power purchase agreement for 25 years with the company.

Navjot Kaur climbs to World No. 2

Navjot Kaur became World No. 2 in the 65 kg category as per the latest rankings released by United World Wrestling. The top position belongs to 2015 World Championship silver medallist Petra Olli of Finland though both have 18 points

each. Vinesh Phogat is No. 2 in the 50kg category behind Lei Chun of China, while Sakshi Malik is No. 4 in the 62 kg category.

Samvedna 2018: IAF's first multilateral HADR air exercise in South Asia

Samvedna 2018, the first multilateral Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise of Indian Air Force (IAF) in association with South Asian Region nations was held off the coast of Kerala. The multilateral exercise was spearheaded by IAF and conducted by Southern Air Command (SAC) and involved representatives from air forces of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and UAE.

India top medal tally at ISSF Shooting World Cup

India topped the medals tally in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup with four gold, one silver and four bronze medals for a total of nine medals in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Gold and Silver Winners:

Shahzar Rizvi won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol event (Men's).

Manu Bhaker won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol event (Women's).

Manu Bhaker partnered with Om Prakash Mitharval for the 10m air pistol mixed team gold.

Akhil Sheoran clinched the gold medal in men's 50m rifle 3 position.

Anjum Moudgil won silver medal in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event.

Vietnam's Nguyen Huong Giang crowned "Miss International Transgender Beauty Queen 2018"

Vietnam's Nguyen Huong Giang was crowned "Miss International Queen" in Thailand at one of the world's top beauty pageants for transgender women. The winner fended off 26 competitors, from countries spanning Mongolia to Mexico, to clinch the coveted crown in the seaside town of Pattaya, where the popular contest has been running since 2004.

WHO steps up fight against tobacco

The World Health Organization has launched new guidelines on the role that tobacco product regulations can play in reducing tobacco demand. The new guide, titled 'Tobacco product regulation: Building laboratory testing capacity' was launched at the 2018 World Conference on Tobacco or Health. The laboratory guide has information on how to test tobacco products and what products to test.

India placed 33rd worldwide in web-borne threats: Kaspersky

Global cyber security provider Kaspersky Lab in a summit stated that India ranks 33rd worldwide in the list of countries facing web-borne threats. The Summit had about 100 participants from all over India, and brought together the most important names from the world of information security.

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Two TDP Ministers resign from Union Cabinet, Suresh Prabhu given additional charge

Civil aviation minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju and junior science and technology minister YS Chowdhary have submitted their resignation letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This follows Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's observation that the Centre cannot offer special status to Andhra Pradesh. The President of India Ramnath Kovind has on the advise of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, directed Commerce and Industry minister Suresh Prabhu to take up the additional charge of the Civil Aviation Ministry.

First Conference of International Solar Alliance begins in New Delhi

Heads of 23 nations and 10 ministerial representatives will participate in New Delhi for first conference of International Solar Alliance. The Summit will be co-hosted by president Ram Nath Kovind and his french counterpart president Emmanuel Macron. The aim of the summit is to deliberate on a finance mechanism for the promotion of solar energy in member countries, crowd-funding and technology transfer.

Govt makes Passport mandatory for Bank Loans of Rs. 50 crore & above

The government has made providing passport details mandatory for taking loans of 50 crore rupees and above to ensure a SWIFT action in case of fraud and prevent fraudsters from fleeing the country. According to Financial Services Secretary, all existing loans of over 50 crore rupees, banks have been asked to collect passport details of borrowers within 45 days.

Winter Paralympics officially begin

The largest ever Winter Paralympics were officially inaugurated in freezing conditions at the Olympic Stadium in Pyeongchang, South Korea. A record 567 athletes from 48 different nations paraded into the Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium to officially commence the 10-day festival that runs till March 18. A neutral Paralympic athletes team consisting of Russian competitors is also participating.

Australia beat England to lift Sultan Azlan Shah cup in Malaysia

World champions Australia have lifted the coveted Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey title. In the final at Ipoh, Malaysia, they beat defending champions England by a narrow 2-1 margin. Australia have now won the prestigious tournament for the 10th time.

President leaves for Mauritius, Madagascar

President Ram Nath Kovind left for a five-day visit to the island nations of Madagascar and Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. The president will be the chief guest at the celebration commemorating the 50th year of the independence of Mauritius. The visit of the president to Madagascar will also be the first ever visit by an Indian VVIP to the island nation.

NCRB celebrates its 33rd Inception Day

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) celebrated its 33rd Inception Day on March 11, 2018. On this occasion, "Citizen Services" mobile application developed in-house by NCRB was also released. The application can be used by citizen for various services such as complaint registration and status check, SOS – Stay Safe, View FIR detail, locate police stations, vahan-samanvay, emergency contact list, police stations telephone directory etc.

India wins Best Exhibitor Award at ITB- Berlin

India has won the "Best Exhibitor Award" at ITB – Berlin on its last day. 'ITB- Berlin World Tourist Meet' was convened at Berlin, Germany from 7th March to 10th March 2018. India was represented by the Minister of State (Independent charge) for Tourism Mr. K. J. Alphons along with a couple of Tourism Ministry officials. More than 100 countries participated in the ITB- Berlin meet with their respective Tourism Ministers. India's Incredible India (Ministry of Tourism) presented a short film named "Yogi of the Racetrack" in the meet. The said short film has got 3.2 million hits in 60 hours.

Parag Agrawal appointed as Twitter's CTO

Twitter has appointed Parag Agrawal as its chief technology officer. Agrawal, an alumnus of IIT-Bombay and a PhD in Computer Science from Stanford University, succeeds Adam Messinger. His contributions at Twitter include leading efforts to increase the relevance of tweets in Twitter users' timelines using Artificial Intelligence.

1st ever Multi-Nation Naval Exercise at sea begins in Andaman

The first-ever multi-nation naval exercise at sea, MILES-18, began at the Andaman sea. 11 naval ships of 8 countries and nine Indian ships are participating in the three-day exercise. Apart from enhancing inter-operability, the exercise aims to hone search and rescue procedures, maritime interdiction operations, core operational skills and exercise a variety of maritime security scenarios.

Israel-US held joint military drill

US and Israeli had launched the so-called "Juniper Cobra 2018" military drill that simulates a missile attack on Israel. It is the largest combat exercise between Israel and the US. Since 2001, Israeli and US forces have conducted a total of eight Juniper Cobra joint combat exercises, including the most recent exercise in February 2016.

Australia wins 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah cup

World champions Australia won 27th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah cup 2018 for record 10th time. In the final match held in Ipoh, Malaysia, Australia defeated defending champion

England by narrow 2-1 goal margin. Earlier, in the classification match for third place, Argentina defeated host Malaysia by 3-2 goals.

Xi Jinping becomes China's Leader for Life as Parliament abolishes Presidential term-limit

China's Parliament has abolished the decades-old two-term limit for the President, allowing Xi Jinping to remain as the country's leader for life. The constitutional changes were passed in Beijing by the annual sitting of the National People's Congress – the country's legislature – with the two-thirds majority. Of the 2,964 delegates, only two voted against the change, while three abstained. Earlier, the seven-member Standing Committee – the topmost body of the ruling Communist Party of China – had unanimously approved the amendment. 64-year old Xi Jinping is currently in his second five-year term and due to retire in 2023 under the current two-term system.

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Rajasthan passes bill to award death penalty for rape of girls below 12 years of age

Rajasthan Assembly has passed The Criminal Laws (Rajasthan Amendment) Bill, 2018 awarding death penalty to convicts involved in the rape of girls below 12 years of age. The Bill was introduced by Rajasthan Home Minister Gulab Chand Kataria and was passed in the House by a voice vote following a debate.

Prakriti to be 1st ITBP Woman Combat Officer

In another first for women, 25-year-old Prakriti has been inducted as the first direct-entry combat officer in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. The ITBP is the last of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to induct women officers in combat roles after the government first allowed it to enrol them in 2016.

Sufi singer Pyare Lal Wadali passes away

Pyare Lal Wadali, the younger brother of Sufi singer Puran Chand Wadali of the Wadali brothers, died of cardiac arrest.

The Wadali brothers some years ago had taken the country by storm by their hit album featuring Sufi songs such as 'Tu mane ya na mane dildara, aasan te tenu rab manya'.

Prince Charles appoints Sanjeev Gupta as UK Skills Ambassador

Indian-origin steel tycoon Sanjeev Gupta appointed by Britain's Prince Charles as an official ambassador for the Industrial Cadets programme designed to nurture manufacturing skills. Mr. Gupta was appointed to the flagship programme to give children and young people the direct structured experience of the industry while still at school or college. The Industrial Cadets annual awards ceremony was held in London. Mr. Gupta is an Executive Chairman of UK-based GFG Alliance.

Indian volunteer wins Commonwealth Point of Light award

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II recognised Srishti Bakshi from India as the 26th Commonwealth Point of Light in honour of her exceptional service to empowering women in India. Srishti is the founder of the CrossBow Miles movement. Srishti leads workshops for women in rural communities on digital and financial literacy, leadership and health.

French President Emmanuel Macron in India on 4-day visit

French President Emmanuel Macron arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India. The visit aims at strengthening the bilateral economic, political and strategic dimension of engagement between the two countries. During the visit, India and France will sign agreements in different fields tomorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Emmanuel Macron will co-chair the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance.

'Book Fulfilling Bapu's Dreams – Prime Minister Modi's Tribute to Gandhiji' launched

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, received the first copy of the book 'Fulfilling Bapu's Dreams – Prime Minister Modi's Tribute to Gandhiji' from Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, who formally released it at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The book underscores an important aspect of India's developmental process – linking sanitation with broad mass participation, making it a mass movement, giving central importance to the practical needs of ordinary

citizens in policy, and establishing ethical ideals firmly in public life.

Dharun breaks National record in hurdles

Ayyasamy Dharun broke the men's 400m hurdles national record and in the process grabbed a Commonwealth Games ticket on the concluding day of the 22nd Federation Cup National Senior Championships. Dharun erased Joseph G Abraham's over 10-year-old earlier national record of 49.94 made in August 2007 in Osaka. Dharun got his last medal at an Indian Grand Prix event in Bengaluru.

Virat Kohli named 1st Brand Ambassador for Uber India

Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has been named cab-hailing startup Uber's first Brand Ambassador in India. Kohli will also be involved in a series of marketing and customer experience initiatives.

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Vivek R Wadekar appointed New Special Director in ED

IRS officer Vivek R Wadekar was appointed as the new Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) by the government. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued an order appointing the officer of the Income Tax Department to the new post. He has been appointed for the tenure of five years. The ED is the central investigative agency, under the Union finance ministry, that enforces the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) in the country.

Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi stripped of human rights award

Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi was on March 7, 2018 stripped off her human rights award conferred by US Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Museum announced that it was withdrawing Suu Kyi's Elie Wiesel Award, which they had presented to her in 2012. The decision was taken following the ongoing violence against the Rohingya Muslim minority community in the Rakhine state of Myanmar.

Mumbai ranks 47th on global 'city wealth index': Report

According to the independent global property consultancy Knight Frank's Wealth Report 2018, Mumbai ranked 47th on the "city wealth index" among 314 cities in the world. The "city wealth index" is drawn from four major indicators — wealth, investments, lifestyle and future. Guangzhou, a city in China, tops the list with property prices appreciating by 27.4% in the last one year.

Tejaswin Shankar smashes national record

Tejaswin Shankar broke his own national record to claim the high jump gold at the 22nd Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships. Shankar crossed over the bar at 2.28m to beat his own national mark of 2.26m which he achieved in Coimbatore in 2016 at the junior level. Shankar had earlier cleared 2.28m at a collegiate event but this was his first athletic federation of India event.

India ranks 52 in Mastercard Women entrepreneurs index

India ranked 52 among 57 countries studied for the Mastercard Index of Women Entrepreneurs (MIWE), according to the findings of its second edition. Ghana (46.4 percent) ranks first in the world with the highest number of women business owners, followed by Russia (34.6 percent), Uganda (33.8 percent), New Zealand (33 percent) and Australia (32.1 percent).

Madhya Pradesh announces Pension for single women

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on International Women's day announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme. Under this scheme, the women who aren't married and are above the age of 50 will be given pension.

Muskan, Promila won gold at Archery

India's Muskan Kirar and Promila Daimary clinched gold medals in the women's compound and recurve events respectively at the Archery Asia Cup in Bangkok. Kirar got the better of Malaysia's Zakaria Nadhirah 139-136 in the compound final. Madhu Vedwan and Gaurav Trambak Lambe

also added to India's tally by winning bronze medals in the women's and the men's recurve events.

TCS ranked as the fastest growing IT services brand in 2018

Leading global IT services organisation, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was named as the fastest growing IT services brand in the world in an assessment done by leading brand valuation firm, Brand Finance. This puts TCS in a unique group of businesses with a brand valuation over USD 10 billion mark.

Indian women earn 20 per cent lesser than men: Report

According to a report released, women in India earn 20 per cent lesser than men, although the gender gap narrowed down by around five percentage points in 2017. The report by monster.com called Monster Salary Index (MSI) revealed that the current gender pay gap in India stands at 20 per cent, where men earned a median gross hourly salary of Rs 231, while women earned Rs 184.8.

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8th March: International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a worldwide event that celebrates the achievements of women everywhere. This year's celebration comes at the heels of an unprecedented movement for women's rights as 2018 marks 100 years since women gained the vote after the suffragette movement. There have also been global campaigns in the form of #MeToo and #TimesUp – bringing sexual harassment and equal pay to the forefront of the agenda. International Women's Day 2018 campaign theme is #PressforProgress. The day has been observed since 1908, and falls on March 8 each year.

Mumbai Airport named world's best for quality service

Airports Council International (ACI), a trade association of 1,953 airports in 176 countries, announced its annual airport service quality (ASQ) awards and Mumbai (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport) tied with Delhi (Indira Gandhi International Airport) for the top position among airports handling over 40 million passengers annually. Beijing and Shanghai Pudong have been ranked second.

Paytm's CEO is the Youngest Billionaire

Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma (39) is the youngest Indian billionaire. Mr Sharma founded fast-rising mobile wallet Paytm in 2011. He has also created Paytm Mall, an e-commerce business and Paytm Payments Bank. Mr Sharma ranked 1,394th on the list with a fortune of \$1.7 billion, is the only Indian billionaire in the under-40 league.

Architect BV Doshi becomes 1st Indian to win Pritzker Prize

Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi has become the first Indian to win the Pritzker Prize, the highest award in architecture. Calling the 90-year-old's works "poetic", the foundation commended him for respecting the eastern culture and working towards enhancing the quality of life in India. Doshi's most noted works include a low-cost housing project in Indore which accommodates 80,000 people. The award was announced by Tom Pritzker of the Chicago-based Hyatt Foundation.

Delhi Police launches 'all women patrolling squad'

The South District Police in Delhi launched an 'all women patrolling squad' on March 8, 2018, on the occasion of International Women's Day. The squad named 'Kneightingale' has been formed to ensure safety and security of women at public places. The squad comprises 16 women personnel, aged between 20-35 years, in the ranks of sub-inspectors and constables who have been trained in unarmed combat and driving.

Justice Gita Mittal conferred 'Nari Shakti' award on women's day

The Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Justice Gita Mittal conferred the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017' by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The award, known as India's highest civilian honour for women, bestowed upon 30 women and organizations on March 8, on the occasion of the International Women's day. Mittal is the first woman from the field of law and justice who conferred the prestigious award. She is known to have introduced many welcome changes in the functioning of the Delhi High Court, ever since she took over as the Acting Chief Justice of the court after the retirement of Justice G Rohini in April 2017.

'Vision for Future' event to marks 70 years of Indo-Russia ties held In New Delhi

An event named 'Vision for Future' was held in New Delhi to commemorate 70 years of the Indo-Russia ties. The event sought to expose the youth to the dynamic opportunities of cooperation between the two countries. The program inaugurated at the Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (Eurasia Division) and the International Federation of Indo-Russian Youth Clubs.

India-China trade hits record \$84.4 billion in 2017

According to data of Chinese General Administration of Customs, India-China bilateral trade has reached \$84.44 billion last year, a historic high with 18.63% year-on-year growth rate. This is regarded as historic landmark in bilateral relations of both countries, as volume of bilateral trade for first time has touched \$80 billion, well above the \$71.18 billion registered in 2016.

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European Development Bank approves India's Membership

India is all set to become the 69th member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) after shareholders of the international financial institution gave their nod to the country's candidature. The formal membership process will now get underway, which includes the purchase of shares by India at an estimated cost of around 1 million euros. The EBRD's Board of Governors, which represents all the existing shareholders of the UK-based bank, voted in favor of India's membership application.

Neiphiu Rio appointed Nagaland CM

Nagaland Governor PB Acharya has appointed Neiphiu Rio as the new Chief Minister of the state. Mr Rio will replace TR Zeliang. The Governor has received letters of support in favour of Rio from MLAs of BJP, JD (U) and an Independent besides NDPP legislators. Mr Rio will take the oath of his duties shortly. The Governor has also requested Mr Rio to prove his majority on the floor of the House on or before 16th of March.

Sharp decline in child marriages in India: UNICEF

The United Nations children's agency (UNICEF) stated that India has seen a sharp decline in child marriages over the last ten years with only 27 percent of girls getting married before 18 years in comparison to 47 per cent a decade back. The decline in numbers in India has contributed significantly to a global decline in child marriages.

Forbes Billionaires List 2018: Amazon's Bezos Richest, Mukesh Ambani ranked 19

With a fortune worth \$110 billion, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is the world's richest man and tops a 2018 Forbes Magazine list of billionaires. According to the Forbes, Bezos is the first person to top \$100 billion as number one on the Forbes list of the World's Billionaires. Microsoft founder Bill Gates is second (\$90 billion), investment guru Warren Buffet third (\$84 billion), Bernard Arnault and family fourth (\$72 billion), and Facebook founder-CEO Mark Zuckerberg fifth (\$71 billion). Indian industry titan Mukesh Ambani, the chairman of Reliance Industries Limited, is 19th on the list. He's valued at \$40.1 billion.

Chandragiri becomes first 'all women' station in Andhra Pradesh

The South Central Railway (SCR) management has named the Chandragiri station in Guntakal Division, near Tirupati as the first 'all-women railway station' in Andhra Pradesh. The transition process was done by deploying women staff to handle all the day to day activities including train operations, ticketing, security and other relevant duties.

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India-US team test-fires M777 ultra-light howitzers in Pokhran

Joint investigation committee (JIC) comprising US and Indian officials has test-fired M777 ultra-light howitzers (ULH) at Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan. The team will review results of this test soon. The test was conducted in the wake of accident during its trial in September 2017.

Veteran Bollywood actor Shammi passes away

Veteran Bollywood actor Shammi has passed away after prolonged illness. She was 89. Fondly addressed as 'Shammi aunty' by Bollywood celebrities, Shammi, whose real name is Nargis Rabadi, started her film career with Malhar as a leading lady and later on moved to the comic genre.

Indian Military ranked 4th strongest in World, USA tops

Out of 133 countries, India is ranked fourth on a global index for its military strength, only the United States, Russia and China are ranked above India on the list, according to the latest report of the Global Firepower index 2017. Neighbouring Pakistan is ranked 13th. India maintained its position above France in the top five military powers in the world. The Indian Army is equipped with 4,426 combat tanks, 6,704 armoured fighting vehicles, and 7,414 towed artillery guns, as per the list.

Top 5 countries in the list are-

1. The USA,
2. Russia,
3. China,
4. India,
5. France.

Govt sets up Subhash Chandra Garg Committee to regulate fintech sector

The Union Government has set up 8 member steering committee look into the development and regulation of the financial technology (fintech) sector in India. It will be headed by Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Garg. The move follows an announcement by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in the Budget.

Sri Lanka declares state of emergency

Sri Lanka declared a state of emergency for 10 days, to curb heightening violence targeting the island's Muslim minority. The development follows days of anti-Muslim attacks in Kandy, located in Sri Lanka's Central Province. Sri Lanka is the second country in the region to promulgate a state of emergency this year. In February, Maldivian President declared Emergency Rule for a fortnight.

Iraq overtakes Saudi Arabia as India's biggest Oil Supplier

Iraq overtook Saudi Arabia to become India's top crude oil supplier by supplying 38.9 million tonnes (MT) crude oil in the current financial year. It was fifth of India's oil needs. India is 80% dependent on imports to meet its oil needs. India had imported 184.4 MT of crude oil during April. Saudi Arabia traditionally has been India's top oil source but Iraq dethroned it. Saudi Arabia supplied 30.9 MT of crude oil in first 10 months.

Harry Athwal selected for 'Pride of Birmingham's Outstanding Bravery Award'

Indian-origin Birmingham man Harry Athwal was selected for this year's 'Pride of Birmingham's Outstanding Bravery Award'. He was awarded for risking his life in order to help a fatally injured young boy in the 2017 Barcelona terror attack. Athwal is among 11 winners who will be presented with their awards at a ceremony at the University of Birmingham.

India's 1st Helicopter taxi service launched in Bengaluru

India's first helicopter taxi service was launched in Bengaluru to fly passengers from Kempegowda International Airport to Electronic City. The service is expected to reduce the time taken to cover the distance from 2 hours to 15 minutes. The helicopter will seat up to six people apart from the pilot and the service will cost Rs3,500 plus GST.

Myanmar puts off border agreement with India

Myanmar has indefinitely deferred signing agreement with India to streamline the free movement of people within 16 km along the open border between two countries. It has cited domestic compulsions and has asked for more time for the agreement to be sealed. Background India and Myanmar share 1,643 km unfenced border along four states viz. Arunachal Pradesh (520 km), Nagaland (215 km), Manipur (398 km) and Mizoram (510 km) and permit free movement regime.

W-Power Trailblazers 2018: Forbes India names 25 Women as Trailblazers

Forbes India has released the "W-Power Trailblazers" issue 2018, featuring 25 women stars on the ascendancy in business. Now in its second edition, the W-Power Trailblazers

throws the light on female role models be it entrepreneurs or professionals who can persuade others to dream bigger and climb higher through their work and leadership.

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Marshall Islands to launch world-first digital legal tender

Marshall Islands in Pacific Ocean is set to become first country in world to recognize cryptocurrency as its legal tender and adopt transparent crypto monetary system. The parliament of island has passed law to create the digital currency called "Sovereign" with symbol SOV to raise some hard cash to pay bills and boost economy.

Oscar Awards 2018: Complete List of Winners

The 90th Annual Academy Awards (also known as Oscar Awards) were held at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, the USA. The Shape Of Water won the top prize of the night – Best Picture. Jimmy Kimmel hosted the ceremony for the second year in a row. He has become the first host since Billy Crystal to do so.

S. No.	Category	Winner
1.	Best Picture	The Shape Of Water
2.	Best Director	Guillermo del Toro, The Shape Of Water
3.	Best Actress	Frances McDormand, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
4.	Best Actor	Gary Oldman, Darkest Hour
5.	Best Supporting Actress	Allison Janney, I, Tonya
6.	Best Supporting Actor	Sam Rockwell, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
7.	Best Original Screenplay	Get Out
8.	Best Adapted	Call Me By Your Name

	Screenplay	
9.	Best Animated Feature Film	Coco
10.	Best Foreign Language Film	A Fantastic Woman, Chile
11.	Best Original Score	The Shape Of Water
12.	Best Original Song	Remember Me, Coco
13.	Best Documentary Feature	Icarus
14.	Best Documentary Short	Heaven Is A Traffic Jam On The 405
15.	Best Live Action Short	The Silent Child
16.	Best Animation Short	Dear Basketball
17.	Best Sound Editing	Dunkirk
18.	Best Sound Mixing	Dunkirk
19.	Best Production Design	The Shape Of Water
20.	Best Cinematography	Blade Runner
21.	Best Makeup And Hair	Darkest Hour
22.	Best Costume Design	Phantom Thread
23.	Best Film Editing	Dunkirk
24.	Best Visual Effects	Blade Runner

Pakistan elects first Hindu woman Krishna Kumari Kohli to Senate

Krishna Kumari Kohli (39) from Sindh province in Pakistan became first-ever Dalit Hindu woman to get elected as Senator, member of upper house (Senate) of Muslim-majority country. She won the election for the reserved seat for women from Sindh province. She is a member of Bilawal Bhutto Zardari-led Pakistan People's Party (PPP). Her election

represents major milestone for women and minority rights in Pakistan. Earlier, PPP had elected first Hindu woman named Ratna Bhagwandas Chawla as senator.

Week-long International Yoga festival held in Rishikesh

The week-long 29th annual, world-famous International Yoga Festival (IYF) international yoga festival was inaugurated in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand. The IYF offers daily classes in meditation, mudras, Sanskrit chanting, reiki, Indian philosophy and spiritual discourses to be held by revered spiritual leaders from India and abroad.

Conrad Sangma to be next CM of Meghalaya

National People's Party (NPP) President Conrad Sangma will be the new chief minister of Meghalaya. NPP came out as the second largest party with 19 seats in the recently held elections which threw a hung verdict. Sarma has informed that there will be no deputy chief minister in the new government. He will replace congress leader Mukul Sangma.

Viswanathan Anand wins Tal Memorial Rapid Chess Title

World rapid champion Viswanathan Anand annexed the Tal Memorial rapid chess title in Moscow, Russia after an easy final round draw against Boris Gelfand of Israel. His solitary loss came at the hands of Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the third round.

Aamir Khan launches Manjeet Hirani's book 'How to be a Human'

Aamir Khan launched the book 'How to be a Human', which is penned by Rajkumar Hirani's wife Manjeet Hiraniwas. The book is based on the dog which the Hirani's adopted from 'PK' sets. In her book, Manjeet has written about attachment, parenting, and karma, among other things. She shows how having a dog in the house can alter your perspective and change the way you experience life.

India 12th largest holder of US securities

India's exposure to US government securities rose sharply to a high of \$144.7 billion at the end of 2017. In 2017, China was the largest holder of US government securities with holdings

to the tune of \$1.18 trillion, followed by Japan at \$1.06 trillion. Among the BRIC countries, India had the third largest exposure while that of Russia was lower at \$102.2 billion.

Merkel gets fourth term as Germany's Chancellor

Germany's Angela Merkel secured her fourth term as the Chancellor after the Social Democratic party voted in favour of a grand coalition with Merkel's Christian Democratic Union. The decision ends almost 6 months of political uncertainty in Germany, the longest time the country has been without a govt in its post-war history. The deal will form her third grand coalition during her time as chancellor.

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BJP won Tripura for 1st time

The BJP defeated the CPI(M) in Tripura to form the state government for the first-ever time after winning 35 seats. The CPI(M), which ruled the state for 25 years, reportedly won 16 seats in the 60-member Assembly with 43% vote share. BJP-ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) won 8 seats after fielding candidates in 9 constituencies.

Odisha Govt launches 'Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas' Programme

The Odisha government has launched a programme Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas (Our Village, our development) to reach out to the people in rural areas and involve themselves in the developmental activities. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has flagged off mobile video vans for 'Ama Gaon Ama Vikas' programme that will move across the State to highlight various welfare schemes at villages in the state.

India beat Pakistan to win Snooker Team World Cup

India won the inaugural IBSF Snooker Team World Cup title. The Indian combine of Pankaj Advani and Manan Chandra defeated Pakistan in the best-of-five final played in Doha.

Shatrughan Sinha wins lifetime achievement award in UK

Actor-politician Shatrughan Sinha has been honoured with a lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the fields

of arts and politics at a ceremony in the UK's Parliament complex. The annual 'Political and Public Life Awards' presented by Britain's Asian Voice weekly newspaper, now in its 12th year, recognises individuals who have made a significant impact on public life or made a difference in their local communities.

Indian wrestlers win 8 medals at Asian Wrestling Championships

India continued their rich run in the Commonwealth Wrestling Championships by winning eight gold medals and as many silver. India won five gold medals in freestyle through Harful, Bajrang, Jitender, Sandeep, Deepak and Arun. The three gold medals in Greco-Roman came from Ravinder, Krishan and Sachin.

Shooter Rizvi sets world record, wins World Cup gold

Indian shooter Shahzar Rizvi created a new world record on his way to the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Guadalajara in Mexico. The Indian beat reigning Olympic champion Christian Reitz of Germany, who had to settle for the silver.

India and Vietnam inked three pacts

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang also vowed to expand bilateral cooperation in several key sectors, including defence, oil and gas, and agriculture. The three pacts signed after the talks between the two leaders would provide for cooperation in areas of nuclear energy, trade and agriculture.

All-female marathon held in Saudi Arabia

For the first time in the nation's history, Saudi Arabia's women participated in an all-female marathon. The three-km-long marathon, held in the eastern province of al-Ahsa on Saturday, reportedly saw participation from 1,500 women across several categories. Earlier in January, Saudi Arabia allowed its women, for the first time, to spectate at a football match.

99 year-old swims 50m in 56.12 sec

A 99-year-old Australian swimmer broke the world record for the 100-104 age category in the 50m freestyle. George Corones, who turns 100 in April, completed the 50m freestyle in 56.12 seconds, surpassing the previous record of 1:16.92 set by the late Canadian swimmer Jaring Timmerman in 2009. Corones took up swimming "seriously" when he turned 80.

Mukul Sangma tenders resignation as Meghalaya CM

Mukul Sangma submitted his resignation from the post of Meghalaya Chief Minister. Sangma submitted his resignation to Meghalaya Governor Ganga Prasad in Shillong following the assembly election results.

Venkatesh quits as BCCI selection chairman

Former Indian pacer Venkatesh Prasad submitted his resignation from the post of chairman of the junior national selection committee. Prasad, who cited personal reasons for stepping down, has worked as the head of the committee for 30 months.

Italy international footballer Davide Astori passes away

Italy international footballer Davide Astori has been found dead in his hotel room. Astori, who was captain of Fiorentina, passed away in his sleep overnight. Astori began his career at AC Milan, also playing for Cagliari and Roma before joining Fiorentina in 2015. He played 14 times for Italy.

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Navjot Kaur 1st Indian Woman To Win Gold In Asian Wrestling Championship

Navjot Kaur has clinched the 1st gold medal for India in the Asian Wrestling championship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She defeated Imai Miyu of Japan in the final of women's 65 kg freestyle. With 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal, India was at the second spot in the medals tally. Vinesh Phogat and Pinki of Indian Railways claimed silver medals while Sakshi Malik won a bronze in the 62-kilogram category. China was leading the table with 4 gold and 1 bronze medal while Japan was at the third place with 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Armen Sarkisian Elected Next Armenian President

Armenian lawmakers elected Armen Sarkisian as the new president of Armenia. He will succeed Serzh Sarkisian. Armen Sarkisian was the ambassador to the United Kingdom. He will assume presidential duties after his predecessor steps down in April 2018. The political shift comes after President Sarkisian in 2015 initiated controversial constitutional amendments to turn the impoverished Moscow-allied country into a parliamentary republic with a powerful Prime Minister.

27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament Begins In Malaysia

The 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey tournament begins in the Malaysian city of Ipoh. Six nations – India, hosts Malaysia, defending champions England, Australia, Argentina and Ireland – are taking part in the tournament. India, currently the world number six side, will take on world number two Argentina in their opening round-robin match.

Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang Arrives In India On 3-Day Visit

The Vietnamese President Tran Dai Quang has arrived in India on the 3-day visit. He is scheduled to hold delegation level talks with PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Strengthening cooperation in the key areas of defence and trade will be high on the agenda. The two sides will sign MoUs in the areas of nuclear energy, agriculture and trade and investment. This is Tran's first visit to India as president.

Rangarajan Raghavan appointed Director & Managing Director of HCL Infosystems

HCL Infosystems Ltd. has appointed Rangarajan Raghavan, as its Director and Managing Director. Rangarajan Raghavan is the president of HCL Infosystems Ltd. He has been appointed Director & Managing Director of HCL Infosystems with effect from 1st April 2018. Rangarajan Raghavan joined HCL in 1978. He has held various important positions in the company. At present he is the president of the Project and Services division of HCL Infosystems.

March 3: World Wildlife Day

The World Wildlife Day is observed every year on 3rd March to celebrate and raise awareness about the world's wild fauna

and flora. It is celebrated to mark the signing of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on this day in 1973.

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Vinay Kumar appointed as Ambassador of India to Afghanistan

Vinay Kumar has been named the next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of the 1992 batch. He is at present Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. He will soon take charge as Ambassador of India to Afghanistan.

Afghanistan offers to recognise Taliban as PG

Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani offered to recognise Taliban as a legitimate political group in order to end the over 16-year-long war. "We are making this offer without preconditions, to lead to a peace agreement", Ghani said. He also proposed a ceasefire and the release of Taliban-linked prisoners along with fresh elections and a constitutional review.

India-Jordan sign 12 Agreements

India and Jordan has renewed their support to the Palestinian cause as the two sides signed 12 agreements, including one on defence cooperation, following a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and King of Jordan Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein. These include agreement on Defence Co-operation, Visa waiver of Diplomatic & Official Passport holders, Cultural Exchange Programme, Manpower Co-operation agreement, Co-operation in field of Health and Medicine. Setting up of Next Generation Centre of Excellence. MoU for long term supply of Rock Phosphate and Fertilizer/NPK, Customs Mutual Assistance Agreement.

IOC restores Russia's Olympic Membership

International Olympic Committee (IOC) has restored Russia's Olympic membership with immediate effect following its suspension from the Winter Olympics at Pyeongchang in South Korea. Russia was banned from February's Games by the IOC over state-sponsored doping. Before closing ceremony of Winter Olympics, the IOC had stated that the ban

would be lifted, as long as there were no more anti-doping violations.

Para-Swimmer Prasanta Karmakar suspended for three years

Para-swimmer Prasanta Karmakar was suspended for 3 years by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) due to allegations of recording videos of female para-swimmers at the National Championships 2017 in Jaipur. Prasanta Karmakar was the first Indian para-swimmer to participate and win a medal at the 2003 World Swimming Championships in Argentina. He had won bronze medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. He was India's swimming coach for the 2016 Rio Paralympics. After receiving complaints from parents of female para-swimmers over video recording by Prasanta Karmakar, he was investigated and now has been suspended for 3 years by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).

India has the third highest number of billionaires in the world: Report

According to Hurun's Global Rich List 2018, with 31 new Indians on the list and with a total of 131 names, India comes third after China and USA. China with 819 names and USA with 571 are way ahead in terms of number of billionaires. Industrialist Mukesh Ambani remains India's richest person with a sharp surge of 30 per cent in his net worth to \$26 billion, pushing his global rank to 21st on a worldwide rich list topped by Bill Gates. The list ranked 2,694 billionaires from 68 countries and from 2,157 companies in another record-breaking year for the world's billionaires.

AK Chaudhary to take over as SAIL Chief

Anil Kumar Chaudhary, now director finance at SAIL, has been chosen by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) to steer the company as its chairman. Subject to the approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, Chaudhary will replace incumbent Prakash Kumar Singh, who is scheduled to retire on June 30 this year. Chaudhary's term will start as SAIL has just returned into profitability after 10 consecutive quarters.

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A K Pradhan appointed as Group Chief Risk Officer of PNB

After being hit by nearly Rs 12700 crore fraud, Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed its general manager A K Pradhan as the Group Chief Risk Officer. However, the bank did not disclose the functions and responsibilities of the Group Chief Risk Officer.

India's GDP growth rises to 7.2% in December quarter

The Indian economy grew at a five-quarter high of 7.2% in the October-December period reflecting overall recovery due to good show by agriculture, manufacturing, construction and certain services. The economy is expected to grow at 6.6% in the current fiscal ending March 31, as per the second advanced estimates of the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The earlier estimate was 6.5%. The growth for the second quarter (July-September) has been revised upwards to 6.5%, from 6.3% estimated earlier by the CSO. The previous high was recorded at 7.5% in the July-September quarter of 2016-17.

Dhanlaxmi Bank appoints Sajeew Krishnan as Director

The board of Thrissur-based Dhanlaxmi Bank has appointed Sajeew Krishnan as a director. In his 39 years of service, Krishnan has worked in various capacities including officiating Managing Director of State Bank of Mysore and State Bank of Travancore, CGM of SBT and Chief Vigilance Officer with Corporation Bank.

Pakistani mountaineer Samina Baig appointed UNDP goodwill ambassador

Samina Baig, the first Pakistani woman to have climbed Mount Everest, was appointed as the national goodwill ambassador by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Baig will lead efforts to build national awareness and partnerships around Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to climate change, environmental protection and women empowerment.

MoEFCC launches Mobile App "Dr Harsh Vardhan"

In an effort to transform environment protection into a peoples' movement, a digital mobile application was launched by the Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change. Earth Sciences and Science & Technology in New Delhi. The App, named "Dr Harsh Vardhan", focuses on his social & public activities and involvement of citizens in "Green Good Deeds" movement, which urges people to perform at least one Green Good Deed every day. Some of the 500 Green

Good Deeds listed in the Mobile App include – planting trees, saving energy, conserving water, use of public transport and promoting carpool.

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28th February: National Science Day

The National Science Day is observed every year on 28th February with an objective to spread message of importance of science and its application among the people. The theme for National Science Day 2018 is "Science and Technology for a sustainable future". The day is observed to mark the discovery of Raman effect by Physicist CV Raman on 28th February, 1928. For his discovery, CV Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

Karnataka won Vijay Hazare Trophy

Karnataka defeated Saurashtra by 41 runs in the Vijay Hazare Trophy final on Tuesday to win the tournament for the third time. Batting first, Karnataka put up a total of 253/10 driven by Mayank Agarwal's 90(79), before Saurashtra were bowled out for 212 in 46.3 overs. Agarwal hit 723 runs in eight matches in the tournament, including seven 80+ scores.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics mascots unveiled

The organising committee of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games announced on 28 February, 2018 that two futuristic figures, inspired by anime, have been chosen as mascots following voting by thousands of Japanese children. The voting to choose the mascot was conducted across thousands of schools in Japan. The mascots are aimed at boosting children's participation in the Games.

I&B Minister Smriti Irani releases 'India-2018' Book

Information and Broadcasting Minister Smriti Irani released 'India 2018' (English Version) and 'Bharat 2018' (Hindi Version). The books are published by the Publications Division. The book available in both print and online versions. It is an exhaustive publication dealing with all aspects of the country's development. With its latest edition, the book has entered into its 62nd year of publication.

India, Seychelles conduct military exercise Lamitye 2018

The eighth edition Lamitye 2018, bilateral military exercise between Indian Army and Seychelles People's Defence Force was held at Mahe Island in Seychelles archipelago. The Seychelles archipelago falls on one of most significant and busiest sea transport routes of the world in Indian Ocean. The Lamitye exercise is conducted biennially between Indian and Seychelles with aim of enhancing military cooperation and interoperability between the two countries. "Lamitye" means friendship in Creole (local dialect of Seychelles). The aim Lamitye 2018 was fighting insurgency, terrorism and piracy threats.

Kanchi Shankaracharya Jayendra Saraswati passes away

Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal, the Kanchi Shankaracharya, passed away on 28, February 2018 in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu. He was 82. He was 69th pontiff of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam. He will be succeeded by the junior pontiff Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi, the 70th Shankaracharya of Kamakoti Peetam traditionally referred to as Kamakshi.

India Clinched 11 medals at Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament

India have come up with best ever performance at the 69th Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Bulgaria. At Sofia, the country ended with a whopping 11 medals – five from men and six from women boxers. Overall, the contingent clinched two gold, three silver and six bronze medals. Vikas Krishan, who claimed a gold medal in 75 kg category, was also adjudged the best boxer of the event, a first for an Indian. Another Gold medal was clinched by Amit Panghal.

Davis Cup to convert into 'WC of Tennis'

The Davis Cup, in existence since 1900, may be converted into a 'World Cup of Tennis' from next year. The new format will feature 18 teams playing a week-long event at one venue, instead of the existing 16 teams playing across four different months. A 25-year, \$3 billion partnership with investment group Kosmos is in place for the new event.

28th February: World Rare Disease Day

The World Rare Disease Day was observed across the globe on 28 February, 2018 with the aim to raise awareness about rare diseases and their impacts. The day was commemorated with events in over 80 countries and regions across the world. The day was coordinated by the European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS), which promotes research on rare diseases and commercial development of orphan drugs. It is observed on the last day of February each year.

Balong 5G01 chipset: Huawei unveils world's first 5G chip

Chinese electronic device and smartphone maker Huawei has unveiled Balong 5G01, world's first 5G chip at Mobile World Congress 2018 held in Barcelona, Spain. The company also showed its 5G-ready CPE equipment.

Roger Federer becomes Most Decorated Laureus Award Winner

Tennis legend Roger Federer became the most decorated winner in the history of Laureus World Sports Awards after he won twin honours at the 18th edition of the awards ceremony in Monaco. It was his sixth award. The awards include the Sportsman and Comeback titles. American tennis great Serena Williams won the Sportswoman of the Year Award following her Australian Open success, her 23rd Grand Slam title. Serena is now the most decorated female Laureus Award winner with five Laureus statuettes.

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China elected as Vice President of Financial Action Task Force

China was elected as the Vice President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), a global body mandated to combat terror financing and money laundering. China's election came after the FATF plenary meeting in Paris. China's election to the FATF assumes significance as Pakistan is set to be put in the FATF 'grey list' in June 2018. The grey lists puts countries under the scanner for not implementing the objectives of the task force. FATF was created in 1997 during G7 summit to counter the increasing problem of money laundering.

Bangladesh appoint Courtney Walsh as coach

Bangladesh has named former West Indies cricketer Courtney Walsh as the interim coach for upcoming tri-nation Twenty20 series. Walsh, who has been Bangladesh's bowling coach since 2016, takes over as interim coach from former Zimbabwean cricketer Richard Halsall. Position of Bangladesh's head coach had been vacant since Oct, when Chandika Hathurusingha quit after three years at the helm.

Michael McCormack named Australia's new Deputy Prime Minister

Michael McCormack has been elected new Deputy Prime Minister of Australia. He has replaced former Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce. The leader of the National Party automatically becomes deputy prime minister under the terms of the coalition agreement with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's Liberal party.

Inclusive Internet Index 2018: India ranks 47th

India was ranked 47th out of 86 countries in Inclusive Internet Index (III) 2018 report. India has slipped by 11 positions compared to 36th rank in 2017 III report due to low internet usage and poor quality. The report was commissioned by Facebook in 2017 and is conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). It provides rigorous benchmark of national-level Internet inclusion across four categories: Availability, Affordability, Relevance and Readiness. 2018 edition of report has covered 91% of the world's population and expanded data set of 86 countries, up from 75 countries in 2017.

Russia vetoes UN draft resolution pressuring Iran over Yemen

Two resolutions were presented in the UNSC over the issue of Yemen. First resolution was presented by the UK and the other one by Russia. However, UK and the USA backed resolution was vetoed by Russia. Russia has vetoed a UN Security Council resolution that would have put pressure on Iran for failing to prevent its missiles from being used in the Yemeni conflict. The Security Council subsequently voted unanimously in favor of a resolution drafted by Russia, which omitted Iran and the findings of UN report that said Iranian made missiles had been found in Yemen.

TV Journalist Rahul Mahajan named Rajya Sabha TV Editor-in-Chief

Television journalist Rahul Mahajan has been appointed as editor-in-chief of the television channel Rajya Sabha TV. Mahajan's name was recommended by a five-member selection committee headed by Prasanna Kumar chairman A. Surya Prakash and was approved by the vice-president of India M. Venkaiah Naidu. The committee also included Swapna Dasgupta, Shashi Shekhar Vempati, P.P.K. Ramacharyulu and Rahul Srivastava.

Saudi Arabia allows women to enlist in Military

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has for the first-ever time opened applications for women to enlist in the military. Women have been given time till March 1, 2018 to apply for positions with the rank of soldier in the provinces of Riyadh, Mecca, al-Qassim and Medina. The move is a continuation of the Kingdom's effort to enact reforms that grant females more access to a wide range of previously forbidden careers.

US to overtake Russia as top oil producer

According to International Energy Agency, U.S. will overtake Russia as the world's biggest oil producer by 2019 at the latest. U.S. crude oil output rose above 10 million barrels per day late last year for the first time since 1970s, overtaking top oil exporter Saudi Arabia. US oil is also increasingly being exported, including to the world's biggest and fastest growing markets in Asia.

Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein arrives in India

King of Jordan Abdullah-II bin Al-Hussein has arrived in India on a 3 day visit. This will be his second visit to India after his visit along with Queen Rania in 2006. The two sides are expected to sign a number of memorandums of understanding and agreements in diverse areas of bilateral cooperation. India is Jordan's fourth largest trading partner with bilateral trade worth \$1.35 billion.

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15th Edition Of BioAsia 2018 Held In Hyderabad

The 15th edition of BioAsia, the annual flagship event of the Government of Telangana, was held Hyderabad. The theme of BioAsia 2018 was "Right Time, Right Now" focusing on strategies to keep up with the pace of change and innovative ways to develop new models for distribution & healthcare delivery. The event was attended by 1500 delegates from over 55 countries. Ireland, Netherlands and South Africa were the International Partners while Gujarat, Assam and Rajasthan were the partner states for this event.

DRDO Successfully Carries Out Test Flight Of Rustom-2 Drone

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flown its Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle RUSTOM 2 in Karnataka. The flight assumes significance as this is the first flight in user configuration with higher power engine. India at present depends on America and Israel for such predator drones. DRDO is developing within India a medium-altitude long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle RUSTOM 2. It has the capability to fly for 24 hours at a stretch at over 200 km/hr speed, and can, not only conduct sustained surveillance but will be able to destroy enemy targets.

National Conference On E-Governance In Hyderabad

The 21st national conference on e-Governance will be held in Hyderabad. The government of India and Telangana Administrative Reforms department are jointly organizing the conference with the main theme around- technology for accelerating development. The two-day conference will deliberate on several aspects of the e-governance including its universalization and replication, governing e-governance, best practices, emerging technologies and synergizing role of national and state government.

PM Modi Flags Off 'Run For New India' Marathon In Surat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the 'Run for New India' marathon in Surat, Gujarat. The Marathon is aimed at creating awareness about social causes and call upon all to resolve to build a New India. The Marathon is divided into 4 categories. Around 1.50 lakh runners participated in the 'Run for New India' marathon which was organized by the Surat Nagrik Samiti.

Andaman & Nicobar Command To Host Milan 2018

The second week of March will witness Andaman & Nicobar Command hosting a multinational mega event MILAN 2018. MILAN is a congregation of littoral navies conducted biennially by Indian Navy at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The theme of this year's MILAN International Maritime Seminar is 'In Pursuit of Maritime Good Order – Need for Comprehensive Information Sharing Apparatus'. With the underlying theme of 'Friendship Across the Seas', MILAN 2018 will witness a diverse mix of professional exercises and seminars, social events and sporting fixtures.

Former Cabinet Secretary T.S.R. Subramanian Passes Away

Former Cabinet Secretary T.S.R. Subramanian passed away. He was 79. Mr Subramanian was a 1961 batch officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. He served as Cabinet Secretary from August 1996 to March 1998. Mr. Subramanian was part of a group of bureaucrats and diplomats on whose petition the Supreme Court in 2013, rolled out key civil services reforms.

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Parupalli Kashyap Wins Austrian Open

Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap overcame Malaysia's June Wei Cheam in straight games in the men's singles final to clinch the Austrian Open International Challenge, his first international title in over three years. The Indian looked in good touch throughout the tournament as he didn't drop a single game en route to his title win.

Mary Kom steps into finals Strandja Memorial Tournament

In Boxing, MC Mary Kom stormed into the Finals of the Strandja Memorial Tournament at Sofia in Bulgaria while Vikas Krishan and two other male boxers entered the semifinals. In the Women's 48 kg category, five-time world champion and Olympic bronze medallist Mary Kom, targetting her third successive international gold medal, defeated China's Ye Jiali to make the summit clash. However, former world and Asian champion L Sarita Devi bowed out in the 60 kg section with a bronze medal. Meena Kumari Devi in 54 kg also settled for a Bronze. In the Men's draw, former Asian Games gold-medallist Vikas Krishan in 75 kg, Asian Games bronze medallist Satish Kumar in +91 kg and Gaurav Solanki in 52 kg advanced to the semi-finals to assure themselves of medals. Earlier, Amit Panghal in 49 kgs had also made it to the last-4. It was a significant victory for Vikas, who is returning to action after

recovering from a hand injury, which forced him out of the national championships as well as the India Open.

Aruna Reddy makes history

Aruna Budda Reddy created history by becoming the 1st Indian gymnast to win an individual medal at Gymnastics World Cup as she clinched a bronze in women's vault event. She scored 13.649 average points to finish 3rd & claim the bronze medal. This was Aruna's first international medal, though she has taken part at World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, Commonwealth Games & Asian Games.

Legendary Bollywood Actress Sridevi Passes Away

Veteran Bollywood actress and Padma Shri awardee Sridevi, who had an illustrious career spanning over four decades, passed away. She was 54. Sridevi was died due to cardiac arrest in Dubai. She went on a hiatus for 15 years after starring in home production — "Judaii" — co-starring her brother-in-law Anil Kapoor and Urmila Matondkar. It was director Gauri Shinde's "English Vinglish" in 2012 that marked Sridevi's comeback.

Andhra Pradesh gears up for Partnership Summit 2018 to attract investments for innovation

Andhra Pradesh woke up welcoming over more than 2000 delegates in its Partnership Summit 2018. The 3rd edition of Partnership Summit 2018 aims to facilitate investments, foster innovations in creating business models. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed his keenness towards Partnership Summit 2018 eager to establish partnerships aimed at collective development and hoping for great engagements with global investors at the Partnership Summit 2018, Vizag. I invite you all to be a part of Andhra Pradesh's incredible growth story.

India presented with ICC Test mace

The International Cricket Council presented the ICC Test Championship Mace to Virat Kohli after the end of the final T20 International against South Africa. Kohli received the ICC Test Championship mace on behalf of Team India for the second consecutive year for being the number one Test team. This is the fourth time that India has been presented with the prestigious mace.

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India Successfully Test-Fires 'Dhanush' Missile

India has successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Dhanush ballistic missile with a strike range of 350 km from a naval ship off Odisha coast. This naval variant of the indigenously-developed Prithvi-II missile was test-fired from the ship positioned near Paradip in the Bay of Bengal. It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation. 'Dhanush' missile is capable of carrying a payload of 500 kg and hitting both land and sea-based targets.

US wins Ice Hockey Gold at Winter Olympics 2018

The US won the gold medal of Women's Ice Hockey at 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, thus breaking the 20-year medal drought. They last won the medal in 1998 Nagano Games. To win the medal, the women team defeated Canada in the final in dramatic shootout. Canada had won four straight Olympic Golds, three times beating the United States in the final including twice in overtime.

CBI arrests Rotomac Pens' owner Vikram Kothari

The CBI arrested Rotomac Pens' owner Vikram Kothari and his son Rahul for allegedly defrauding banks of Rs3,700 crore. Kothari's company had submitted forged documents to get loans and created shell firms to carry out illegal activities. Earlier, authorities had notified all land, sea, and air ports to prevent Kothari and his family members from leaving India.

Maldives announces Presidential elections in September this year

Despite facing these worse situations, Maldives started doing preparations for the upcoming Presidential elections to be held this year. The first round of the elections is to be held in early September. It is mentioned that the authorities welcome the election body to start the preparations for the elections. The Government took note of its announcement to hold the first round of Presidential elections during early September and encouraged all relevant stakeholders to offer the

Commission their full, unreserved support for the conduct of their work.

Cricket Canada unveils ICC-approved T20 League

Canada's own first franchise-based Twenty20 league "Global T20 Canada", was announced in New Delhi. The Global T20 Canada League will begin functioning from July 2018 at three venues in Toronto. It is conceptualised, designed, developed and managed by Mercuri Group with Cricket Canada. Global T20 Canada League has received official sanction of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Cricket Canada has become the first Associate member of the ICC to start a Twenty20 franchise league in the North America market.

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44th Khajuraho dance festival held in Madhya Pradesh

The 44th edition of Khajuraho Dance Festival 2018 was held at Khajuraho temple, a UNESCO world heritage site in Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh. It was inaugurated by Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and was organised by culture department of state government. Khajuraho Dance Festival is annual cultural festival that highlights richness of various Indian classical dance styles. The 6-day festival showcased classical dances including Kathak, Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali and Mohiniattam.

Parivartan Scheme launched in Haryana

The Haryana government launched Parivartan, a scheme designed to address 10 issues, including cleanliness and pollution, in 46 developmental blocks of the state. The scheme was launched by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. The 10 issues include facilitation of financing, making agriculture profitable and sustainable, improving health services, implementing Swachh Bharat, decongesting market areas, engaging the youth, checking air pollution, ensuring availability of identity-related services, effective policing, and ensuring road order and conduct.

Trump pushes for ban on gun 'bump stocks'

US President Trump has signed an order to ban bump-stock devices, which were used by a gunman who killed 58 Las Vegas concert-goers last year. Such devices enable a rifle to shoot hundreds of rounds a minute. The gun control debate took on a new urgency after 17 people were killed at a school in Florida last week. He also said arming teachers could 'solve the problem' of school shootings.

Norway's Bjoergen becomes most successful Winter Olympian

Marit Bjoergen won her 14th medal at the Winter Games by taking bronze with her Norwegian teammates in the team sprint. With this, she became the most decorated Winter Olympian of all time, breaking the tie she held with Norwegian biathlete Ole Einar Bjoerndalen.

Petro: Venezuela becomes first country to launch virtual currency

Venezuela become first sovereign country to officially launch its own cryptocurrency called Petro backed by oil, gas, gold and diamond reserves to circumvent US-led financial sanctions. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has claimed that the pre-mined cryptocurrency Petro has raised US \$735 million on the first day of its pre-sale.

India 7th most targeted nation for Web Application Attacks: Report

India has been placed at the seventh spot in the list of targeted countries for Web Application Attacks (WAA), according to a new report titled 'Akamai State of the Internet Security Q4 2017'. The report states that nearly 40 per cent of over 53,000 cyber attacks in India occurred in the financial services sector during 2017.

India contributes \$1 mn for Tonga devastated by Cyclone Gita: UN

According to United Nations (UN), India is contributing \$1 million for relief efforts in the Pacific Ocean Kingdom of Tonga that was devastated by Cyclone Gita. Of that \$500,000 would be given as immediate relief to Tonga and another \$500,000 would be allocated to it from the India-UN Development Partnership Fund (I-UNDPF).

Renowned Violinist MS Anantharaman passes away

Noted violinist M.S. Anantharaman, an exponent of Parur style of violin playing had passed away. He was 94 and is survived by his sons M.S. Sundaresan and M.A. Krishnaswamy and daughter M.A. Bhagirathi, all of whom are proficient in Carnatic music.

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Avani Chaturvedi creates history becomes first Indian woman to fly fighter aircraft solo

Flying officer Avani Chaturvedi scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo. She flew a MiG-21 bison in her first solo flight from Jamnagar base of Indian Air Force (IAF) in Gujarat. Flying officer Avani Chaturvedi belongs to the first batch of female pilots, besides Flying officer Bhawana Kanth and Flying officer Mohana Singh, who were inducted into the Indian Air Force fighter squadron in 2016.

Jaipur's Gandhinagar Railway Station becomes fully women operated station

The Gandhi Nagar railway station in Jaipur, Rajasthan became railway station to be fully-managed by women. Gandhi Nagar is important railway station in Jaipur situated on the Jaipur-Delhi rail route. The station has footfall of more than 7,000 passengers every day. There are 40 women staff at the station besides women personnel of the railway protection force have been deployed at the station.

Kerala makes vaccination compulsory for school admissions

Kerala government made vaccination compulsory for school admissions from next academic year onwards. Parents will have to show details of shots given to children at the time of enrolment in schools. The health minister of Kerala KK Shailaja has released the new health policy draft. The move comes in the wake of stiff opposition from certain communities against the vaccination drive.

Kamal Hassan launches new political party “Makkal Needhi Maiaam”

Actor Kamal Haasan launched his political party Makkal Needhi Maiaam (people justice centre) in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. He also unfurled his party's flag, which has six hands – three in red and three in white – joined together around a star on a white background.

Virat Kohli, 1st Indian to cross 900 points in ICC ranking

Virat Kohli has become only the second batsman in the history of the game to cross 900-point mark concurrently in Tests & ODIs. Kohli is only the 2nd batsman after AB de Villiers to attain the 900-point mark concurrently in both formats. Kohli thus moved ahead of Brian Lara in the all-timers' list & ranks 7th in ODI list of all-time rankings that is led by Vivian Richards with 935 points.

Cobra Gold Military Exercise held in Thailand

US Marines in Thailand for the Cobra Gold training exercise took part in one of the wildest parts of the drills – drinking cobra blood. This was the 37th edition of the exercise. Cobra Gold is an annual military exercise for Marines and one of the largest in the Indo-Pacific region. This year, seven countries are participating in Cobra Gold – the US, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, and Singapore. Part of the drill involves jungle survival. Marines learn which plants and animals are safe to eat if they're ever stranded.

India ranks 81st in global corruption perception index

India has been placed at the 81st spot among 180 nations in the global Corruption Perception Index for 2017, which was recently released by Transparency International. The report has, in fact named India among the worst offenders in terms of graft and press freedom in the Asia Pacific region.

India International Textiles Expo begins in Colombo

A three day India International Textiles Expo (IITExpo) of India began in Sri Lankan capital of Colombo. It is being organized by Powerloom Development & Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL) with the support of Union Ministry of Textiles & Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The event was inaugurated by Sri Lankan minister of Special Assignments Dr. Sarath Amunugama. At the event, about 45 exhibitors from various

textile clusters of India displayed variety of fabrics, home textiles, traditional items etc. suitable for apparel, industrial, technical application and general consumers.

Evangelist Billy Graham dies at 99

The Rev. Billy Graham, one of the world's most famous Christian evangelists, has died at the age of 99. The evangelist brought his “Billy Graham Crusades” around the world, preaching to more than 210 million people in 185 countries and territories. His largest such gathering drew 1 million people in Seoul, South Korea, in the 1970s. As Graham prepared at age 86 for what he called his final U.S. crusade, a three-day event in New York City the weekend of June 25, 2005, he pondered his own mortality.

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World Congress On Information Technology And Nasscom India Leadership Forum Held Concurrently In Hyderabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 22nd edition of the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) in Hyderabad through a video conference. The WCIT is held for the first time in India. The 26th edition of Nasscom India Leadership Forum (ILF) was also held in the same venue later on. Nasscom is the host of the of WCIT. Telangana is the state partner for both the events.

India Successfully Test-Fires Agni-II Missile

India successfully test-fired Agni II medium-range nuclear-capable missile from APJ Abdul Kalam island off the Odisha coast. The Strategic Forces Command (SFC) fired Agni-II from a mobile launcher at launch complex 4 of the Integrated Test Range. Agni-II, which has a length of 20 meters, weighs 17 tonnes and can carry a payload of 1000 kgs over a distance of 2000 km. It is a part of the Agni series of missiles developed by the DRDO.

Singapore to Impose Carbon Tax From 2019

Singapore will impose a 'carbon tax' from 2019 to cut its greenhouse gas emissions and make companies more

competitive as global agreements on climate change take effect. Finance minister Heng Swee Keat stated that the tax would be levied on all facilities producing 25,000 tonnes or more of greenhouse gas emissions a year. The tax, to be applied to all sectors, will be Sg\$5.0 (\$3.8) per tonne of greenhouse gas emissions from 2019 to 2023.

Union Government Clears Private Commercial Mining In Coal

In a major reform in the coal sector since its nationalization in 1973, the government allowed private companies to mine the fossil fuel for commercial use. This move ended the monopoly of state-owned Coal India Ltd. The decision was taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) under the Chairmanship of PM Narendra Modi. Currently, the private sector is allowed coal mining for captive use only. The reform will bring efficiency into the coal sector by moving away from the era of monopoly to competition and lower power tariffs.

R.K. Singh Inaugurates 'International R&D Conclave' In New Delhi

Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R.K. Singh inaugurated the 'International R&D Conclave' in New Delhi. It is a two-day conference on Emerging Opportunities and Challenges of R&D in Indian Power Sector. It has been organized by Central Electricity Authority (CEA). The conference was stressed upon the need of a dedicated R&D department in CEA to coordinate the research in the power sector.

International Mother Language Day 2018 observed globally

The Day facilitates access to education while promoting fairness for population groups that speak minority and indigenous languages particularly girls and women.

Newborn Mortality Rate: India 12th Worst Among Low-Income Countries

India has been ranked 12th-worst among 52 low-middle income countries based on the number of children dying within the first month of their birth, which is 25.4 per 1,000 live births. Pakistan is the worst with 45.6 newborn deaths per 1,000 live births, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). This is the first time that UNICEF has come out with rankings based on their newborn mortality rate (NMR) (the number of deaths per 1,000 live births). Japan, with an NMR of 0.9 deaths per 1,000 live births, has been ranked the

world's safest country in which to be born followed by Iceland (1) and Singapore (1.1).

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UP government signs 900 MoUs ahead of Investors Summit 2018

According to the UP's Industry Minister Satish Mahana, more than 900 MOUs have been signed so far. He claimed that this is the highest number of agreements that have ever been signed with private companies.

Health Minister Addresses Global Digital Health Partnership Summit In Australia

Mr. J P Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare has addressed the Global Digital Health Partnership Summit, at Canberra, Australia. The Union Health Minister spoke on the topic: Making Digital Health Services a Priority in Healthcare Reform. He stated that India is committed to reforms in health service delivery using ICT under Digital India Program of Government of India.

PNB Arm, IFC Tie Up To Raise \$800 Mn For Affordable Housing

PNB Housing Finance Ltd has tied up with International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, to raise \$800 million for green and affordable housing in India. IFC is in negotiations with two other housing finance firms to invest another \$150 million, as well as with property developers to assist the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) from both the demand and supply sides. Under PMAY, the government offers interest subsidy of 6.5% to economically weaker sections on their home loans. The scheme is for people with an annual income up to Rs3 lakh.

BAFTA Awards 2018: Complete List Of Winners

Crime drama Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri won maximum prizes at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2018, which took place at the Royal Albert Hall in London, UK.

A. Category Winners:

1. Best Film Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
2. Outstanding British Film Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
3. Best Director Guillermo Del Toro, The Shape of Water
4. Best Actress Frances McDormand, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
5. Best Actor Gary Oldman, Darkest Hour
6. Best Supporting Actress Allison Janney, I, Tonya
7. Best Supporting Actor Sam Rockwell, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
8. Best Cinematography Roger Deakins, Blade Runner 2049
9. Original Screenplay Martin McDonagh, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
10. Adapted Screenplay James Ivory, Call Me by Your Name
11. British Short Film Cowboy Dave British Short Animation: Poles Apart
12. Special Visual Effects Blade Runner 2049 Best Animated Film: Coco
13. Best Film Not In The English Language The Handmaiden
- Best Documentary: I Am Not Your Negro
14. Best Production Design Paul Austerberry, Jeff Melvin, Shane Vieau, The Shape of Water
15. Best Editing Jonathan Amos, Paul Machliss Baby Driver
16. Best Sound Dunkirk
17. Best Original Music The Shape of Water
18. Best Costume Design Phantom Thread
19. Best Makeup & Hair Darkest Hour
20. The EE Rising Star Award (Voted For By Public) Daniel Kaluuya.

UK and India upgrade joint research on clean water and clean energy

United Kingdom and India have launched joint research projects on 'Water Quality Research' and 'Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment'. The 'Water Quality Research' programme has 8 projects and 'Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment' programme has 4 projects, with total joint investment of up to £15 million.

PM Flags Off Palace Queen Humsafar Express In Karnataka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Palace Queen Humsafar Express between Mysuru and Udaipur in Mysuru Railway Station. Both the Mysuru Palace and Udaipur palace are iconic tourist attractions and this special train will create a new tourist circuit connecting North India and the South. The train between Mysuru and Udaipur will act as a backbone of tourism, an employment generating industry. He also dedicated to the nation, the electrified Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway Line and announced two more infrastructure projects for the region.

Amazon Launches Its 1st Food Retail Service In India

Amazon becomes the first foreign e-commerce firm to start its own food retail venture in India called Amazon Retail, piloting its services in Pune. It will reportedly be available on Amazon India platform and sell locally made and packaged food to the consumers directly. Amazon also has Amazon Now app, which connects retailers with customers for sale of groceries.

Aga Khan's 11-Day Visit To India Begins

Spiritual leader Aga Khan is on the 11-day visit to India. Sunder Nursery, a 90-acre park near Humayun's Tomb in New Delhi, will be inaugurated by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu in the presence of the Aga Khan. In addition to these engagements, he will be visiting the cities of Ahmadabad, Hyderabad and Mumbai, where Aga Khan Development Network is involved in various development projects. During his previous visit in 2015, the Aga Khan was conferred Padma Vibhushan for his contributions to social development in India.

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Saudi Arabia allows women to open business without male consent

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announced a major policy change by allowing women to open their own business without the need of showing consent from a husband or male relative. The announcement was made by the country's Ministry of Commerce and investment, which stated on its website that women can now launch their own business and benefit from governmental e-services without having to prove consent from a guardian.

42 Indian languages heading towards extinction

42 languages or dialects in India are considered to be endangered and are believed to be heading towards extinction as only few thousand people speak them. According to report of Census Directorate, there are 22 scheduled languages and 100 non-scheduled languages in country, which are spoken by large number of people – one lakh or more. There 42 languages are spoken by fewer than 10,000 people.

A list prepared by UNESCO also has mentioned them as critically endangered languages. The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore is working for protection and preservation of these languages under central scheme Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India.

Crime Drama “Three Billboards” won five BAFTA Film Awards

Crime drama “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” captured five British BAFTA Film Awards. The movie, chronicling a grieving mother’s campaign for justice, won for original screenplay and outstanding British film, while Frances McDormand bagged best actress and Sam Rockwell best supporting actor prizes. The Shape Of Water – the most heavily nominated film of the night with 12 nods – came away with only three awards, including best director for Guillermo Del Toro. Darkest Hour claimed two prizes, including for Gary Oldman as best actor.

Roger Federer Wins Rotterdam Open For 97th Career Title

Roger Federer (Switzerland) celebrated his return to the top of the world rankings by winning the Rotterdam Open, in the Netherlands. It was his 97th career title. The 36-year-old, the oldest No.1 in history, defeated Grigor Dimitrov (Bulgaria) in the final. Federer is three years older than American Andre Agassi was when previously holding the record for oldest No.1 back in 2003. This was his third title in Rotterdam following successes in 2005 and 2012. France doubles pair P. H. Herbert and N. Mahut won the Men’s Doubles Title.

UN names India as Global Host for the World Environment Day 2018

Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan announced that India will host the World Environment Day 2018. The theme for the World Environment Day-2018, held every year on June 5, is “Beat Plastic Pollution”. Harsh Vardhan also launched the first electric charging facility at the Lodhi Road UN office – the first ever in a UN office in India.

India, Indonesia begin joint drill

A special task force of Indian Army & Indonesian Army have begun the 6th Garuda Shakti exercise in the West Java province of the archipelago country. Drill aims to build

experience sharing in counter-terrorism operations, close quarter combat & other areas of special operations. The exercise b/w Indian & Indonesian Special Forces highlights the increasing trust & cooperation b/w the 2 armies.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley arrived in Riyadh on a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He will co-chair the 12th India-Saudi Arabia Joint Commission Meeting to be held in the Saudi capital Riyadh. Mr Jaitley will also open the Saudi-Indian Business Council. Finance Minister will also visit India Pavillion at the Saudi National Heritage and Cultural Festival Janadriyah. Mr Jaitley will meet with the Saudi Minister of Trade & Investment Majid Al-Qassabi to discuss the bilateral issues between the two countries.

Amazon Dethrones Microsoft as Third Most Valuable Company

According to a report in The New York Post, with a market cap of \$702.5 billion, Amazon has become the third most valuable company in the world, racing past Microsoft, which has a market cap of \$699.2 billion. Apple and Alphabet stand ahead of Amazon as the most valuable companies in the world.

PM Modi opens ‘biggest party office in world’

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the BJP’s new headquarters on Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, spread over 1.70 lakh square feet. According to the BJP Chief, the building is bigger than the office of any political party in the world. The new headquarters is fitted with the latest communication technologies and has a spacious social media office.

Sanjiv Bajaj named as EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017

Business consultancy firm EY named Bajaj Finserv’s Sanjiv Bajaj as the entrepreneur for 2017. Sanjiv Bajaj will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year award (WEOY) in Monte Carlo. The company also conferred E. Sreedharan, who spearheaded metro projects in Delhi, Kolkata, Kochi, and Lucknow, with the lifetime achievement award. The awardees were selected by a nine-member jury led by Sun Pharmaceuticals’ managing director Dilip Shanghvi.

Arvind Jamkhedkar to be next Chairman of ICHR

Archaeologist and historian Arvind P. Jamkhedkar will be the next Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). He will replace Prof. K. Sudershan Rao. The post fell vacant after Prof. Rao's retirement. Prof. Jamkhedkar is at present Chancellor of Deccan College, Pune, known in academic circles for its archaeology department.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar first Indian pacer to take five-fors in all formats

Fast bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar has become the first Indian bowler to take a five-wicket haul in all three formats in international cricket. Bhuvneshwar achieved the feat by taking his first T20I five-wicket haul against South Africa.

Australia's Most-Capped female player Alex Blackwell retires

Australia's most-capped female player and vice-captain Alex Blackwell has announced her retirement from international and state cricket. She became just the fourth female Australian to pass 5,000 runs when she batted in the Test, Twenty20 and One-Day arenas, compiling 5,250 runs. Blackwell, who led Australia to victory at the ICC Twenty20 World Cup in the West Indies in 2010, was also a member of Australia's World T20 winning sides in 2012 and 2014 and has two World Cup trophies from 2005 and 2013.

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India slides 16 spots on globalisation index

According to Global Connectedness Index 2016, India dropped 16 spots to 78 from 62 in 11 years to 2015. India's 16-place drop was the 2nd worst change among its neighbours in central & south Asia. Georgia fared the best by moving up 43 spots to 56 while Sri Lanka was the worst, dropping 19 spots to 86. The index takes into account international flows of trade, capital, information & people.

India-Iran sign 9 MoUs to boost bilateral ties

India and Iran has signed nine agreements in order to further the bilateral cooperation between the two sides. The pacts were signed after delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Iran President Hassan Rouhani at New Delhi's Hyderabad house. The two countries inked pacts to enhance cooperation in the areas of taxation, maritime cooperation, health and medicine, trade, agriculture and postal cooperation.

Pakistan to deploy troops in Saudi Arabia

Pakistan Army has announced to deploy troops in its close ally Saudi Arabia under existing bilateral security cooperation agreement. The decision comes after meeting between Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and Saudi ambassador to Pakistan Nawaf. Saeed Al-Maliki at the army headquarters in Rawalpindi.

Shilpa Shetty's The Diary of Domestic Diva launched

After the success of her first book The Great Indian Diet, actress cum entrepreneur, and now an author, Shilpa Shetty has released her second book. It is called The Diary of Domestic Diva. The Diary of Domestic Diva is a cookbook that contains recipes of various dishes along with the calorie intake details.

Vice President inaugurates 8th International Theatre Olympics

The Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 8th International Theatre Olympics 2018 at the Red Fort in New Delhi. He also released the festival logo. The 51-day-long theatrical extravaganza is being hosted in India by the National School of Drama under the aegis of Ministry of Culture. The theme is "Flag of Friendship" that aims to bridge borders and bring people of different cultures, beliefs and ideologies together through the medium of theatrical art. The festival will conclude on April 8, 2018 with a grand ceremony at the iconic Gateway of India in Mumbai.

Jordan Thompson wins Men's Singles of Chennai Open

India's Yuki Bhambri finished runner-up in the Men's Singles in the Chennai Open ATP Challenger Tennis Championships. In the final, he was beaten by top-seeded Australian Jordan Thompson in three sets 7-5, 3-6, 7-5.

Yuzuru Hanyu retains gold medal

Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu has become the first figure skater in 66 years to win back-to-back Winter Olympic gold medals in the men's singles event. Hanyu won the title with 317.85 points, beating compatriot Shoma Uno and multiple world champion Javier Fernandez of Spain to the second and third spots. He also became the 1,000th gold medal winner in the history of Winter Olympics.

Ethiopia declares national state of emergency

A state of emergency has been declared in Ethiopia after the resignation of Prime Minister Desalegn. Emergency has been declared as protests have caused massive displacement of citizens, destruction of properties & threats against constitutional order of the country. In August 2017, Ethiopia lifted a 10-month state of emergency imposed after hundreds of people were killed in anti-govt protests.

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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani visits India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold bilateral talks with visiting Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in New Delhi, during which discussions on the issues of regional, international and mutual interest will be held. This is the first visit by Iranian President to India in 10 years. In May 2016, Prime Minister Modi had visited Iran and 12 agreements were signed between the two nations.

Guptill becomes the highest run-scorer in T20

Martin Guptill has become the leading run-scorer in T20 Internationals with his 2nd century against Australia. It took Guptill's international T20 career total to 2,188 runs, surpassing Brendon McCullum's 2,140. Kohli is the next highest on the all-time list with 1,956. Guptill's century came off a mere 49 balls, which is also the record for fastest T20 hundred scored by any New Zealand batsman.

PM inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit

The three-day event was inaugurated in New Delhi. The event is being organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). The theme of this year is 'Partnerships for a Resilient Partner'. WSDS was first held in 2001 as a platform for global business leaders to deliberate on sustainable development and climate changes.

India's biggest Global Pharma Conference begins in Bengaluru

India's biggest Global Conference on Pharma Industry and Medical Devices began in Bengaluru with the theme, 'Driving NextGen Pharmaceuticals'. Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilisers Ananth Kumar inaugurated the three-day event. The event is being organized by the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers, along with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

Indian boxers win 10 medals at Asian Games Test event

Indian boxers have won 10 medals, including 5 gold, at the Asian Games Test event in Jakarta, Indonesia. Manish Kaushik, K. Shyam Kumar, Shaikh Salman Anwar and Ashish won a gold each in their respective categories. Pavitra was the lone Indian gold-winner in the 60-kilogram category of women's draw.

Brazil to declare 'social emergency' on Venezuela border

The objective is to tackle the influx of people fleeing the crisis hit country Venezuela. The declaration will free the authorities to allocate infrastructure funds and other humanitarian measures on the Venezuela border. Besides, the number of soldiers will be raised to 200 on the border. Due to economic crisis in Venezuela, some 40,000 people have fled to Boa Vista, the capital of Brazil's border state of Roraima.

WADA suspends Romanian laboratory

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended Romania's drug-testing laboratory for six months. WADA has imposed the sanction on the lab in Bucharest due to a number of non-conformities with regulations. The lab is now forbidden from testing any samples and must transfer any in its possession to another laboratory.

Roger Federer surpasses Agassi to become oldest World No. 1 in tennis history

Twenty-time Grand slam winner, Roger Federer became the oldest world number one after he defeated his Dutch opponent Robin Haase in Rotterdam at the ABN Amro World Tennis Tournament. The Swiss champion once again claimed the top spot after dispatching Haase 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals in Rotterdam. In the semi-finals, he would be playing against the winner from the Andreas Seppi and Daniil Medvedev quarterfinal match.

Canadian PM arrives for 7-day visit to India

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on 17 February 2018 embarked on his first visit to India. The Canadian Prime Minister on his seven-day visit will be focused on job creation and strengthening ties between the two nations. Canadian Prime Minister will visit the Golden Temple. While in India, Trudeau will engage with youth and visit several landmarks, including the Taj Mahal, the Jama Masjid, and Swaminarayan Akshardham.

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China to host 2018 SCO Summit at Qingdao in June

China will host 2018 Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit at Qingdao, eastern Shandong Province in June 2018. China had taken over rotating chair of SCO after 17th SCO summit concluded in Astana, capital of Kazakhstan in June 2017. SCO is a Eurasian economic, political and security organization headquartered in Beijing, China. It was founded in 2001. The full members of the organization are headquartered in Beijing, China. It was founded in 2001.

Haruhiko Kuroda reappointed as Bank of Japan Chief

Japan's government has reappointed Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda for another term and chose an advocate of bolder monetary easing as one of his deputies, a sign the central bank will be in no rush to dial back its massive stimulus program. The government also submitted to parliament its nomination of Masazumi Wakatabe, a professor at Waseda University and an advocate of aggressive monetary easing, as deputy governor.

Cyril Ramaphosa sworn in as New President of South Africa

Cyril Ramaphosa, head of the ruling African National Congress (ANC) has been sworn in as South Africa's new President. He was elected as the new president of South Africa by the ruling party politicians after the resignation of Jacob Zuma. The country's 400-member parliament, dominated by the ruling African National Congress Party (ANC), elected Ramaphosa to finish his predecessor's term, which ends with elections in 2019. The ANC has finished first in every national vote since the end of white-minority rule in 1994.

India's first radio festival being held in New Delhi

India's first radio festival is being held in New Delhi to mark World Radio Day. The festival is being organized by International Association of Women in Radio and Television, in collaboration with UNESCO. The festival includes live performances, an exhibition, and slotted panel discussions. Apart from touching on the theme for World Radio Day 2018 – radio and sports – the festival is also examining the potential of the medium as a platform for social change, ways to make it more creative and will trace the journey of music on the radio.

Indian engineer awarded Sci-Tech Oscar Award

Vikas Sathaye, a pune-born Indian engineer was recently honoured with the Scientific and Engineering Academy Award at the Oscars Scientific and Technical Awards 2018 at Beverly Hills in Los Angeles, California. Sathaye received the award along with his team for their contribution towards the conceptualisation, design, engineering and the implementation of the 'Shotover K1 Camera System' during his stint at Shotover Camera Systems in Queenstown, New Zealand.

India's Aadhaar and Umang App win awards at world Government Summit 2018

India's Aadhaar and Umang App have won awards at recently concluded 6th World Government Summit 2018 in Dubai. Umang App won in Best m-Government Service. Umang App won in Best m-Government Service Award for Accessible Government Category and Aadhaar won in the Best Government Emerging Technologies Award. The award for it recognized India's efforts of invention and innovation in the field of technology and making the country completely digitalized.

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Paschim Lehar: Tri-service maritime exercise held off western coast

Tri-service maritime exercise 'Paschim Lehar' was held off India's western coast with an aim to build interoperability between Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard. This exercise includes participation of large number of ships, submarines and aircraft from Western Naval Command of Indian Navy and units from Eastern Naval Command, Indian Army, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Jacob Zuma resigns as South Africa's President

South Africa's embattled President Jacob Zuma has resigned. He announced the decision in a televised address to the nation after the ruling African National Congress (ANC) party threatened to eject him from office via a parliamentary vote of no confidence. The 75-year-old, who was the country's President for the last 9 years, has been under increasing pressure to give way to Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, ANC's new leader. Mr Zuma's resignation followed weeks of intense public pressure to step down amid long-standing corruption allegations.

Ronaldo 1st player with 100 goals for 1 club

Real Madrid frontman Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first player in UEFA Champions League history to score 100 goals for a single club. His overall tally in the tournament has gone up to 116 goals, 19 more than Lionel Messi. Further, Ronaldo has scored 10+ UCL goals for the seventh straight season, no other player has done so in three.

KP Sharma Oli becomes Nepal's new prime minister

After Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba resigned from his post, Communist Party of Nepal (UML) Chairman KP Sharma Oli has become new Prime Minister of Nepal for the second time.

Venezuela, Libya lose UNGA Vote for third time in 3 Years

Venezuela and Libya were suspended from voting in United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2018-19 session for not paying dues to 193-member world body. It was for third time in three years these countries have been suspended from voting for unpaid dues. Overall, 14 countries including Venezuela and Libya were in arrears for paying to global organization. Venezuela was suspended for not paying minimum of \$25,200,296 and Libya must pay at least \$6,594,842 to restore its voting rights. Venezuela is engulfed in economic and political crisis and Libya has two rival governments, each backed by an array of militias.

India No. 1 ODI team after series win against South Africa

The Indian cricket team rose to the top of the ICC ODI Team Rankings with 122 points after they took a 4-1 lead in the six-match ODI series against South Africa. The men in blue were placed second in the ICC team rankings chart with 119 points when they came into the series, two points behind top-ranked South Africa who had 121 points. However, India moved to 122 points after it won the fifth ODI at Port Elizabeth by 73 runs, sealing a series win, while South Africa fell to 118 points.

Wipro among 135 most ethical companies in world

Tata Steel and Wipro are the two Indian companies that have been named by US-based Ethisphere Institute in the list of World's Most Ethical Companies for 2018. The think tank has honoured 135 companies from 23 countries and 57 industries. Notably, Tata Steel and Wipro are receiving the award for the sixth and seventh time respectively.

Ethiopian PM Hailemariam Desalegn resigns

Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn has resigned unexpectedly, saying he hoped to end years of unrest and political upheaval. Mr Hailemariam, who has led the country since 2012, also stepped down as chairman of the ruling coalition. Hundreds of people have died in three years of anti-government protests. Demonstrations first spread across the country in 2015 amid calls for political and economic reform and an end to state corruption.

Tamil Nadu wins Senior Women's National Football Championship for first time

Tamil Nadu has won the Senior Women's National Football Championship for the first time. Tamil Nadu, which was

playing its first-ever final, defeated Manipur, 2-1 at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha. Skipper Indumathi and Indrani found the net for Tamil Nadu, while Ratanbala scored Manipur's only goal.

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Progress MS-08: Unmanned Russian Cargo Ship launched to Space Station

Russian space agency Roskosmos has successfully launched Progress MS-08, an unmanned cargo spacecraft for the International Space Station (ISS). It was launched onboard of Soyuz-2.1a rocket from Russian-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. Soyuz-2.1a has four strap-on boosters and core engine, all fueled by mix of kerosene and liquid oxygen.

Indian Army to deploy 2,300 personnel to join UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan

The Indian Army would be deploying about 2300 personnel in South Sudan, as a part of UN's peacekeeping mission in the war-torn nation. The announcement was made by Army Spokesperson Col Aman Anand. The mission aims to bring about peace and normalcy in the nation. The Indian army personnel chosen for the mission belong to the Infantry battalion of Garhwal Rifles regiment. The unit will be in operational control of the sensitive Jonglei state of South Sudan.

Chandrashekhara Kambara elected New President of Sahitya Akademi

Kannada litterateur Chandrashekar Kambar has been elected as president of the Sahitya Akademi in the election held for the post. He has replaced Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari. Hindi poet Madhav Koushik has been elected as vice-president. This is the second time election was held in the history of Sahitya Akademi, after Ananthamurthy's election to the post. Prof. Kambar has served as the member of the Akademi executive board for over 10 years and was vice-president for 2013-18.

Ashok Das appointed Indian envoy to Brazil

Ashok Das, a 1987 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, was named India's new Ambassador to Brazil. Das, presently additional secretary in the external affairs ministry, is expected to take up his assignment shortly, according to a ministry statement. Both India and Brazil are members of the BRICS economic grouping that also includes China, Russia and South Africa.

South Africa declares drought a 'national disaster'

South Africa, declared a "national disaster" over a drought that has ravaged parts of the country and threatened to leave the city of Cape Town without domestic tap water. The department of cooperative governance said it had elevated the drought to a "national disaster" after reassessing its "magnitude and severity". Cape Town is in the grip of a catastrophic three-year-long drought as sparse winter rains have failed to bring relief, and dam levels have dropped to dangerously low levels. South Africa's second city is now facing the prospect of having to turn its taps off under a so-called "Day Zero" scenario to conserve the city's remaining water supplies.

West Bengal becomes first state to opt out of 'Modicare'

Claiming that the Bengal government had already enrolled 50 lakh people under its own Swasthya Sathi programme, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced the decision to opt out of Centre's 'Modicare' scheme. This makes West Bengal the first state to withdraw from the ambitious programme. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced the NHPS on February 1, making it the biggest global plan to provide quality health cover to a population larger than the combined citizenry of the US, UK, Germany and France.

Odisha's first female filmmaker Parbati Ghose passes away

Parbati Ghose, Odisha's first female filmmaker, passed away recently following a prolonged illness. She was 85. Parbati Ghose was born in Cuttack district in 1933, Parbati started as a child artiste in All India Radio and soon moved to the silver screen, also as a child artiste, playing Nila Madhava in Shri Jagannath (1949).

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13 February: World Radio Day

Every year 13 February is observed as the World radio Day. Radio is the mass medium reaching the widest audience in the world. World Radio Day is about celebrating radio, why we love it and why we need it today more than ever. It is a day to remember the unique power of radio to touch lives and bring people together across every corner of the globe. For the year 2018, the theme of the world Radio day is Radio and Sports. This year it is the seventh edition of World Radio Day. This year the world radio day will be focusing on diversity and equality in 'Radio and Sports'.

Kishan Gangolli wins 13th edition of National Chess Championship for Blind

Defending champion Karnataka's Kishan Gangolli won the 13th edition of the National 'A' Chess Championship for the blind in Mumbai. The championship was organised by All India Chess Federation for the Blind (AICFB). At the end of the 13th round, Asian Championship winner, Gangolli became the champion for the fifth consecutive time with 10.5 points. Gujarat's Ashvin Makwana stood second with 9.5 points, Soundarya Kumar Pradhan of Orissa with 9 points came third.

India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017 released by MoEFCC

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has released India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2017. It has revealed that total forest and tree cover in India has increased of over 8,021 sq km (about 80.20 million hectare) which is one percent increase from 2015. 15 states/UTs have above 33% of geographical area under forest cover. About 40% of country's forest cover is present in 9 large contiguous patches of the size of 10, 000 sq.km, or more.

India's first online radio station 'Radio Umang' launched

Radio Umang, India's first online radio station that allows the listener to just download and tune in, has been launched. Listeners can tune in to this online radio station through web streaming or download the app. With 24 hours programming, it has found listeners in Hindi speaking regions of India and in over 60 countries worldwide.

Tanzania withdraws from UN refugee programme

Tanzania has announced its withdrawal of United Nation's "Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework" citing security reasons and lack of funds. Tanzania has long been considered as safe haven for refugees, particularly from conflict hit Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Burundi.

World's Tallest Hotel 'Gevora' opens in Dubai

The Gevora Hotel in Dubai, developed by the Al Attar Group has now become the "world's tallest hotel". It stands 356 metres and 53 centimetres tall. It is one metre taller than the previous holder of the title, the JW Marriott Marquis, in the same city. The title has been confirmed by Guinness Book of World Records.

Pakistan to get first woman Hindu MP

The Pakistan Peoples Party's Krishna Kumari is poised to become the country's first woman Hindu lawmaker next month, after the party nominated her for the upcoming Senate elections. Ms. Kumari said she faced a "slave-like situation" during her childhood in the remote village of Nagarparkar in Sindh Province. She worked on the farm of a feudal landlord who was abusive to his workers.

Andhra's Chandrababu is richest CM in India

Andhra Pradesh's Chandrababu Naidu is the richest Chief Minister in India with declared assets worth over Rs177 crore, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) stated. Naidu is followed by Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu with assets worth over Rs129 crore and Punjab's Amarinder Singh with Rs48 crore. Tripura's Manik Sarkar with Rs26 lakh is the CM with lowest declared assets.

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Shikhar Dhawan becomes first Indian batsman to score century in 100th ODI

In a landmark moment, Indian opener Shikhar Dhawan became the first Indian batsman to score a century in his 100th One-day International. Dhawan reached the historic mark during the fourth ODI of India's six-match series against

South Africa at the Wanderers. This was the batsman's first century in South Africa. His score total included two sixes and 10 fours.

Bihar Government bans sale of loose cigarettes

Bihar Government has banned sale of loose cigarettes in the state. This decision aims to be deterrent to kids and youngsters who start smoking by buying loose cigarettes. In this regard, state health department has issued notification under Section 20 of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. Bihar is the 12th state in the country to bring such a ban into effect after Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Delhi and others.

Pakistani Activist Asma Jahangir passes away

Asma Jahangir, Pakistan's renowned human rights lawyer, social activist and an outspoken critic of the country's powerful military establishment, passed away of cardiac arrest. She was 66. She was the first woman to serve as the president of Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan.

Rohan More becomes 1st Asian to swim across Ocean Seven

Pune-based swimmer, Rohan More became the first Asian as well as the first Indian to swim across the Ocean Seven. He is the youngest to complete it. He swam across the Cook Strait between North and South Islands of New Zealand in 8 hours and 37 minutes. With this, More becomes only the ninth person in the world to complete it. He has received the Tenzing Norgay Award from the Indian Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The award, also known as the National Adventure Award, was presented by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Golden Globe Award winner Musician Johann Johannsson passes away

Acclaimed Icelandic musician and Oscar-nominated composer Johann Johannsson has passed away aged 48. In 2014, he was nominated for BAFTA, Grammy and Oscar awards for his score for 'Theory of Everything', and won the Golden Globe award, making him one of the most well-known composers Iceland has produced.

Sharmila Nicollet first Indian Golfer to qualify for China LPGA Tour

Sharmila Nicollet become the first Indian golfer to qualify for the China Ladies PGA Tour. The 26-year-old Bengaluru golfer fought her way back into the tournament in the last two rounds to earn a card for the Tour. Sharmila, who played on the Ladies European Tour before losing her full card, played her three rounds in the CLPGA Tour Qualifying School to finish in tied 21st and pick one of the 30 cards available in the 88-player field.

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China reopens Nathu La route

China has confirmed "resumption" of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through the Nathu La route. Kailash Mansarovar yatra via Nathu La was not undertaken last year after the Chinese govt cited "unfavourable conditions" to ensure safe & smooth conduct of the yatra on this route. The yatra was stopped by China in the aftermath of the military face-off with India last year at Doklam.

Abdul Hamid re-elected as president of Bangladesh

Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid has been re-elected for a second term. Earlier, the ruling Awami League (AL) nominated Abdul Hamid for his re-election as the country's president.

Over 2000 people play Shankh at Rajim Kumbh Mela to create world record

A record was set on the second day of Rajim Kumbh Mela in Chhattisgarh after over 2,100 saints and locals blew 'shankh' (conch shells) together. Golden Book of World Records certified the record. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh had inaugurated Rajim Kumbh Mela and Ganga Aarti performance at banks of river Mahanadi in Gariyaband's Rajim.

PM Modi conferred with highest Palestinian honour

In a special recognition of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's contribution to relations between India and Palestine, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas conferred the "Grand Collar of the State of Palestine" on him after the conclusion of the bilateral meeting. The Grand Collar is the highest order given to foreign dignitaries- such as Kings, Heads of State/Government and persons of similar rank.

Abhilasha Kumari sworn in as first women Chief Justice of Manipur HC

Abhilasha Kumari was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court. She was administered oath of office by Governor Najma Heptulla at the Raj Bhavan. With this, she became first women and third full-time Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.

Mumbai 12th richest city globally

India's financial capital Mumbai, with a total wealth of \$950 billion, has been named among the top 15 wealthiest cities globally, while New York topped the list. Mumbai which also features among the top 10 cities in terms of billionaire population is the home to 28 billionaires. Going forward, Mumbai is expected to be the fastest growing city in terms of wealth growth over the next 10 years.

Thailand most traffic congested country of 2017

According to a global traffic scorecard published annually by Inrix, a company that aggregates and analyzes traffic data collected from vehicles and highway infrastructure, the top 10 most congested cities in the world, 2017 are:

1. Los Angeles
2. New York City (tie)
3. Moscow (tie)
4. Sao Paulo, Brazil
5. San Francisco
6. Bogotá
7. London
8. Atlanta
9. Paris
10. Miami

The most congested country in the world is Thailand, with drivers spending an average of 56 hours in peak-hour congestion. The top 10 most congested countries, 2017 are

1. Thailand
2. Indonesia
3. Colombia
4. Venezuela
5. United States (tie)
6. Russia (tie)
7. Brazil (tie)
7. South Africa (tie)
9. Turkey
10. United Kingdom

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Winter Olympic Games starts in Pyeongchang, South Korea

The 23rd Olympic Winter Games officially kicked off with a colorful ceremony at Pyeongchang in South Korea. Ninety-two countries are participating in the event. There will be 102 medals up for grabs in Pyeongchang, covering seven sports and 15 disciplines. The ceremony was directed by Song Seung-whan, a South Korean actor. Hosts South Korea also produced a show of unity with neighbours North Korea during the ceremony.

Renowned literature Chandrasekhar Rath passes away

Renowned Odia literature Chandrasekhar Rath passed away at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar following age-related ailments. He was 89 and is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son. Rath has written several novels, short stories, essays and poems during his illustrious career. Rath was conferred with several awards including Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award, Odisha Sahitya Akademi Award and Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman for his contribution in the field of literature.

Reliance Industries wins Golden Peacock Award 2017 for CSR

Reliance Industries (RIL) has been awarded the Golden Peacock Award 2017 for corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The award was a recognition, in particular, of the work done by its CSR arm Reliance Foundation under Founder and Chairman Nita Ambani.

Eight year old Indian origin girl enters UK Math Hall of Fame

Sohini Roy Chowdhury, eight-year-old Indian-origin schoolgirl has entered the UK's Mathletics Hall of Fame, an online mathematics-based competitive tool aimed at primary school pupils. She made it into the top 100 World Hall of Fame after solving mathematical puzzles with speed and accuracy. New Delhi born Sohini joined the competition this year as a student of Nelson Primary School in Birmingham.

India retains top spot as source market for Dubai in 2017

Dubai witnessed 15% growth in tourist arrivals from India in 2017, hosting 2.1 million visitors, retaining top spot as the source market. It also became the first country to cross the 2 million mark in a single year, according to the latest data published by Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism). The growth is mainly due to the success of Dubai Tourism's ongoing collaboration with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in the 'BeMyGuest' campaign.

Sachin Tendulkar, his wife launch book on child health care

Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and his wife Anjali Tendulkar launched a book on child health care titled 'Even When There Is A Doctor'. Penned down by Dr Yashwant Amdekar along with Dr Rajesh Chokhani and Krishnan Sivaramakrishnan, the book describes the role of an individual or parents in improving their child's health.

Intel sets a Guinness world record with 1,218 drones at 2018 Winter Olympic Games

The opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games 2018 saw a record-setting performance of 1,218 drones (unmanned aerial vehicles), flying in sync to create huge formations of various Olympic sports and the iconic Olympic rings. This record was set by Intel. The drones set a world record for the 'most unmanned aerial vehicles airborne simultaneously,' which was previously held by 500 drones during a 2016 performance in Germany.

NPCI appoints Biswamohan Mahapatra as Non-Executive Chairman

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed Biswamohan Mahapatra as non-executive chairman for two years with immediate effect. He succeeds B Sambamurthy who was the interim chairman.

US lists three militants as global terrorists

The US Department of Treasury has designated three individuals allegedly linked to Pakistan-based terror networks including Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Taliban as Specially Designated Global Terrorists. The move is intended to disrupt the South Asian terrorist support networks. The three include Rahman Zeb Faqir Muhammad, Hizb Ullah Astam Khan and Dilawar Khan Nadir Khan.

Former Bangladesh PM sentenced for 5 years

Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader and former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was jailed for five years. She was found guilty in a corruption case by a Special Judge's Court in Dhaka. She was charged with misappropriating Tk 21 million in foreign donations received by the 'Zia Orphanage Trust'.

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Antony Dominic sworn in as Chief Justice of Kerala

Acting Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court Antony Dominic was on 9 February, 2018 sworn in as the Chief Justice of Kerala. With this, Justice Dominic became the first keralite to occupy the post of Chief Justice of Kerala in 17 years. The last Keralite who occupied the top post was Justice KK Usha, who served the court in the year 2001.

PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi becomes ICC's 1st Independent Female Director

PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi has been appointed as the International Cricket Council's (ICC) first-ever independent female director. Nooyi will join the cricket body in June 2018 for a 2-year term. The introduction of an Independent Director, who must be female, was approved by the ICC in June 2017, aimed at improving the global governance of the sport.

Guinness World Record attempted for playing Ice Hockey at highest altitude

To set a record in the Guinness book for ice hockey on the world's highest altitude, an international level tournament was organized at recently built international standards open ice hockey rink at an altitude of 4371 meters above the sea level at Chiba Kargyam in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir. Five international teams from USA, Germany, Canada, Slovakia and Russia and a local team participated in the tournament. It was jointly organized by the Hockey Foundation, USA, Ladakh Winter Sports Club and Lalok Winter Sports Association.

Khelo India School Games: Haryana tops in medal tally

The first Khelo India School Games concluded in New Delhi with sports powerhouse Haryana topped the overall medal tally. The state won 102 medals which include 38 gold and 26 silver. Maharashtra with 110 medals (36 of them gold) finished second while Delhi with 94 medals came third. Sports Minister, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore presented the top State Haryana with the glittering trophy.

CCI slaps Rs 136 crore fine on Google for unfair business practices

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a fine of around Rs. 136 crores on search engine major Google for unfair business practices in the Indian market for online search. The penalty is being imposed on Google for infringing anti-trust conduct. It was alleged that Google is indulging in abuse of dominant position in the market for online search through practices leading to search bias and search manipulation, among others.

India ranks 44th in Global Intellectual Property Index, US tops

India increased "substantially" its score in the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index, ranking 44th among 50 nations, according to the US Chambers of Commerce report. India's overall score has increased substantially from 25% in the 5th edition of the Index to 30% in the 6th edition, according to the annual report prepared by the Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC) of the US Chambers of Commerce. Last year, India ranked 43rd out of 45 countries in the Index.

The top 3 countries in the list are-

The USA.
The United Kingdom.
Sweden.

PM Modi 3 Nation visit- leaves for Palestine

Prime Minister Narendra Modi left for his three-nation visit to Palestine, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Oman. This is the first ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Palestine, and Prime Minister Modi's second visit to UAE and first to Oman. Prime Minister would be addressing the Sixth World Government Summit being held in Dubai, UAE at which India has been extended 'Guest of Honour' status.

NITI Aayog unveils Health Index for states

NITI Aayog on 9 February, 2019 released a comprehensive 'Healthy States, Progressive India' report in New Delhi. The health index ranks the states on the basis of their performance on measurable indicators such as infant mortality rate, sex ratio at birth and functional 24x7 public health centres. The healthy state progressive report ranked Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu at the top among the larger states in terms of overall performance. The report was released by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant in New Delhi. The index has been evolved through comprehensive study and inputs from World Bank India and Ministry of Health.

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Nancy Pelosi made history of delivering longest 8 hour speech in American Senate

Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Minority Leader, delivered her speech for more than eight hours in American Senate. The House Historian's Office confirmed the lawmaker's record of longest speech to the media. The previous record of longest speech dates back to 1909 when a Missouri representative, Champ Clark, spoke for 5 hours and 15 minutes against a tariff overhaul. Nancy Pelosi's speech was ended in 8 hours and 5 minutes.

MP govt launches app to spread awareness against pollution

The Madhya Pradesh government launched a mobile application "pollution metre" to spread awareness against pollution in the western part of the state. It has been developed with the help of a private firm and the Madhya



Pradesh Pollution Control Board. With the help of the app, anybody can check the status of air, water and noise pollution in their respective areas.

5th South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference held in New Delhi

The Fifth edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference was held in New Delhi. It was hosted by Public Procurement Division (PPD) of Ministry of Finance and All India Management Association (AIMA). It was held under auspices of South Asia Region Public Procurement Network (SARPPN), which is sponsored and facilitated by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Islamic Development Bank. The theme this edition of the conference was "Public Procurement and Service Delivery".

Indian princess gets Royal Mail stamp

Indian princess Sophia Alexandra Duleep Singh has been honoured with a Royal Mail stamp of the UK to mark the centenary of the suffragette movement. Sophia, the daughter of Maharaja Duleep Singh, is the only woman to have one of the eight stamps to herself. The image on the stamp shows her selling copies of a Suffragette newspaper in 1913.

Forbes releases its first-ever cryptocurrency rich list

Business magazine Forbes released its first-ever Crypto Rich List, comprising 20 wealthiest people in the cryptocurrency space. The list was topped by Ripple Co-founder Chris Larsen, who is estimated to have a crypto net worth of \$7.5-8 billion. He is followed by Ethereum Co-founder Joseph Lubin (\$1.5 billion) and Founder of cryptocurrency exchange Binance Changpeng Zhao (\$1.1-2 billion).

Rajnath Singh releases book titled "Mere Sapnon ka Bharat"

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh released a book titled "Mere Sapnon ka Bharat". It is a compilation of interviews of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee by Tarun Vijay, an ex-MP, at a function in New Delhi. The Home Minister described Mr Vajpayee as a distinguished personality who stands alone because of his stature. He is respected by all cutting across the political parties divides.

Dubai retains rank as World's Busiest International Airport in 2017

Dubai International Airport has held on to its No 1 ranking as the world's busiest airport for international travel, after seeing around 88.2 million passengers in 2017. Dubai International Airport first surpassed London Heathrow as the world's busiest airport for international traffic in 2014. It has maintained the title ever since, with some 90 airlines flying into Dubai, a gateway for East-West travel.

Bermuda becomes first country in world to abolish same-sex marriage

Bermuda becomes the first country to legalize and then repeal same-sex marriage. Bermuda's governor John Rankin approved a bill reversing the right of gay couples to marry, despite a supreme court ruling last year authorizing same-sex marriage.

Actor John Mahoney passes away

Actor John Mahoney passed away after brief illness in Chicago, the USA. He was 77 years old. He was well-known for playing the title character in the "Frasier" show. He worked in films for nearly 35 years. His important works are "The American President", "Moonstruck", "In the Line of Fire" and "Say Anything".

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SpaceX launches the world's most powerful rocket carrying car into space

US space flight company SpaceX has launched the world's most powerful operational rocket 'Falcon Heavy' into the space. The Falcon Heavy blasted off from the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida, United States. Falcon Heavy carried a red Tesla Roadster car belonging to SpaceX and Tesla founder Elon Musk into space. The car was outfitted with a mannequin dressed in a spacesuit, a high-data storage unit containing Isaac Asimov's science fiction book series, the Foundation Trilogy, and a plaque bearing the names of 6000 SpaceX employees.

Sushma Swaraj visits Saudi Arabia

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj attended the opening ceremony of the 32nd Al Jana-driyah festival in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. India has been invited as the Guest of Honour country for the festival. Mrs Swaraj in her first engagement addressed Indian community members at a reception in Riyadh and spoke about the relations between the two countries. During her three day visit, she will meet with the Saudi leadership to discuss bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Jhulan Goswami 1st woman in the world to take 200 ODI wickets

Indian women's cricket team pacer Jhulan Goswami has become the first woman in the world to take 200 wickets in ODI cricket. Goswami achieved the feat playing in her 166th ODI against South Africa. Goswami had become the leading wicket-taker in women's ODIs in May last year, overtaking former Australian pacer Cathryn Fitzpatrick's record of 180 wickets.

India successfully test-fires nuclear capable Agni-1 missile

An indigenously developed short-range nuclear capable ballistic Agni-1 was successfully test-fired from a mobile launcher at Pad 4 of the Integrated Test Range at Odisha's Dr Abdul Kalam Island. It was 18th version of Agni-1, which could achieve all parameters within the stipulated time period. The defence Research and Development Organization (RDO) has successfully tested country's longest indigenously developed nuclear missile Agni-V on 18 January 2018.

THE World Rankings 2018: More Indian Universities in Asia's Top 200

Only two Indian institutes have featured in the top 50 Asian institutes in recently released TIMES Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for educational institutes in Asia. The two institutes that have made their way to top 50 are Indian Institute of Science (29th rank) and Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (44).

Kathakali Maestro Madavoor Vasudevan Nair passes away

Kathakali maestro Madavoor Vasudevan Nair collapsed on stage and died while performing at Agasthyacodu Mahadeva Temple, Kerala. He was 89. A recipient of several awards,

including Padma Bhushan, he was the follower of the Kaplingattu School, the particular style of south Kerala.

Nepal's ex-King visits India

Nepal's last monarch Gyanendra Shah has arrived in Odisha to attend the International Gau Sambardhana Mahotsav as Chief Guest. He will lay the foundation stone for a Gaumata Mandir. The event was dubbed as the 'Wow Cow Mission' which aims to raise the status of India's 'desi' cow to boost the economy, agriculture and nutrition.

Committee constituted by Karnataka govt recommends separate state flag

Nine member committee constituted by Karnataka government has recommended separate state flag. It submitted report on designing separate flag for the state and providing a legal standing for it. It has discounted any constitutional or legal hurdles for it.

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6 February: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation was observed on February 6, 2018. The day is observed every year to eradicate the practice of female genital mutilation. It was first introduced in 2003. Female Genital mutilation (FGM) comprises procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons. It is recognised internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

Shubhankar Sharma becomes Best Indian Golfer in the World

Shubhankar Sharma has emerged as the best Indian golfer in the world, grabbing the 72nd position in the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR). He has won the Maybank Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Sharma has enjoyed a golden run over the past few months on the international stage, clinching his first European Tour win at the Joburg Open.

Jerome H Powell sworn in as 16th Chairman of Federal Reserve

Jerome H Powell was sworn in as the 16th Chairman of the Federal Reserve for a four-year term. Mr Powell has succeeded Janet Yellen, the first woman to lead the US central bank in its 100-year history. Powell was nominated for the post in November 2017 by President Donald Trump. The oath was administered by Vice Chairman Randal K. Quarles in the Board Room.

Maldives Crisis- Government declares state of emergency

The Maldives president, Abdulla Yameen, has declared a state of emergency in the country as heavily armed troops stormed the country's top court and a former president Chief Justice Abdulla Saeed was arrested in a deepening political crisis. Exiled former Maldivian president Mohamed Nasheed urged India to "act swiftly" to help in resolving the ongoing political crisis in the island nation.

Japan launches smallest rocket ever to carry tiny satellite into orbit

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched the world's smallest rocket with the ability to put a tiny satellite into orbit. The rocket lifted off from the Uchinoura Space Center. It carried a microsatellite TRICOM-1R, a three-unit CubeSat weighing about 3 kilograms. This satellite launch was a re-flight of the TRICOM-1 mission, which was lost in SS-520's failure in 2017. The launch was aimed at testing the ability of JAXA to launch low-cost rockets that can put microsatellites into space at affordable rates.

Google launches '#SecurityCheckKiya' campaign

Search engine giant Google has launched '#SecurityCheckKiya' campaign in India to create awareness around Internet safety. It was launched on the occasion of Safer Internet Day (6 February). The campaign aims to protect first-time web users from account hijacking, safeguard Android devices from malicious apps and secure all their personal data if they lose their device.

Mumbai Airport becomes World's Busiest Single-Runway Airport

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International airport of Mumbai sets record with 980 flights in 24 hours or almost one flight every minute. With this, the Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International airport bettered its own feat of 974 flights in 24 hours, recorded in December 2017. While Gatwick, the U.K.'s second-largest airport, remains the most efficient single-runway airport in the world.

Pelican Bird Festival-2018 held in Kolleru lake

The 'Pelican Bird Festival-2018' was held for first in Atapaka Bird Sanctuary on at Kolleru lake in Andhra Pradesh. It was jointly organised by Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority (APTA) and Krishna district administration.

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Mahmud Hossain appointed New Chief Justice of Bangladesh

The President of Bangladesh, Abdul Hamid appointed Syed Mahmud Hossain as the new Chief Justice of the country. Justice Hossain is the 22nd chief justice of Bangladesh. President administered the oath of office to Justice Hossain.

'Exam Warriors'- A Book penned down by PM Modi released

The book penned down by PM Narendra Modi named 'Exam Warriors' was launched to reach out to the students across the country ahead of their exams. The book was released by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj. The book has been written to inspire youths to face the difficult moments of examinations and life, with fresh and new energy. 'Exam Warriors' is published by Penguin India, which runs into 208 pages.

India contributes \$1 mn to UN Development Partnership Fund

India has contributed additional \$1 million to India-UN Development Partnership Fund, earmarked for South-South cooperation. The contribution aims to intensify its partnerships with other developing countries in south. India has pledged multi-year contribution of \$100 million to the fund established in June 2017. India has already provided \$6 million within the seven months since launch of fund.

India Open 2018- Complete list of Winners

India Open is a badminton event held annually at the Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi. In women's singles Defending champion P V Sindhu was defeated by American Beiwen Zhang to finish runner-up at the India Open Super 500 tournament.

Complete List of Winners-

S.No.	Category	Winner	Runner-Up
1.	Men's Singles	Shi Yuqi (China)	Chou Tien Chen (Taiwan)
2.	Women's Singles	Beiwen Zhang (America)	P V Sindhu (India)
3.	Men's Doubles	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon (Indonesia) and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)	Kim Astrup (Denmark) and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen (Denmark)
4.	Women's Doubles	Greysia Polii (Indonesia) and Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia)	Jongkolphan Kititharakul (Thailand) and Rawinda Prajongjai (Thailand)
5.	Mixed Doubles	Mathias Christiansen (Denmark) and Christinna Pedersen (Denmark)	Praveen Jordan (Indonesia) and Melati Daeva Oktavianti (Indonesia)

After 154 years, Nepali tea receives international trademark

Nepalese tea has finally received an international trademark, over a century-and-a-half after cultivation began in the country. Nepali tea producers used to export tea with the respective companies' names or logos. Now, the tea will be sold in the international market with a common logo, which represents the national identity.

Shubhankar Sharma won European Tour title

India's Shubhankar Sharma came back from a four-stroke deficit to claim a two-shot win at the Maybank Championship in Malaysia for his second European Tour title. Sharma had

won his maiden title at the Joburg Open in December last year. The Indian holed 10 birdies to claim the title ahead of Spain's 31-year-old Jorge Campillo.

Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades wins re-election for second term

Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades has won re-election for a second term. The official final result after a second round run-off put the conservative incumbent on 55.99 per cent of the vote, ahead of Communist-backed Stavros Malas on 44 per cent. Anastasiades has taken credit for steering the economy of Cyprus to recovery after it was plunged into crisis in 2013 by its exposure to debt-racked Greece and fiscal slippage under a former left-wing administration.

Jasprit Bumrah, Harmanpreet Kaur in Forbes India 30 under 30 List

Indian cricketers Jasprit Bumrah and Harmanpreet Kaur as well India women's hockey team goalkeeper Savita Punia and shooter Heena Sidhu are among Forbes India 30 Under 30 list. Bumrah finished the year 2017 as the third highest wicket-taker in ODIs with 39 scalps in 23 matches, whereas in T20Is he grabbed 12 wickets in 11 outings. In December 2016, Harmanpreet became the first Indian woman cricketer to play in Australia's Big Bash League (BBL).

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4th February: World Cancer Day

World Cancer Day is being observed today. The day is observed on 4th February every year to raise awareness about cancer, its treatment and to encourage methods of its prevention. The primary goal of the day is to reduce the illness and related deaths by 2020. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a medical camp at Swarna Bharat Trust, Atkur in Andhra Pradesh organised on the occasion of World Cancer Day.

Golfer Shubhankar wins Maybank Championship

India's Shubhankar Sharma overcame a four-shot deficit to win the US\$3mil (RM11.7mil) Maybank Championship for his second victory on both the Asian Tour and European Tour. Earlier he had won the European Tour's Joburg Open in the second week of December 2017.

Malaysian chef wins International Young Chef Olympiad 2018

The 4th edition of International Young Chef Olympiad (YCO) concluded in New Delhi with Lai Jia Yi from Malaysia winning the top spot and Indian student chef Surya Sekhar Roy Choudhury claiming the second position. Touted as the "World's biggest culinary battle of student chefs", the competition was judged by eminent celebrity chefs and Michelin-starred winners including Sanjeev Kapoor, Ranveer Brar, John Wood, Chris Galvin, Scott Baechler, and Enzo Oliveri.

Hukum Singh passes away

BJP MP Hukum Singh passed away in Uttar Pradesh after suffering from breathing difficulties for long. He had hogged the headlines in 2016 after he released a list of Hindu families and alleged that there had been a mass exodus of Hindus from his constituency. He was an MLA in Uttar Pradesh for seven terms and a minister in the state before entering the Lok Sabha in the 2014 polls.

Sri Lanka celebrates Independence Day

Sri Lanka on 4 February celebrated the 70th Independence Day in a grand ceremony at the Galle Face Green in Colombo. It was on this day in 1948 that country achieved freedom from British rule. Representing Britain's Queen, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, and the Countess of Wessex participated in the celebrations as Chief Guests. The theme of this year's ceremony was "One Nation".

India's 1st defence industrial corridor

The first of the two defense industrial production corridors, as announced in the Union Budget, will link Chennai & Bengaluru and will pass through Coimbatore and several other industrial clusters. The corridor shall provide impetus to the defence production industry in the country and in the region. The announcement on the second corridor would be made soon.

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UK allows doctors to create three-parent babies through mitochondrial donation

Britain's fertility regulator Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) has allowed doctors to create country's first 'three-parent' babies through mitochondrial donation therapy (or MRT). This move is aimed at preventing passage of incurable genetic diseases from mothers to offsprings.

PM Modi inaugurates Global Investment Summit in Assam

The first two-day Global Investment Summit has been organized in Assam. The summit emphasises on promoting investments in the state and the North East. The conference was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Businessmen like Ratan Tata and Mukesh Ambani are taking part in the Summit. Investor's from Bhutan, Bangladesh, Germany and Japan as well as ASEAN countries will attend the summit.

Saurav Ghosal becomes the Highest-Ranked Indian Squash Player

India's leading squash player, Saurav Ghosal jumped five places to No. 14 to become the highest ranked Indian in the latest Professional Squash Association (PSA) rankings. Ghosal beat Joshna Chinappa who slipped three places to No. 17 while Dipika Pallikal Karthik remained on 20. Former Indian national champion Harinder Pal Sandhu was placed at 49th.

Shyam Benegal awarded V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award

Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) committee has decided to bestow V. Shantaram lifetime achievement Award to veteran film producer and director Shyam Benegal. The award will be presented at concluding ceremony of MIFF in Mumbai. He will be awarded a trophy, cash price of 10 lakh rupees, a certificate and a shawl by Governor of Maharashtra C. Vidyasagar Rao. Benegal has been selected for his contribution to the promotion of the documentary movement.

N Chandrasekaran Task force constituted to study AI application in military

The Ministry of Defence (Department of Defence Production) constituted a 17 member task force headed by Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran to study use and application of artificial intelligence (AI) in military. The task force will study the whole gamut of issues surrounding strategic implications of AI in national security perspective, in global context.

India lifts U-19 World Cup 2018

India has defeated Australia to lift the Under 19 World cup for the fourth time. The Men in Blue defeated the three-time champions Australia at Bay Oval, New Zealand. The Australian team had set the target of 214 runs and was chased down easily by India. Manjot Kalra was the Hero of the match with his brilliant century.

Shabnam Asthana wins Times Power Woman 2017 Award

Shabnam Asthana was awarded the 'Times Power Women of the Year 2017'- Pune for Global PR. The Times Group celebrated the invaluable contribution of women by introducing The Times Power Woman 2017 (Pune) awards. These awards focused on the women of Pune and the prestigious list included 34 select women with power, supremacy, command, and control. The award was conferred on her by Dilip Kamble, Minister of State for Social Justice and Special Assistance in the Government of Maharashtra.

John Hennessy appointed Alphabet's New Board Chairman

Alphabet has appointed John L. Hennessy as the new board chairman of the company. Hennessy has been on the board since 2004 and Lead Independent Director since 2007. He has replaced Eric Schmidt. Schmidt will remain as a "technical advisor" to Alphabet. Hennessy is a former president of Stanford University and has had an extensive career in the tech industry.

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Mary Kom clinches Gold medal at India Open Boxing tournament

The five-time World Champion and Olympic bronze medallist, Mary Kom on 2, February 2018 claimed the gold medal in the Indian Open International Boxing tournament at Thyagraj Indoor Stadium at New Delhi. Kom defeated Josie Gabuco from the Philippines in a split 4-1 decision to grab the gold in the women's 48kg weight category. The 12th seeded boxer had earlier booked her place in the finals after defeating Mongolian Altansetseg Lutsaikhan in the semi-final clash.

Rwanda becomes 1st poor country to provide Eye Care for all

Rwanda has become the first low-income country to provide universal eye care for its 12 million population. The government has partnered with the organisation Vision for a Nation (VFAN) to train more than 3,000 eye care nurses based in 502 local health centres, prescribing glasses and referring those with serious eye problems to national clinics.

Odisha wins Geospatial World Excellence Award 2018

Odisha Government won 'Geospatial World Excellence Award-2018' for successful IT application for tracking of mineral production. The award was presented at the Geospatial World Forum Meeting held at Hyderabad, Telangana. The event was attended by more than 3,000 geospatial experts from 90 different countries. i3MS is GPS-linked web-based software designed by scientists of Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC), Bhubaneswar.

Union Govt makes PAN mandatory for transactions over 2.5 lakhs

The union government made Permanent Account Number (PAN) mandatory for any entity conducting financial transactions of 2.5 lakh or more. Adding that an Aadhaar-like identity number is being developed for enterprises PAN card will also be used as a Unique Entity Number for non-individuals from April 1.

32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela begins

The 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela has begun in Faridabad, Haryana. The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External

Affairs. The 17-day cultural extravaganza will see a spectacular showcase of regional and international crafts, handlooms, traditions along with some mouth-watering multi-cuisine food for the visitors. This year Uttar Pradesh is the theme state and Kyrgyzstan is the Partner Nation.

India Joins Ashgabat agreement

India joined Ashgabat Agreement on the establishment of an International Transport and Transit Corridor between the Iran, Oman, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The agreement was signed in 2011, which envisages facilitation of transit and transportation of goods between Central Asia and the Persian Gulf. According to the External Affairs Ministry, the accession to the Agreement would diversify India's connectivity options with Central Asia and have a positive influence on its trade and commercial ties with the region.

7th India Energy Congress held in New Delhi

The 7th India Energy Congress was held in New Delhi. Over 400 experts are expected to brainstorm on energy transition across the globe in view of technology and digital disruptions. The theme of the 7th edition of India Energy Congress is 'Energy 4.0: Energy Transition Towards 2030'. The India Energy Congress is the flagship event of World Energy Council India (WEC India) and joint event of ministries of power, coal, new & renewable energy, petroleum & natural gas, external affairs and Department of Atomic Energy.

UAE launches World's Longest Zip Line

The United Arab Emirates has made a record by opening the world's longest zip line, measuring 2.83 km in length. Guinness World Records officials certified the zip line in Ras al-Khaimah. The Jebel Jais Flight takes thrill-seekers atop the country's largest mountain peak, from a launch pad 1,680 meters (5,512 feet) above sea level.

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World's Oldest Man Francisco Nunez Olivera passes away at 113

The world's oldest man Francisco Nunez Olivera has died just over a month after celebrating his 113th birthday. He was 10 years old when World War One broke out. He passed away in Spain where he had lived throughout his life. He was born on December 13, 1904.

Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan takes charge as DGMO Of Indian Army

Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan took charge as the new Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army. He succeeds Lt General A K Bhatt. Lt Gen Chauhan has held several important posts in the Army and is known for his expertise in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast.

Neelam Kapoor appointed as Director General of Sports Authority of India

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed senior bureaucrat Neelam Kapoor as Director General (DG) of the Sports Authority of India (SAI). ACC was headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She is 1982 batch officer of Indian Information Service (IIS). At present, she is Principal Director General of the Directorate of Field Publicity. She was Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB) in UPA Government headed by then PM Manmohan Singh. As PIB chief, she was in-charge of information officers attached to every central government ministry.

Dinesh Srivastava takes over as chief executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex

Distinguished scientist Dinesh Srivastava took over as Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC). He has succeeded G Kalyanakrishnan who retired on superannuation. Srivastava will also be Chairman of NFC board. Prior to this assignment, he was holding the position of Deputy Chief Executive at NFR.

Sushma Swaraj to embark on two-day visit to Nepal

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will embark on a two-day visit to Nepal on 1 February 2018. She will hold discussions with various political leaders on issues of mutual interest and to enhance age-old special ties of friendship between India and Nepal during her stay at Kathmandu. She will meet Communist Party of Nepal (UML) Chairman K.P.Sharma Oli, who is likely to be the new Prime Minister of

Nepal. Later she will meet senior leaders of Rashtriya Janta Party Nepal. The Minister will meet Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) Chief Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda and Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba the next day. She will also call on President Vidya Devi Bhandari.

A hill on Mars is named after Kalpana

NASA named seven hills on planet Mars after the seven crew members, including India-born astronaut Kalpana Chawla, of the Space Shuttle Columbia who lost their lives while returning from their mission. The crew died when the space shuttle disintegrated on re-entering Earth's atmosphere on February 1, 2003. The 16-day mission was dedicated to research in physical, life and space sciences.

Punjab Government bans sale of 20 insecticides

Punjab Government's Department of Agriculture has issued directions to discontinue the sale of 20 pesticides (insecticides) including Endosulfan harmful to health of humans and environment with immediate effect. This decision was taken based on the recommendations of Registration Committee, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) and Punjab State Farmers' Commission (PSFC).

INS Karanj is Third Scorpene Class Submarine Launched By Indian Navy

Indian Navy has launched 'INS Karanj', the third of the six indigenous Scorpene-class submarines. The submarine, equipped with superior stealth features and precision-guided weapons built at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited. Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff, was the chief guest on the occasion. The submarine has an overall length of 67.5 meters and a height of about 12.3 meters.

Shesh Anand Madhukar honoured with Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award

Magahi writer Shesh Anand Madhukar was honoured with Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award 2018. He is second writer of Magahi language to be given this award. Madhukar has been working extensively for the development of the Magahi language. In Magahi, his well-acclaimed works are "Eklavya" and "Magahi Bhulachal Hey". His books have been included in the graduate and post-graduate syllabus of Vinobha Bhawe University, Hazaribagh.

India slips to 42nd place on EIU Democracy Index, Norway tops

India has slipped to 42nd place on an annual Global Democracy Index according to the data compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). India has moved down from 32nd place last year. The index ranks 165 independent states and two territories on the basis of five categories: electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation and political culture. The list has been divided into four broad categories- full democracy, flawed democracy, hybrid regime and authoritarian regime. North Korea is ranked the lowest at 167th, while Syria is a notch better at 166th place.

The top 5 Countries in the list are-

Norway,
Iceland,
Sweden,
New Zealand and
Denmark.

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LIST OF APPOINTMENTS 2018

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- IAS officer N C Goel : Chief Secretary of Rajasthan
- Vijay Keshav Gokhale : Foreign secretary
- Pankaj Jain : Additional charge of Managing Director in India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL).
- Salil Parekh : IT giant, Infosys
- UB Pravin Rao : Chief Operating Officer and a whole-time Director
- Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga : New Prime Minister of Mali
- Rajinder Khanna : Deputy National Security Adviser

- Dilip Asbe : Managing Director and CEO of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- K Sivan : New Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Harjinder Singh : Chef De Mission for the 23rd Winter Olympic Games
- Sunny Verghese : Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.
- Indu Malhotra, a senior advocate : First woman lawyer as judge of the apex court
- V J Mathew : Chairman of Maritime Board
- Anil Khanna : Chairman of the Finance Commission of the Indian Olympic Association
- Vijay Kumar : Managing Director and CEO NCDEX
- S Selvakumar : Additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL)
- Former Gujarat : chief minister Anandiben Patel - New Governor of Madhya Pradesh
- Om Prakash Rawat : Chief Election Commissioner
- Ashok Lavasa : Election Commissioner
- IPS officer Sudeep Lakhtakia : Director general of National Security Guard (NSG).
- Music composer AR Rahman : Brand ambassador of Sikkim
- Dilip Chenoy : Director general of Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Shri Srikumar Menon : Ambassador of India to the Republic of Angola
- S Somnath : The new director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)
- Jerome Powell : Head of the Federal Reserve
- Usha Ananthasubramanian : MD and CEO of Allahabad Bank - The first woman chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA).
- Milos Zeman : Second five-year, Czech Republic's pro-Russia president
- Vikram Singh Sisodia : Chef-de-Mission for the upcoming Commonwealth Games

February 2018

- Neelam Kapur : Director general (DG) of Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- Lt. Gen Anil Chauhan : Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Indian Army
- John Hennessy : Chairman of Alphabet

- Nicos Anastasiades : President of the Republic of Cyprus.
- Syed Mahmud Hossain : Chief Justice of Bangladesh
- Dinesh Srivastava : Chief Executive of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC)
- Jerome Powell : 16th chairman of the Federal Reserve,
- Hardayal Prasad : SBI Card MD & CEO
- Indra Nooyi, chairman and CEO of PepsiCo : First independent female director of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board
- Biswamohan Mahapatra : Non-executive chairman of National Payments Corporation of India
- Chandrashekhara Kambara : Eminent Kannada writer and Jnanpith winner - President of Kendra Sahitya Akademi.
- Haruhiko Kuroda : Governor of Bank of Japan
- Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli : 41st Prime Minister of Nepal.
- Vice Admiral R B Pandit : Commandant of Indian Naval Academy
- Arvind Jamkhedhar : Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- Debashish Mukherjee : Executive directors of Canara Bank
- Murali Ramaswami : Executive directors of Vijaya Bank
- Ranil Wickremesinghe : Ministerial post of law and order ministry
- Michael McCormack : New Deputy Prime Minister
- Nhlanhla Nene : Finance Minister of south Africa
- Samina Baig : a Pakistani woman National goodwill ambassador by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

CURRENT CHIEF MINISTERS & GOVERNORS OF INDIAN STATES

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1	<u>Andhra Pradesh</u>	Shri. Nara Chandrababu Naidu	Shri E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan
2	<u>Andaman & Nicobar</u>	U.T	Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar

			Joshi
3	<u>Arunachal Pradesh</u>	Shri Pema Khandu	Brigadier BD Mishra (Retd)
4	<u>Assam</u>	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Jagdish Mukhi
5	<u>Bihar</u>	Shri Nitish Kumar	Satya Pal Malik
6	<u>Chandigarh</u>	U.T	V. P. Singh Badnore
7	<u>Chhattisgarh</u>	Dr. Raman Singh	Shri Balramji Dass Tandon
8	<u>Dadra and Nagar Haveli</u>	U.T	Praful Khoda Patel (Additional Charge)
9	<u>Daman and Diu</u>	U.T	Praful Khoda Patel
10	<u>Delhi (NCT)</u>	Shri Arvind Kejriwal	Anil Baijal
11	<u>Goa</u>	Shri Manohar Parrikar	Smt. Mridula Sinha
12	<u>Gujarat</u>	Shri Vijaybhai R. Rupani	Shri Om Prakash Kohli
13	<u>Haryana</u>	Shri Manohar Lal	Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki
14	<u>Himachal Pradesh</u>	Shri Jai Ram Thakur	Shri Acharya Dev Vrat
15	<u>Jammu and Kashmir</u>	Mehbooba Mufti Sayeed	Shri N. N. Vohra
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17	<u>Karnataka</u>	Shri Siddaramaiah	Shri Vajubhai Vala
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21	<u>Maharashtra</u>	Shri Devendra Fadnavis	Shri Chennamaneni

			Vidyasagar Rao
22	<u>Manipur</u>	Nongthombam Biren Singh	Dr. Najma A. Heptulla
23	<u>Meghalaya</u>	Conrad Sangma	Ganga Prasad
24	<u>Mizoram</u>	Shri Lal Thanhawla	Lt. General (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma
25	<u>Nagaland</u>	Shri. Neiphiu Rio	Shri Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya
26	<u>Odisha</u>	Shri Naveen Patnaik	Dr. S. C. Jamir
27	<u>Puducherry (UT)</u>	Shri. V. Narayanasamy	Dr. Kiran Bedi
28	<u>Punjab</u>	Shri Captain Amarinder Singh	Shri V.P. Singh Badnore
29	<u>Rajasthan</u>	Smt. Vasundhara Raje	Shri Kalyan Singh
30	<u>Sikkim</u>	Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling	Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb Patil
31	<u>Tamil Nadu</u>	Edappadi K Palaniswami	Banwarilal Purohit
32	<u>Telangana</u>	Shri K Chandrasekhar Rao	Shri E.S Lakshmi Narasimhan (Add. Charge)
33	<u>Tripura</u>	Shri Manik Sarkar	Shri Tathagata Roy
34	<u>Uttar Pradesh</u>	Shri Yogi Adityanath	Shri Ram Naik
35	<u>Uttarakhand</u>	Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat	Dr. Krishan Kant Paul
36	<u>West Bengal</u>	Km. Mamata Banerjee	Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi

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- **Raj Nath Singh:** Minister of Home Affairs.
- **Sushma Swaraj:** Minister of External Affairs.
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Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

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- **Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal:** Minister of Food Processing Industries.
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- **Jual Oram :** Minister of Tribal Affairs.
- **Radha Mohan Singh:** Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- **Thaawar Chand Gehlot:** Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- **Smriti Zubin Irani:** Minister of Textiles; and Minister of Information and Broadcasting.
- **Dr. Harsh Vardhan:** Minister of Science and Technology; Minister of Earth Sciences; and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Prakash Javadekar:** Minister of Human Resource Development.
- **Dharmendra Pradhan:** Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- **Piyush Goyal:** Minister of Railways; and Minister of Coal.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman:** Minister of Defence.
- **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi:** Minister of Minority Affairs.

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- **Krishna Raj:** Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
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- **Anupriya Patel:** Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- **CR Chaudhary:** Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- **PP Chaudhary:** Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Time & Work Short Tricks & Tips With Practice Sets

'Time and work' is where you are required to think about work efficiencies of at least two people and utilize it to compute work consummation time and in view of that characterize wages of every person. Time and work is important topic for any exam, and for the most part, 2-3 Questions show up from this subject. What's more imperative is that this is extremely easy topic and you can enhance your score by illuminating them in a matter of seconds.

Here we are providing some cases of time & work and tricks to solve it. Hope this would be helpful to all aspirants.

Case 1 - A does a work in X days, B does a Work in Y days In how many days they will complete the work.

Question- A completes the work in 10 days and B completes the work in 15 days In how many days they will complete the work.

Efficiency method.

Efficiency of A = $100/10 = 10\%$

Efficiency of B = $100/15 = 6.66\%$

Efficiency of A & B Together = $10 + 6.66 = 16.66\%$

So the time taken by A & B together to Complete the work will be $100/16.66 = 6$ Days.

Case -2 A can do a work in X days and B can do it Y days, In how many days the work is completed if they work alternatively Started by A.

Efficiency Method

A's Efficiency = 10%

B's Efficiency = 6.66%

A + B Efficiency = 16.66%

Work done by A and B in 2 days [Remember 2 days because they are not working together but working alternatively] = 16.66%

So time taken by them to complete 100% work = $100/(16.66) = 6$ [but always remember multiply this by 2, Because 16.66% work is done by them in 2 days and not in 1 day.

Answer will be $6 \times 2 = 12$ days.

Case 3: A can do a work in X days, B can do the work Y days and A leaves after working Z days.

Question- A can do a work in 10 days and B can do it in 15 days, A works for 2 days and then leaves, In how many days will the work be completed?

Efficiency method

A's efficiency = 10%

B's Efficiency = 6.66%

Total a+b = 16.66%

Work done by A and B together in 2 days = $16.66 \times 2 = 33.33\%$

Work remaining = 66.66%

Time taken by B to complete 66.66% work =

$66.66/6.666 = 10$ days

Total time = $10 + 2 = 12$ days

Case 4 : A can do a piece of Work in 10 days and B can do it in 15 days, In how many days will the work be completed if B leaves 2 days before the completion on work.

Efficiency method

A's efficiency = 10%

B's efficiency = 6.66%

Total = 16.66%

Work will be completed in 6 days

Work done in 4 days = 66.66%

Remaining = 33.33%

A will complete the remaining in = $33.33/10 = 3.33$

Total = $4 + 3.33 = 7.33$

Case 5: A can do a Work in X days B can Do it in Y days, In how many days The work will get completed if B leaves 2 days before the actual completion of work.

Question: A can do a work in 10 days B can do it in 15 days, In how many days The work will get completed if B leaves 2 days before the Actual Completion of Work. What is the difference between this Actual completion of work and Completion of Work?

Efficiency Method

A's Efficiency = 10%

B's Efficiency = 6.66%

Let the no. of days be x

According to question

$10x + 6.66(x-2) = 100$ [Work is always 100% in efficiency method]

$10x + 6.66x - 13.33 = 100$

$16.66x = 113.33$

$x = 113.33/16.66 = 6.8$

Answer = 6.8 days

We are giving various shortcuts for solving particular types of questions below:

TYPE 1 :

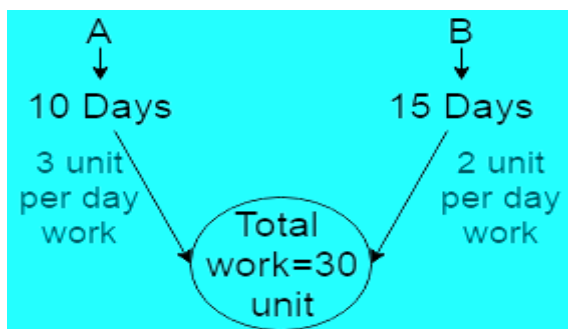
If A can do a certain work in x days and B can complete same work in y days if they work together then they will complete the work in

$$= \frac{xy}{x+y} \text{ days}$$

For Example:

A can do a certain work in 10 days and B can complete same work in 15 days if they work together then in how many days work gets done.

Solution:



(A+B)'s 1 day work=3+2=5 unit

Time taken by (A+B)=30/5

= 6 days Ans.

Rough:[L.C.M of 10 and 15=30 now 30/10=3 unit and 30/15=2 unit]

BY TRICK:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time taken by (A+B)} &= \frac{10 \times 15}{10+15} \\ &= \frac{10 \times 15}{25} \\ &= 6 \text{ Days Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

TYPE 2:

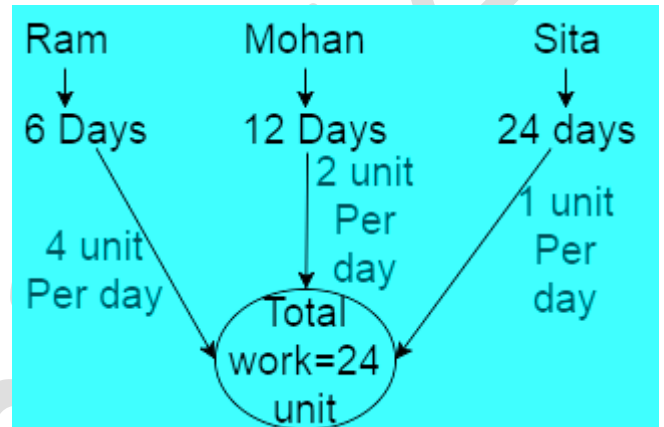
If A, B, and C can do a certain work in x days, y days, and z days respectively. if they work together then they will complete the work in

$$= \frac{xyz}{xy+yz+zx} \text{ days}$$

For Example:

Ram, Mohan, and Sita can do a work in 6, 12 and 24 days respectively. In what time will they finish the work while working together?

Solution:



(Ram+Mohan+Sita) 1 day work=4+2+1

=7 unit

Required Time=24/7=3 ³/₇ Ans.

BY TRICK:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required Time} &= \frac{(6 \times 12 \times 24)}{(6 \times 12) + (12 \times 24) + (24 \times 6)} \\ &= \frac{(6 \times 12 \times 24)}{504} \\ &= 24/7 = 3 \frac{3}{7} \text{ Days Ans} \end{aligned}$$

TYPE 3 :

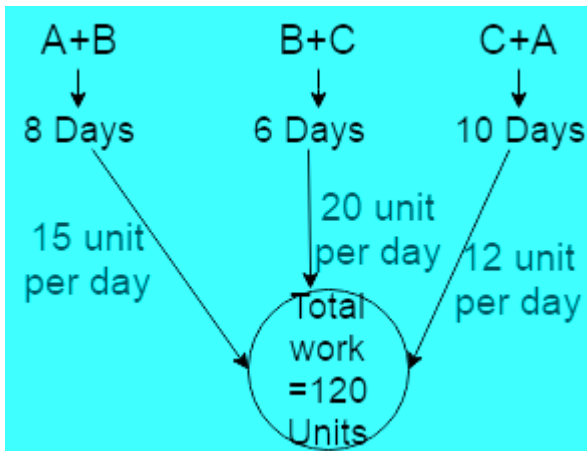
A and B together can do a work in x days, B and C together in y days, while C and A together in z days. If they all work together, the work will be completed in.

$$= \frac{2xyz}{xy+yz+zx} \text{ days}$$

For Example:

A and B together can do a work in 8 days, B and C together in 6 days, while C and A together in 10 days. If they all work together, the work will be completed in.

Solution:



$$(A+B)+(B+C)+(C+A) \text{ 1 day work} = 15+20+12=47 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{i.e } 2(A+B+C) \text{ 1 day work} = 47 \text{ units}$$

$$\therefore (A+B+C) \text{ 1 day work} = 47/2 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Time Taken by } (A+B+C) = 120 / (47/2)$$

$$= 5 \frac{5}{47} \text{ Days Ans.}$$

BY TRICK:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Required Time} &= \frac{2(8 \times 6 \times 10)}{(8 \times 6) + (6 \times 10) + (10 \times 8)} \\ &= \frac{2(8 \times 6 \times 10)}{188} \\ &= 5 \frac{5}{47} \text{ Days Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

TYPE 4 :

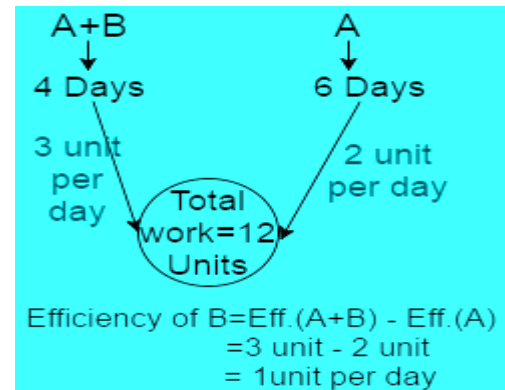
A and B together can do a piece of work in x days. If A alone can do it in y days, in how many days B can alone complete the same piece of work

$$= \frac{xy}{y-x} \text{ days}$$

For Example:

a. A and B together can do a piece of work in 4 days. If A alone can do it in 6 days, in how many days B can alone complete the same piece of work?

Solution:



$$\text{Time taken by B} = 12/1$$

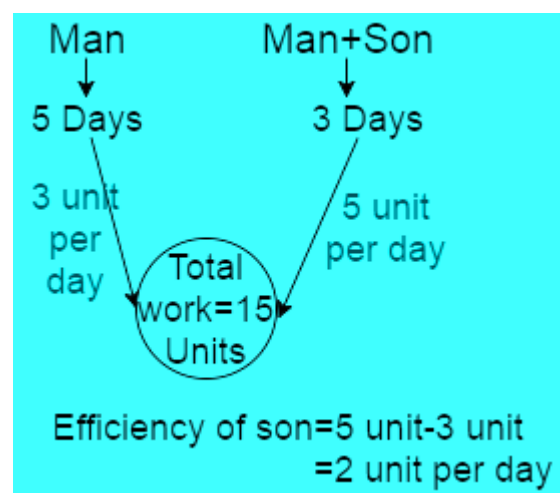
$$= 12 \text{ Days Ans.}$$

By Trick:

$$\text{Time taken by B} = \frac{4 \times 6}{6 - 4} = 12 \text{ days Ans.}$$

b. A man can do a piece of work in 5 days, but with the help of his son he can do it in 3 days. In what time can the son do it alone?

Solution:



$$\text{Time taken by son alone} = 15/2$$

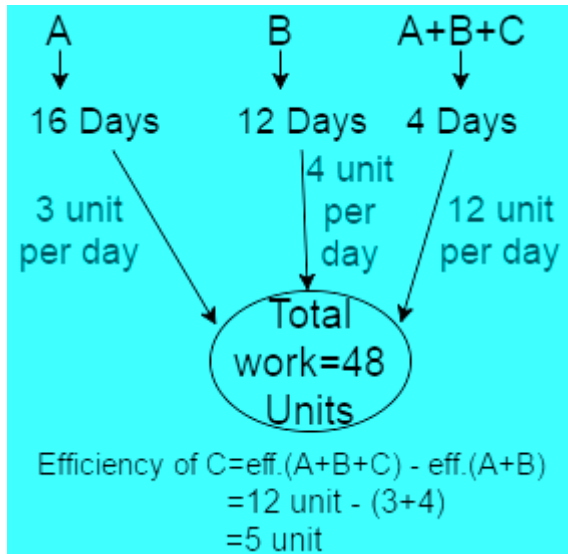
$$= 7.5 \text{ Days Ans.}$$

By Trick:

$$\text{Time taken by Son} = \frac{5 \times 3}{5 - 3} = 7.5 \text{ days Ans.}$$

c. A can do a piece of work in 16 days and B can do the same piece of work in 12 days. With the help of C, they did in 4 days only. Then, C alone can do the job in?

Solution:



Time taken by C = 48/5 days Ans.

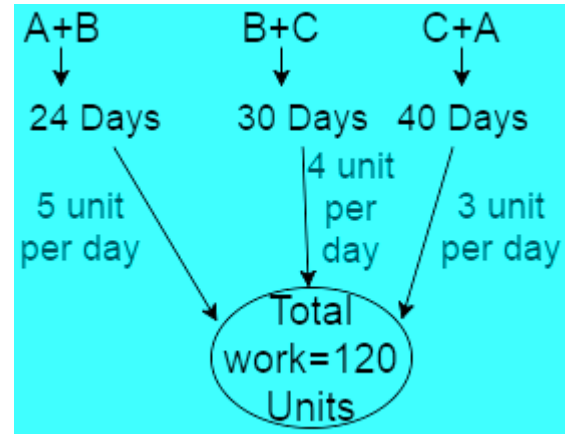
TYPE 5:

If A and B together can complete a piece of work in x days; B and C together in y days; and C and A together in z days. How many days will each take separately to complete the same work?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time taken by A} &= \frac{2xyz}{xy+yz-zx} \text{ days} \\ \text{Time taken by B} &= \frac{2xyz}{yz+xz-xy} \text{ days} \\ \text{Time taken by C} &= \frac{2xyz}{xy+xz-yz} \text{ days} \end{aligned}$$

a. A and B together can complete a piece of work in 24 days; B and C together in 30 days; and C and A together in 40 days. How many days will each take separately to complete the same work?

Solution:



$$(A+B)+(B+C)+(C+A) \text{ 1 day work} = 5+4+3 = 12 \text{ units}$$

$$\text{i.e } 2(A+B+C) \text{ 1 day work} = 12 \text{ units}$$

$$\therefore (A+B+C) \text{ 1 day work} = 12/2 \text{ units}$$

$$= 6 \text{ units.}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of A} = (A+B+C) - (B+C)$$

$$= 6 \text{ Units} - 4 \text{ Units}$$

$$= 2 \text{ Units}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of B} = (A+B+C) - (C+A)$$

$$= 6 \text{ Units} - 3 \text{ Units}$$

$$= 3 \text{ Units}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of C} = (A+B+C) - (A+B)$$

$$= 6 \text{ Units} - 5 \text{ Units}$$

$$= 1 \text{ Units}$$

$$\text{Time taken by A} = 120/2$$

$$= 60 \text{ Days}$$

$$\text{Time taken by B} = 120/3$$

$$= 40 \text{ Days}$$

$$\text{Time taken by C} = 120/1$$

$$= 120 \text{ Days}$$

BY TRICK:

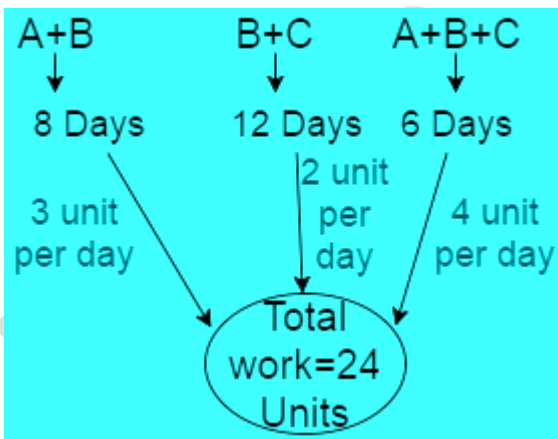
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time taken by A} &= \frac{2 \times 24 \times 30 \times 40}{(24 \times 30) + (30 \times 40) - (40 \times 24)} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 24 \times 30 \times 40}{720 + 1200 - 960} \\ &= 60 \text{ Days Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time taken by B} &= \frac{2 \times 24 \times 30 \times 40}{(30 \times 40) + (40 \times 24) - (24 \times 30)} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 24 \times 30 \times 40}{1200 + 960 - 720} \\ &= 40 \text{ Days Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Time taken by C} &= \frac{2 \times 24 \times 30 \times 40}{(24 \times 30) + (40 \times 24) - (30 \times 40)} \\ &= \frac{2 \times 24 \times 30 \times 40}{720 + 960 - 1200} \\ &= 120 \text{ Days Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

b. A and B can do a given piece of work in 8 days, B and C can do the same work in 12 days and A, B, C complete it in 6 days. Number of days required to finish the work by A and C is.

Solution:



$$\text{Efficiency of A} = (A+B+C) - (B+C)$$

$$= 4 \text{ Units} - 2 \text{ Units}$$

$$= 2 \text{ Units}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of C} = (A+B+C) - (A+B)$$

$$= 4 \text{ Units} - 3 \text{ Units}$$

=1 Units

$$(A+C)'s \text{ 1 day work} = 2+1=3 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{Time taken by (A+C)} = 24/3$$

$$= 8 \text{ days Ans.}$$

c. Ram can complete a piece of work in 15 days. He worked for 5 days and left. Mohan alone completed the remaining work in 20 days. How long would Mohan take to complete the whole work?

Solution:

Let Ram per day done 1 unit work

$$\text{Total work done by Ram in 15 days} = 15 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{Total work done by Ram in 5 days} = 5 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{Remaining work} = 15 - 5 = 10 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{work done by Mohan in 20 days} = 10 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{work done by Mohan in 1 day} = 10/20 = 0.5$$

$$\text{Time taken by Mohan} = 15/0.5$$

$$= 30 \text{ days Ans.}$$

d. Ram alone can complete a piece of work in 40 days. He worked for 8 days and left. Sita alone completed the remaining work in 16 days. How long would Ram and Sita together take to complete the work?

Solution:

Let Ram per day done 1 unit work

$$\text{Total work done by Ram in 40 days} = 40 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{Total work done by Ram in 8 days} = 8 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{Remaining work} = 40 - 8 = 32 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{work done by Sita in 16 days} = 32 \text{ unit}$$

$$\text{work done by Sita in 1 day} = 32/16$$

$$= 2 \text{ unit per day}$$

Total work done by Ram and Sita in 1 day = $(1+2)=3$ unit per day

Time taken by Ram+Sita = $40/3$

= $13\frac{1}{3}$ Ans.

e. A can finish a work in 18 days and B can do the same work in 15 days. B worked for 10 days and left the job. In how many days, A alone can finish the remaining work?

Solution:

Let A = A unit work per day

B = B unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Eqn-1} \quad \text{Eqn-2} \\ (A) \times 18 = (B) \times 15 \\ \frac{A}{B} = \frac{15}{18} = \frac{5}{6} \end{array}$$

Put the value of A in eqn-1, you will get total work

so, total work = $5 \times 18 = 90$ unit

Total work done by B in 10 days = $10 \times 6 = 60$ unit

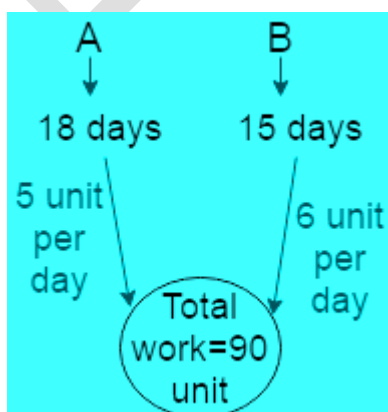
Remaining work = $90 - 60$

= 30 unit

Time taken by A = $30/5$

= 6 days Ans.

Method-2



Total work done by B in 10 days = $10 \times 6 = 60$ unit

Remaining work = $90 - 60 = 30$ unit

= 30 unit

Time taken by A = $30/5$

= 6 days Ans.

f. A can do a certain work in 10 days and B can do same work in 12 days. They started work together but after 5 days A left and B finish the remaining work. In how many days B can complete the remaining work?

Solution:

Let A = A unit work per day

B = B unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Eqn-1} \quad \text{Eqn-2} \\ (A) \times 10 = (B) \times 12 \\ \frac{A}{B} = \frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5} \end{array}$$

Put the value of A in eqn-1, you will get total work

so, total work = $6 \times 10 = 60$ unit

Total work done by A and B in 1 day = $(6+5) = 11$ unit

work done by A and B in 5 days = $11 \times 5 = 55$ unit

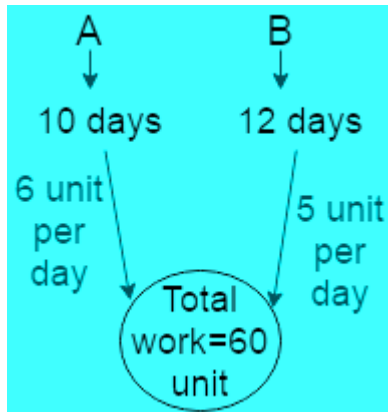
Remaining work = $60 - 55$

= 5 unit

Time taken by B = $5/5$

= 1 day Ans.

Method-2



Total work done by A and B in 1 day = $(6+5)=11$ unit

work done by A and B in 5 days = $11 \times 5 = 55$ unit

Remaining work = $60 - 55$

= 5 unit

Time taken by B = $5/5$

= 1 day Ans.

g. A and B can complete a work in 15 days and 10 days respectively. They started doing the work together but after 2 days B had to leave and A alone completed the remaining work. The whole work was completed in:

Solution:

Let A = A unit work per day

B = B unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Eqn-1} \quad \text{Eqn-2} \\ (A) \times 15 = (B) \times 10 \\ \frac{A}{B} = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$

Put the value of A in eqn-1, you will get total work

so, total work = $2 \times 15 = 30$ unit

Total work done by A and B in 1 day = $(2+3)=5$ unit

Total work done by A and B in 2 days = $5 \times 2 = 10$ unit

Remaining work = $30 - 10$

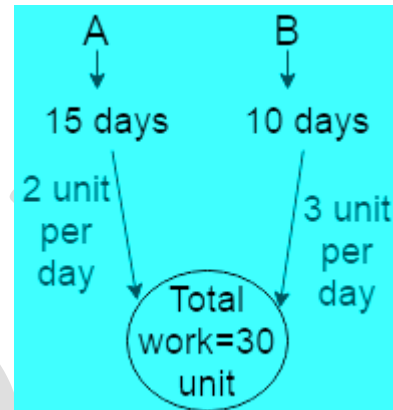
= 20 unit

Time taken by A = $20/2$

= 10 days

Hence, total time taken = $(2+10)=12$ days Ans.

Method-2



Total work done by A and B in 1 day = $(2+3)=5$ unit

Total work done by A and B in 2 days = $5 \times 2 = 10$ unit

Remaining work = $30 - 10$

= 20 unit

Time taken by A = $20/2$

= 10 days

Hence, total time taken = $(2+10)=12$ days Ans.

h. A and B can do a piece of work in 45 and 40 days respectively. They began the work together but A left after some days and B finished the remaining work in 23 days. A left after.

Solution:

Let A = A unit work per day

B = B unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Eqn-1} \quad \text{Eqn-2} \\ (A) \times 45 = (B) \times 40 \\ \frac{A}{B} = \frac{40}{45} = \frac{8}{9} \end{array}$$

Put the value of A in eqn-1, you will get total work

so, total work = $8 \times 45 = 360$ unit

Total work done by B in 23 days = $23 \times 9 = 207$ unit

Total Work done by (A+B) = $360 - 207$

= 153 unit

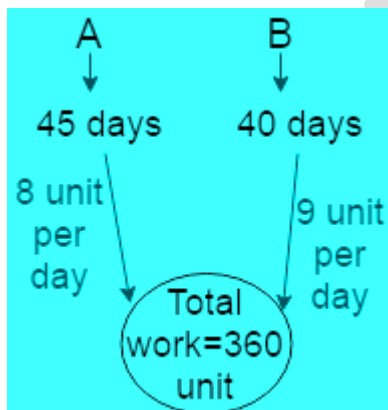
Total work done by A+B in 1 day = $(8+9) = 17$ unit

Time taken by A+B = $153/17$

= 9 days

hence, A left after 9 days Ans.

Method-2



Total work done by B in 23 days = $23 \times 9 = 207$ unit

Total Work done by (A+B) = $360 - 207$

= 153 unit

Total work done by A+B in 1 day = $(8+9) = 17$ unit

Time taken by (A+B) = $153/17$

= 9 days

hence, A left after 9 days Ans.

h. A can do a piece of work in 20 days while B can finish it in 25 days. B started working and A joined him after 10 days. The whole work is completed in.

Solution:

Let A = A unit work per day

B = B unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Eqn-1} \quad \text{Eqn-2} \\ (A) \times 20 = (B) \times 25 \\ \frac{A}{B} = \frac{25}{20} = \frac{5}{4} \end{array}$$

Put the value of A in eqn-1, you will get total work

so, total work = $5 \times 20 = 100$ unit

work done by B in 10 days = $10 \times 4 = 40$ unit

Remaining work = $100 - 40 = 60$ unit

Total work done by A+B in 1 day = $(5+4) = 9$ unit

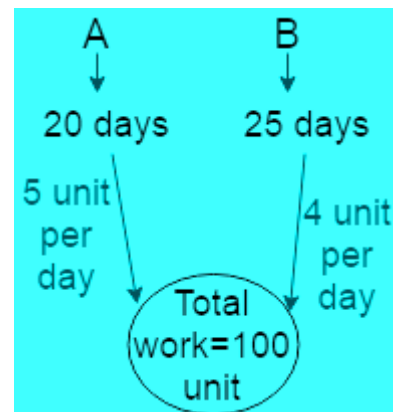
Time taken by (A+B) = $60/9$

= $20/3 = 6 \frac{2}{3}$ days

Total time = $10 + 6 \frac{2}{3}$

= $16 \frac{2}{3}$ days Ans.

Method-2



work done by B in 10 days = $10 \times 4 = 40$ unit

Remaining work = $100 - 40 = 60$ unit

Total work done by A+B in 1 day=(5+4)=9 unit

Time taken by(A+B)=60/9

=20/3=6 ²/3 days

Total time=10+6 ²/3

=16 ²/3 days Ans.

i. A and B can together finish a work in 30 days. They worked at it for 20 days and then B left. The remaining work was done by A alone in 20 more days. A alone can finish the work in.

Solution:

Let work done by (A+B) in per day=1 unit

Total work done by (A+B) in 30 days=30 unit

Total work done by (A+B) in 20 days=20 unit

Now,

Remaining work=30-20=10 unit

work done by A in 20 days=10 unit

∴ work done by A in 1 day=10/20 unit

=0.5 unit

Time taken by A=30/0.5

=60 days Ans.

j. A can do a piece of work in 24 days. When he had worked for 4 days. B joined him. If complete work was finished in 16 days, B can alone finish that work in.

Solution:

Let work done by A in per day=1 unit

Total work done by A in 24 days=24 unit

work done by A in 4 days=4 unit

remaining work=24-4=20 unit

work done by A+B in 12 days=20 unit

work done by A+B in 1 days=20/12

Now,

A+B=20/12

1+B=20/12

∴ B=2/3

Time taken by B=24/(2/3)

=36 days Ans.

k. A and B alone can complete work in 9 days and 18 days respectively. They worked together; however 3 days before the completion of the work A left. In how many days was the work completed?

Solution:

Let A= A unit work per day

B= B unit work per day

Now,

Eqn-1	Eqn-2
$(A) \times 9 = (B) \times 18$	$(A) \times 9 = (B) \times 18$
$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{18}{9} = \frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{18}{9} = \frac{2}{1}$

Put the value of A in eqn-1, you will get total work

so, total work=2×9=18 unit

work done by B in 3 days=3×1=3 unit

Remaining work=18-3=15 unit

Total work done by A+B in 1 day=(2+1)=3 unit

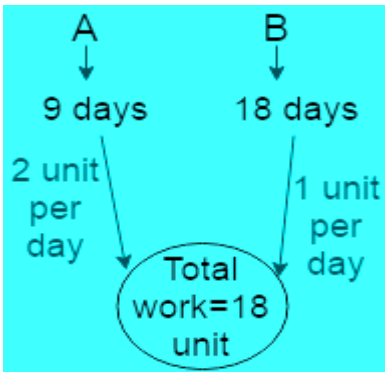
Time taken by(A+B)=15/3

=5 days

Total time=3+5

=8 days Ans.

Method-2



Work done by B in 3 days $= 3 \times 1 = 3$ unit

Remaining work $= 18 - 3 = 15$ unit

Total work done by A+B in 1 day $= (2+1) = 3$ unit

Time taken by (A+B) $= 15/3$

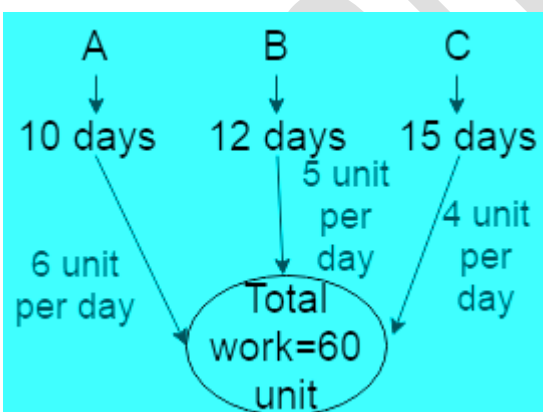
$= 5$ days

Total time $= 3 + 5$

$= 8$ days Ans.

l. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 10, 12, and 15 days respectively. They began the work together but B leaves after two days, how long would it take A and C to finish the Remaining work?

Solution:



Note: [L.C.M of 10,12,15=60 and $60/10=6$, $60/12=5$, $60/15=4$]

Total work done by A, B, and C in 1 day $= (6+5+4)$ unit $= 15$ unit

Total work done by A, B, and C in 2 day $= 15 \times 2 = 30$ unit

Remaining work $= 60 - 30 = 30$ unit

When B left the job then

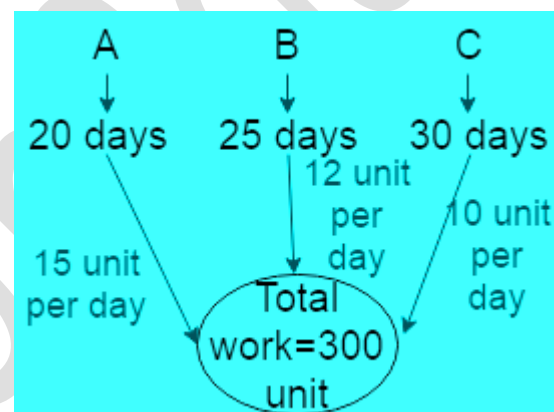
Total work done by A and C in 1 day $= 6 + 4 = 10$ unit

Time taken by A and C $= 30/10$

$= 3$ days Ans.

m. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 20, 25, and 30 days respectively. They began the work together but C leaves after 3 days. In how many days the whole work was completed?

Solution:



Note: [L.C.M of 20,25,30=300 and $300/20=15$, $300/25=12$, $300/30=10$]

Work done by A, B, and C in 1 day $= (15+12+10)$ unit $= 37$ unit

Total work done by A, B, and C in 3 day $= 37 \times 3 = 111$ unit

Remaining work $= 300 - 111 = 189$ unit

When C left the work then

Work done by A+B in 1 day $= 15 + 12 = 27$ unit

Time taken by (A+B) $= 189/27$

$= 7$ days

The whole work was completed in $= 3 + 7$

$= 10$ days Ans.

n. A, B, and C together can do a piece of work in 40 days. After working with A, B and C for 16 days, A leaves and then B and C complete the remaining work in 40 days more. A alone could do the work in.

Solution:

Let work done by (A+B+C) in per day=1 unit

Total work done by (A+B+C) in 40 day=40 unit

Total work done by (A+B+C) in 16 day=16 unit

Now,

Remaining work=40-16=24 unit

work done by B and C in 40 days =24 unit

work done by B and C in 1 day =24/40

$$=0.6 \text{ unit}$$

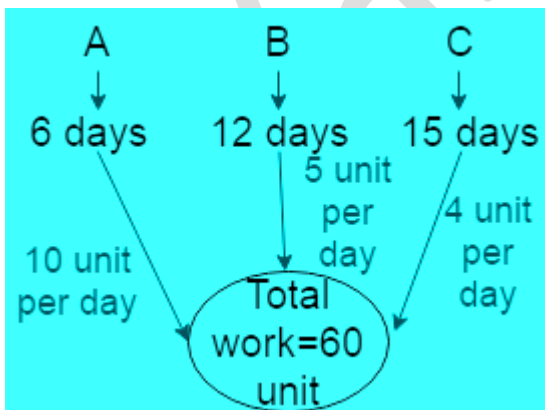
Efficiency(eff.) of A=Eff. of(A+B+C)-Eff. of (B+C)

$$= 1-0.6=0.4 \text{ unit per day}$$

Time taken by A=40/0.4=100 days Ans.

o. A, B, and C can do a job in 6 days, 12 days and 15 days respectively. After 1/8 of the work is completed, C leaves the job. Rest of the work is done by A and B together. Time taken to finish the work is.

Solution:



Now,

$$60 \times (1/8) = 7.5 \text{ unit}$$

Remaining work=60-7.50=52.50 unit

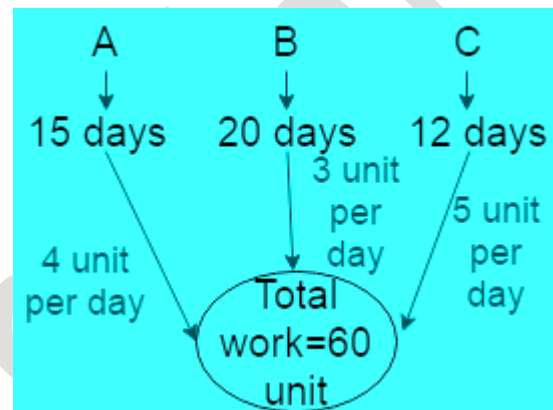
Work done by A+B in 1 days=10+5=15 unit

Time taken by (A+B)=52.50/15

$$=7/2=3 \frac{1}{2} \text{ days Ans.}$$

p. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 15, 20, and 12 days respectively. They began the work together but A left 5 days before completion of the work. In how many days was the work done?

Solution:



Note: [L.C.M of 15,20,12=60 and 60/15=4, 60/20=3, 60/12=5]

Work done by B and C in 1 day=(3+5)unit=8 unit

Total work done by B and C in 5 day=8×5=40 unit

Remaining Work=60-40=20 unit

Work done by A, B, and C in 1 day=(4+3+5)unit=12 unit

Now,

20 unit work is done by A, B and C so,

Time taken by (A+B+C)=20/12

$$=5/3 \text{ days}$$

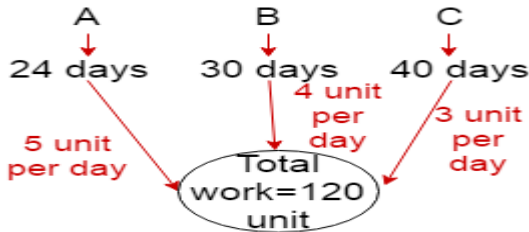
Total time=5+(5/3)

$$=20/3 \text{ days Ans.}$$

q. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 24, 30, and 40 days respectively. They began the work together but C

left 4 days before completion of the work. In how many days was the work done?

Solution:



Work done by A and B in 1 day = $(5+4)$ unit = 9 unit

Total work done by A and B in 4 day = $9 \times 4 = 36$ unit

Remaining Work = $120 - 36 = 84$ unit

Work done by A, B, and C in 1 day = $(5+4+3)$ unit = 12 unit

Now,

84 unit work is done by A, B and C so,

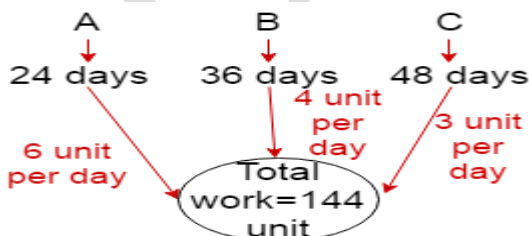
Time taken by $(A+B+C) = 84/12$

= 7 days

Total time = $4 + 7 = 11$ days Ans.

r. A, B, and C can complete a work separately in 24, 36, and 48 days respectively. They started work together but C left after 4 days of start and A left 3 days before the completion of the work. In how many days will the work be completed.

Solution:



Work done $(A+B+C)$ in 1 day = $(6+4+3) = 13$ unit

Work done $(A+B+C)$ in 4 day = $13 \times 4 = 52$ unit

Remaining work = $144 - 52 = 92$ unit.

Now,

Work done by B in 3 days = $3 \times 4 = 12$ unit

Remaining work = $92 - 12 = 80$ unit

Work done by $(A+B)$ in 1 day = $(6+4) = 10$ unit

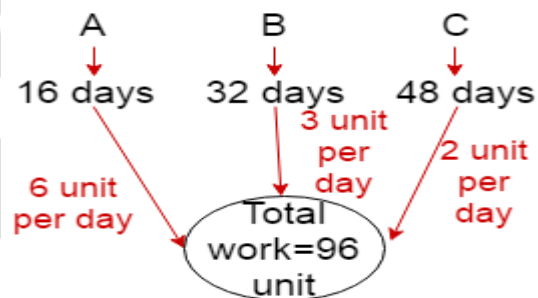
Time taken by $(A+B) = 80/10$

= 8 days

Total time = $(4+3+8) = 15$ days Ans.

s. A, B, and C can do a work separately in 16, 32, and 48 days respectively. They started the work together but B left off 8 days and C 6 days before the completion of the work. In what time is the work finished?

Solution:



Work done by $(A+C)$ in 1 day = $6+2 = 8$ unit

\therefore Work done by $(A+C)$ in 2 day = $8 \times 2 = 16$ unit.

Remaining work = $96 - 16 = 80$ unit.

Work done by A in 6 day = $6 \times 6 = 36$ unit

Remaining work = $80 - 36 = 44$ unit.

Time taken by $(A+B+C) = 44/11$

= 4 days

Total days = $2+6+4 = 12$ days Ans.

Method-2

Let the whole work be completed in x days

According to the question,

$$\frac{x}{16} + \frac{x-8}{32} + \frac{x-6}{48} = 1$$

$$\frac{6x+3(x-8)+2(x-6)}{96} = 1$$

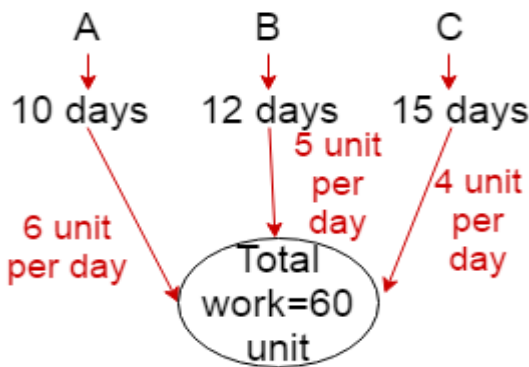
$$6x+3x-24+2x-12=96$$

$$11x-36=96$$

$$x=12 \text{ days Ans.}$$

t. A, B and C can complete a work in 10, 12 and 15 days respectively. A left the work 5 days before the work was completed and B left 2 days after A had left. Number of days required to complete the whole work is:

Solution:



Work done by (B+C) in 1 day = 5+4=9 unit

∴ Work done by (B+C) in 2 day = 9×2=18 unit.

Remaining work = 60-18=42 unit

now,

Work done by C in 3 day = 4×3=12 unit

Remaining work = 42-12=30 unit

Time taken by (A+B+C) = 30/15

=2 days

Total days = 2+3+2=7 days Ans.

Method-2

Let the whole work be completed in x days

According to the question,

$$\frac{x-5}{10} + \frac{x-3}{12} + \frac{x}{15} = 1$$

$$\frac{6(x-5)+5(x-3)+4x}{60} = 1$$

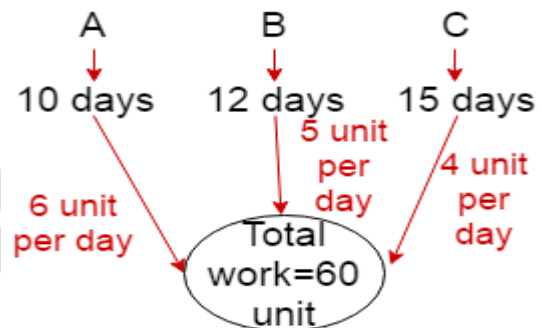
$$6x-30+5x-15+4x=60$$

$$15x-45=60$$

$$x=7 \text{ days Ans.}$$

u. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 10, 12, and 15 days respectively. They began the work together but B leaves after two days, how long would it take A and C to finish the Remaining work?

Solution:



Note: [L.C.M of 10,12,15=60 and 60/10=6, 60/12=5, 60/15=4]

Total work done by A, B, and C in 1 day = (6+5+4) unit = 15 unit

Total work done by A, B, and C in 2 day = 15×2=30 unit

Remaining work = 60-30=30 unit

When B left the job then

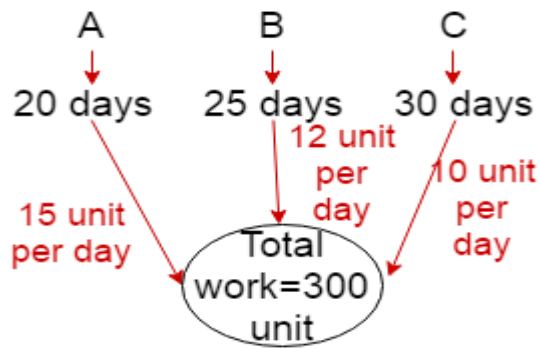
Total work done by A and C in 1 day = 6+4=10 unit

Time taken by A and C = 30/10

=3 days Ans.

v. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 20, 25, and 30 days respectively. They began the work together but C leaves after 3 days. In how many days the whole work was completed?

Solution:



Note: [L.C.M of 20,25,30=300 and $300/20=15$, $300/25=12$, $300/30=10$]

Work done by A, B, and C in 1 day = $(15+12+10)$ unit = 37 unit

Total work done by A, B, and C in 3 day = $37 \times 3 = 111$ unit

Remaining work = $300 - 111 = 189$ unit

When C left the work then

Work done by A+B in 1 day = $15+12=27$ unit

Time taken by (A+B) = $189/27$

= 7 days

The whole work was completed in = $3+7$

= 10 days Ans.

w. A, B, and C together can do a piece of work in 40 days. After working with A, B and C for 16 days, A leaves and then B and C complete the remaining work in 40 days more. A alone could do the work in.

Solution:

Let work done by (A+B+C) in per day = 1 unit

Total work done by (A+B+C) in 40 day = 40 unit

Total work done by (A+B+C) in 16 day = 16 unit

Now,

Remaining work = $40 - 16 = 24$ unit

work done by B and C in 40 days = 24 unit

work done by B and C in 1 day = $24/40$

= 0.6 unit

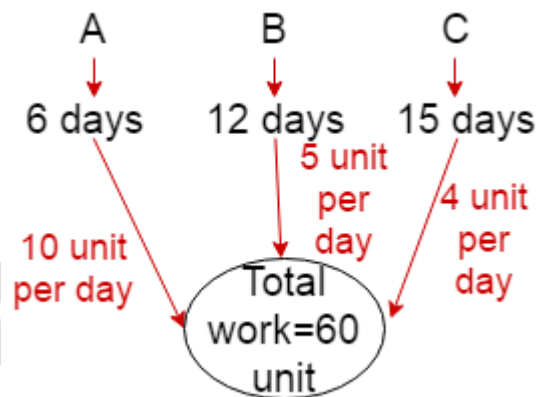
Efficiency (eff.) of A = Eff. of (A+B+C) - Eff. of (B+C)

= $1 - 0.6 = 0.4$ unit per day

Time taken by A = $40/0.4 = 100$ days Ans.

x. A, B, and C can do a job in 6 days, 12 days and 15 days respectively. After $1/8$ of the work is completed, C leaves the job. Rest of the work is done by A and B together. Time taken to finish the work is.

Solution:



Now,

$60 \times (1/8) = 7.5$ unit

Remaining work = $60 - 7.5 = 52.5$ unit

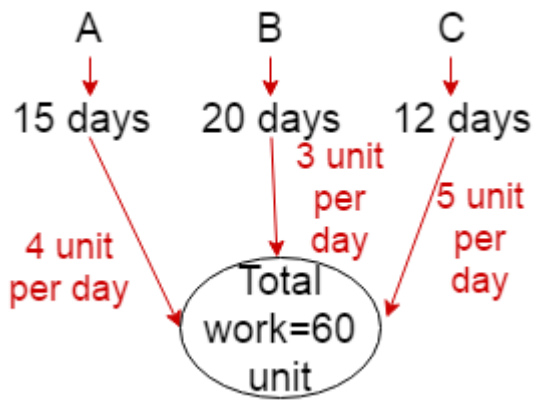
Work done by A + B in 1 day = $10 + 5 = 15$ unit

Time taken by (A+B) = $52.5/15$

= $7/2 = 3 \frac{1}{2}$ days Ans.

y. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 15, 20, and 12 days respectively. They began the work together but A left 5 days before completion of the work. In how many days was the work done?

Solution:



Note: [L.C.M of 15,20,12=60 and $60/15=4$, $60/20=3$, $60/12=5$]

Work done by B and C in 1 day $= (3+5)\text{unit}=8\text{ unit}$

Total work done by B and C in 5 day $= 8 \times 5 = 40\text{ unit}$

Remaining Work $= 60 - 40 = 20\text{ unit}$

Work done by A, B, and C in 1 day $= (4+3+5)\text{unit}=12\text{ unit}$

Now,

20 unit work is done by A, B and C so,

Time taken by (A+B+C) $= 20/12$

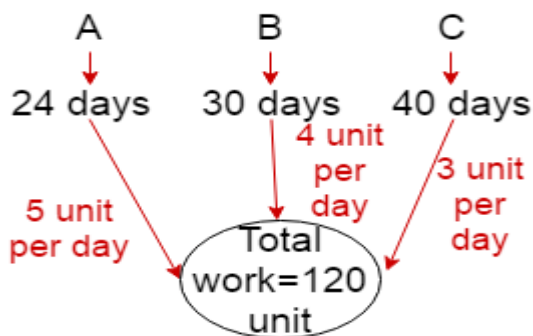
$= 5/3\text{ days}$

Total time $= 5 + (5/3)$

$= 20/3\text{ days Ans.}$

z. A, B, and C can do a piece of work in 24, 30, and 40 days respectively. They began the work together but C left 4 days before completion of the work. In how many days was the work done?

Solution:



Work done by A and B in 1 day $= (5+4)\text{unit}=9\text{ unit}$

Total work done by A and B in 4 day $= 9 \times 4 = 36\text{ unit}$

Remaining Work $= 120 - 36 = 84\text{ unit}$

Work done by A, B, and C in 1 day $= (5+4+3)\text{unit}=12\text{ unit}$

Now,

84 unit work is done by A, B and C so,

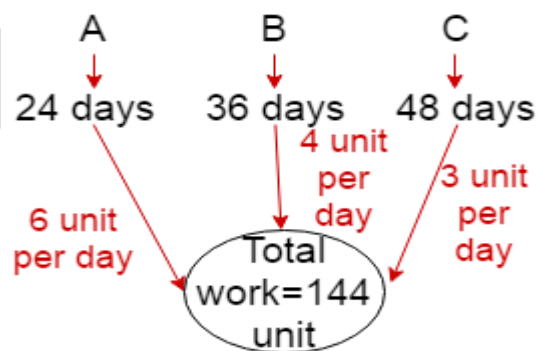
Time taken by (A+B+C) $= 84/12$

$= 7\text{ days}$

Total time $= 4 + 7 = 11\text{ days Ans.}$

A, B, and C can complete a work separately in 24, 36, and 48 days respectively. They started work together but C left after 4 days of start and A left 3 days before the completion of the work. In how many days will the work be completed.

Solution:



Work done (A+B+C) in 1 day $= (6+4+3)=13\text{ unit}$

Work done (A+B+C) in 4 day $= 13 \times 4 = 52\text{ unit}$

Remaining work $= 144 - 52 = 92\text{ unit.}$

Now,

Work done by B in 3 days $= 3 \times 4 = 12\text{ unit}$

Remaining work $= 92 - 12 = 80\text{ unit}$

Work done by (A+B) in 1 day $= (6+4)=10\text{ unit}$

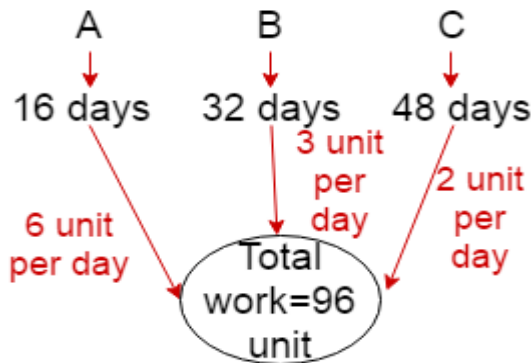
Time taken by (A+B) $= 80/10$

=8 days

Total time=(4+3+8)=15 days Ans.

A, B, and C can do a work separately in 16, 32, and 48 days respectively. They started the work together but B left off 8 days and C 6 days before the completion of the work. In what time is the work finished?

Solution:



Work done by (A+C) in 1 day = 6+2=8 unit

∴ Work done by (A+C) in 2 day = 8×2=16 unit.

Remaining work = 96-16=80 unit.

Work done by A in 6 day = 6×6=36 unit

Remaining work = 80-36=44 unit.

Time taken by (A+B+C) = 44/11

=4 days

Total days = 2+6+4=12 days Ans.

Method-2

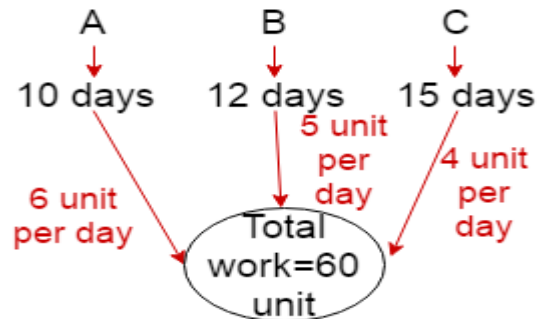
Let the whole work be completed in x days

According to the question,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{16} + \frac{x-8}{32} + \frac{x-6}{48} &= 1 \\ \frac{6x+3(x-8)+2(x-6)}{96} &= 1 \\ 6x+3x-24+2x-12 &= 96 \\ 11x-36 &= 96 \\ x &= 12 \text{ days Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

A, B and C can complete a work in 10, 12 and 15 days respectively. A left the work 5 days before the work was completed and B left 2 days after A had left. Number of days required to complete the whole work is:

Solution:



Work done by (B+C) in 1 day = 5+4=9 unit

∴ Work done by (B+C) in 2 day = 9×2=18 unit.

Remaining work = 60-18=42 unit

now,

Work done by C in 3 day = 4×3=12 unit

Remaining work = 42-12=30 unit

Time taken by (A+B+C) = 30/15

=2 days

Total days = 2+3+2=7 days Ans.

Method-2

Let the whole work be completed in x days

According to the question,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x-5}{10} + \frac{x-3}{12} + \frac{x}{15} &= 1 \\ \frac{6(x-5)+5(x-3)+4x}{60} &= 1 \\ 6x-30+5x-15+4x &= 60 \\ 15x-45 &= 60 \\ x &= 7 \text{ days Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

2 men and 3 boys can complete a work in 10 days, while 3 men and 2 boys can complete in 8 days. In how many days can 2 men and 1 boy complete the same work?

Solution:

Let 1 man = m unit work per day

1 woman = w unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eqn-1} \quad (2m+3b) \times 10 &= \text{Eqn-2} \quad (3m+2b) \times 8 \\ 20m+30b &= 24m+16b \\ \frac{m}{b} &= \frac{7}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: [1 man = 7 unit work per day 1 boy = 2 unit work per day]

Put the value of m and b in eqn-1

$$= (2 \times 7 + 3 \times 2) \times 10$$

$$= 200 \text{ unit i.e total work}$$

Now,

work done by 2 men and 1 boy in 1 day

$$= 2m + 1b = (20 \times 3 + 6 \times 2)$$

$$= 16 \text{ unit}$$

so, total time taken by 2 men and 1 boy = $200/16$

$$= 12 \frac{1}{2} \text{ days Ans.}$$

10 men and 15 women together can complete a piece of work in 6 days. A man alone can complete the work in 100 days. In how many days can one woman alone complete the work?

Solution:

Let 1 man = m unit work per day

1 woman = w unit work per day

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eqn-1} \quad (10m+15w) \times 6 &= \text{Eqn-2} \quad (1m) \times 100 \\ 60m+90w &= 100m \\ \frac{w}{m} &= \frac{4}{9} \end{aligned}$$

Note: [1 man = 9 unit work per day 1 woman = 4 unit work per day]

Put the value of m in eqn-2

$$= 100 \times 9$$

$$= 900 \text{ unit i.e total work}$$

Now,

1 woman = 4 unit work per day

so, the total time taken by 1 woman = $900/4$

$$= 225 \text{ days Ans.}$$

If 8 men or 12 boys can do a piece of work in 16 days, the number of days required to complete the work by 20 men and 6 boys is.

Solution:

Let 1 man = m unit work per day

1 boy = b unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eqn-1} \quad (8m) \times 16 &= \text{Eqn-2} \quad (12b) \times 16 \\ \frac{m}{b} &= \frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: [1 man = 3 unit work per day 1 boy = 2 unit work per day]

Put the value of m in eqn-1

$$= (8 \times 3) \times 16$$

$$= 384 \text{ i.e total work}$$

Now,

work done by 20 men and 6 boy in 1 day

$$= 20m + 6b = (20 \times 3 + 6 \times 2)$$

$$= 72 \text{ unit}$$

so, the total time taken by 20 men and 6 boy=384/72

=5 $\frac{1}{3}$ days Ans.

If 4 men or 6 women can do a piece of work in 12 days working 7 hours a day; how many days will it take to complete a work twice as large with 10 men and 3 women working together 8 hours a day?

Solution:

Let 1 man=m unit work per day

1 boy=b unit work per day

Now,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Eqn-1} & \text{Eqn-2} \\ (4m) \times 84 = (6w) \times 84 & \\ \frac{m}{w} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2} & \end{array}$$

Note:[1 man=3 unit work per day 1 women=2 unit work per day]

Put the value of m in eqn-1

=(4×3)×84

=1008 unit i.e total work

Now,

work done by 10 men and 3 women in 1 day

=10m+3w=(10×3+3×2)

=36 unit

so, the total time taken by 10 men and 3 women=(2×1008)/(36×8)

=7 days Ans.

If 1 men or 2 women or 3 boys can do a piece of work in 44 days, then the same piece of work will be done by 1 man, 1 woman and 1 boy in.

Solution:

Let 1 men=m unit work per day

1 woman=w unit work per day

1 boy=b unit work per day

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Eqn-1} & \text{Eqn-2} & \text{Eqn-3} \\ (1m) \times 44 = (2w) \times 44 = (3b) \times 44 & & \\ 1m = 2w = 3b = 6 \text{ (Note L.C.M of 1,2,3=6)} & & \\ 1m=6 & & \\ m=6 \text{ i.e 1 man 6 unit work per day} & & \\ 2w=6 & & \\ w=3 \text{ i.e 1 woman 3 unit work per day} & & \\ 3b=6 & & \\ b=2 \text{ i.e 1 boy 2 unit work per day} & & \end{array}$$

put the value of m in eqn-1

=(1×6)×44

=264 unit i.e total work

work done by 1 man, 1 women and 1 boy in 1 day

=1m+1w+1b=(1×6+1×3+1×2)

=11 unit

so, the total time taken by 1 man, 1 women and 1 boy=264/11

=24 days Ans.

Some staff promised to do a job in 18 days, but 6 of them went on leave. So the remaining men took 20 days to complete the job. How many men were there originally?

Solution:

Let number of men originally=x

∴ M1D1 = M2D2

⇒ x×18 = (x-6)×20

⇒ -2x = -144

∴ x=60 men Ans.

A certain number of men can do a piece of work in 40 days. If there were 45 men more the work could have been finished in 25 days. Find the original number of men employed in the work.

Solution:

Let number of men originally = x

$$\therefore M_1D_1 = M_2D_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 40 = (x+45) \times 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 15x = 1125$$

$$\therefore x = 75 \text{ men Ans.}$$

A certain number of men can do a work in 40 days. If there were 8 men more, it could be finished in 10 days less. How many men were there initially?

Solution:

Let number of men originally = x

$$\therefore M_1D_1 = M_2D_2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \times 40 = (x+8) \times 30$$

$$\Rightarrow 10x = 240$$

$$\therefore x = 24 \text{ men Ans.}$$

A company employed 200 workers to complete a certain work in 150 days. If only one-fourth of the work has been done in 50 days, then in order to complete the whole work in time, the number of additional workers to be employed was.

Solution:

Let total work = 1

200 workers will do $\frac{1}{4}$ work in 50 days

$$\text{Remaining work} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Remaining time} = 150 - 50 = 100 \text{ days}$$

Let number of additional workers = x

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_1D_1}{W_1} &= \frac{M_2D_2}{W_2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{200 \times 50}{\frac{1}{4}} &= \frac{(200+x) \times 100}{\frac{3}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 100 \text{ Ans.}$$

A contractor was engaged to construct a road in 16 days. After working for 12 days with 20 labours it was found that only $\frac{5}{8}$ th of the road had been constructed. To complete the work in stipulated time the number of extra labours required is.

Solution:

Let total work = 1

20 workers will do $\frac{5}{8}$ work in 12 days

$$\text{Remaining work} = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{8}\right) = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\text{Remaining time} = 16 - 12 = 4 \text{ days}$$

Let number of extra labours = x

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_1D_1}{W_1} &= \frac{M_2D_2}{W_2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{20 \times 12}{\frac{5}{8}} &= \frac{(20+x) \times 4}{\frac{3}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 \times 12 \times 3 = (20+x) \times 4 \times 5$$

$$\therefore x = 16 \text{ labours Ans.}$$

Mohan completes $\frac{2}{3}$ of his work in 10 days. Time he will take to complete $\frac{3}{5}$ of the same work is.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_1D_1}{W_1} &= \frac{M_2D_2}{W_2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{10}{\frac{2}{3}} &= \frac{D_2}{\frac{3}{5}} \\ \mathbf{D_2} &= \mathbf{9 \text{ days Ans.}} \end{aligned}$$

15 men take 20 days to complete a job working 8 hours a day. The number of hours a day should 20 men take to complete the job in 12 days.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_1 D_1 T_1 &= M_2 D_2 T_2 \\
 15 \times 20 \times 8 &= 20 \times 12 \times T_2 \\
 T_2 &= 10 \text{ hours Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$

If 90 men can do a certain job in 16 days, working 12 hours per day, then the part of that work which can be completed by 70 men in 24 days, working 8 hours per day is.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{M_1 D_1 T_1}{W_1} &= \frac{M_2 D_2 T_2}{W_2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{90 \times 16 \times 12}{W_1} &= \frac{70 \times 24 \times 8}{W_2} \\
 W_2 &= \frac{7}{9} \text{ parts Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$

8 workers can build a wall 18m long, 2m broad and 12m high in 10 days, working 9 hours a day. Find how many workers will be able to build a wall 32m long, 3m broad and 9m high in 8 days working 6 hours a day.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{M_1 D_1 T_1}{W_1} &= \frac{M_2 D_2 T_2}{W_2} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{8 \times 10 \times 9}{18 \times 2 \times 12} &= \frac{M_2 \times 8 \times 6}{32 \times 3 \times 9} \\
 M_2 &= 30 \text{ Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$

About "LCM method for time and work problems"

LCM Method to solve Time and Work Problems

Step 1 : Find LCM for all the given days/hours/minutes

Step 2 : LCM to be considered as total amount of work to be completed

Step 3 : Then use the formula given below

$$\text{No. of Days} = \frac{\text{Total work Units}}{\text{No. of units completed per unit}}$$

$$\text{No. of units completed per Day} = \frac{\text{Total work unit}}{\text{No. of Days}}$$

Some example problems on "LCM method for time and work problems".

Examples on "LCM method for time and work problems"

Example 1 :

A can do a piece of work in 8 days. B can do the same in 14 days. In how many days can the work be completed if A and B work together?

Solution :

Let us find LCM for the given no. of days "8" and "14".

$$\text{L.C.M of (8, 14)} = 56$$

Therefore, total work = 56 units

$$\text{A can do} = 56 / 8 = 7 \text{ units/day}$$

$$\text{B can do} = 56 / 14 = 4 \text{ units/day}$$

$$(\text{A} + \text{B}) \text{ can do} = 11 \text{ units per day}$$

No. of days taken by (A+B) to complete the same work

$$= 56 / 11 \text{ days}$$

Example 5 :

A and B each working alone can do a work in 20 days and 15 days respectively. They started the work together, but B left after sometime and A finished the remaining work in 6 days. After how many days from the start, did B leave?

Solution :

Let us find LCM for the given no. of days "20" and "15".

L.C.M of (20, 15) = 60 units

Therefore, total work = 60 units.

A can do = $60/20 = 3$ units/day

B can do = $60/15 = 4$ units/day

(A + B) can do = 7 units/day

The work done by A alone in 6 days = $6 \times 3 = 18$ units

Then the work done by (A+B) = $60 - 18 = 42$ units

Initially, no. of days worked by A and B together
= $42/7 = 6$ days

Example 8 :

Two pipes A and B can fill a tank in 16 minutes and 20 minutes respectively. If both the pipes are opened simultaneously, how long will it take to complete fill the tank ?

Solution :

Let us find LCM of the given no. of minutes "16" and "20"

LCM of (16, 20) = 80

Total work = 80 units

A can fill = $80/16 = 5$ units/min

B can fill = $80/20 = 4$ units/min

(A+B) can fill = 9 units/min

No. of minutes taken by (A+B) to fill the tank

= $80/9 = 8 \frac{8}{9}$ minutes

Example 9 :

Pipe A can fill a tank in 10 minutes. Pipe B can fill the same tank in 6 minutes. Pipe C can empty the tank in 12 minutes. If all of them work together, find the time taken to fill the empty tank.

Solution :

Let us find LCM of the given no. of minutes "10", "6" and "12"

LCM of (10, 6, 12) = 60

Total work = 60 units

A can fill = $60/10 = 6$ units/min

B can fill = $60/6 = 10$ units/min

(A+B) can fill = 16 units/min

C can empty = $60/12 = 5$ units/min

If all of them work together,

$(6 + 10 - 5) = 11$ units/min will be filled

If all of them work together, time taken to fill the empty tank

= $60/11 = 5 \frac{5}{11}$ minutes

Formula required for Time and Work problems:

1. If 'A' can do the work in 'n' days , Then A's one day work is $1/n$

Tricks and Tips to solve Aptitude problems on Time and Work:

For Example, 'A' can do the work in 2 days, in one day he does half of the work (that is $1/2$ work). It is simple, he can do the work in 2 days, that means first days he completed 50% of the work and second day finishing 50% of the work.

2. If A's 1 day's work is $1/n$, then A can finish the work in 'n' days.

Tricks and Tips to solve Aptitude problems on Time and Work

For example, A can finish the work in 3 days that means in first day he finishing $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of work, second day $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of work and third day $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of work.

Example Problems on Time and Work with solutions :

If A can finish a work in 2 days, B can finish the work in 3 days, then How many days together takes to finish the work?

General Method to solve Aptitude problems on Time and work:

A) as per first formulae A's one day work is $1/2$
B's one day work is $1/3$

Now A and B work together in one day is
 $(1/2) + (1/3) = 5/6$

In one day A and B together work in one days is $5/6$,
So number of days they take together to finish the work is $6/5$. (as per second formula)

Tricks and tips to solve Aptitude problems on Time and Work:

a) If A can finish a work in x days, B can finish the work in y days, then A and B together takes time to finish the work is $xy/(x+y)$

Check the answer with general method, A in 2 days, B in 3 days then A+B in $2*3/(2+3) = 6/5$ days

b) If A can finish a work in x days, B can finish the work in y days, C can finish the work in z days then now together A&B&C finish the job in $(x*y*z)/(xy+yz+zx)$

Example problems on Time and Work with solutions :

1. If A can finish a work in 3 days, B can finish the work in 6 days, then How many days together takes to finish the work?

Tips and Tricks to solve Time and work problems:

As per short cut method answer is $3*6/(3+6) = 18/9 = 2$ days

One more trick to solve this type of Aptitude problems on time and work

Tricks and tips: Let Assume the job is 6 units (L.C.M of 3 and 6) (whatever it may be like making burgers or walking kilometers etc)

A--> 3 days - > $6/3 = 2$ units per day

B--> 6 days - > $6/6 = 1$ unit per day

A+B -> 3 units per day

The total job is 6 units, so A and B together complete the work in $6/3 = 2$ days.

2. If A can finish a work in 12 hours, B can finish the same work in 15 hours, then How many minutes together takes to finish the work?

Tricks to solve Time and work problems Aptitude :

Let Assume the job is 60 units (L.C.M of 12 and 15)

A--> 12 hours - > $60/12 = 5$ units per day

B--> 15 hours - > $60/15 = 4$ unit per day

A+B -> 9 units per day

The total job is 60 units, so A and B together complete the work in $60/9 = 20/3$ hours

$20*60/3$ minutes = 400 minutes

3. A can do the work in 20 days, B can do the same work in 30 days. A,B and C together completed work in 10 days. In how many days C alone can do the work?

Tricks and Tips to solve Time and work Aptitude problems:

Total work = 60 units (LCM of 20, 30,10)

A can do 3 units per day

B can do 2 units per day

A & B & C can do 6 units per day

A-- > 3

B--- > 2

c- > ?

A + B + C --> 6

So C can do 1 unit per day (6-3-2)

Total job is 60 units, So C alone the complete job in $60/1 = 60$ days

4. A and B together can complete a work in 12 hours. B and C together can complete a same work in 15 hours. C and A together can complete a same work in 20 hours. In how many hours A & B & C together complete the work?

- A) 5 B) 6 C) 10
D) 12

Time and work problems tricks:

Total work = 60 units (LCM of 12, 15, 20)

A & B-- > $60/12 = 5$ units/day

B & C--- > $60/15 = 4$ units/day

C & A-- > $60/20 = 3$ units/day

$$\begin{aligned} 2(A + B + C) &= 12 \text{ units/day} \\ \Rightarrow (A + B + C) &= 6 \text{ units/day} \end{aligned}$$

Total job is 60 units. So A & B & C together complete the work in $60/6 = 10$ days

5. A and B together can complete a work in 12 hours. B and C together can complete a same work in 15 hours. C and A together can complete a same work in 20 hours. In How many hours B alone complete the task?

Tricks and Tips to solve Aptitude problems on Time and work with examples:

As the previous question answer $(A + B + C) = 6$ units/day

B one day work is $(A + B + C)$ one day work - C & A one day work

$B = 6 - 3 = 3$ units per day

Total job is 60 units. So B alone can complete the $60/3 = 20$ days

Examples

Q1. Ash can do a job in 10 days. Bali can do the same job in 5 days. In how many days they can complete the job if they work together?

1. 6 days
2. 3.33 days
3. 7.25 days
4. 7.5 days
5. None of these

Ans: 3.33 days

Solution: Ash can do a job in 10 days,

So efficiency of Ash = $100/10 = 10\%$

Similarly, Bali's efficiency = $100/5 = 20\%$

Combined efficiency of Ash + Bali per day becomes $= 20 + 10 = 30\%$

Now, we have to find out the number of days taken by both Ash and Bali to do 100% work,

Since they can do 30% work in 1 day,

So, they will 100% work in $100/30 = 3.33$ days

NOTE: Efficiencies get added directly!

Q2: A can do a work in 6 days and B can do the same work in 5 days. The contract for the work is Rs 220. How much shall B get if both of them work together?

Shortcut trick : As wages distributed in inverse proportion of number of days, their share should be in the ratio 5:6

B's share = $220/11 * 6 = 120$

Most of the time and work questions can be solved if you know the basic correlation between time, work and man-hours.

- **Analogy between problems on time and work to time, distance and speed:**

1. Speed is equivalent to rate at which work is done
2. Distance travelled is equivalent to work done.
3. Time to travel distance is equivalent to time to do work.

• **Man - Work - Hour Formula:**

1. More men can do more work.
2. More work means more time required to do work.
3. More men can do more work in less time.
4. MM men can do a piece of work in TT hours, then Total effort or work = MT man hours Total effort or work = MT man hours.
5. Rate of work * Time = Work Done
Rate of work * Time = Work Done
6. If AA can do a piece of work in DD days, then AA's 1 day's work = $\frac{1D}{1D}$.
Part of work done by AA for tt days = $\frac{tD}{1D}$.
7. If AA's 1 day's work = $\frac{1D}{1D}$, then AA can finish the work in DD days.
8. MDHW=Constant MDHW=Constant
Where,

M = Number of men

D = Number of days

H = Number of hours per day

W = Amount of work

9. If M_1 men can do W_1 work in D_1 days working H_1 hours per day and M_2 men can do W_2 work in D_2 days working H_2 hours per day, then

$$M_1 D_1 H_1 W_1 = M_2 D_2 H_2 W_2$$

10. If AA is xx times as good a workman as BB, then:

- Ratio of work done by AA and BB = $x:1x:1$

- Ratio of times taken by AA and BB to finish a work = $1:x:1$ ie; AA will take $(1x)^{th}$ of the time taken by BB to do the same work.

Shortcuts for frequently asked time and work problems

- AA and BB can do a piece of work in 'a' days and 'b' days respectively, then working together:
 1. They will complete the work in $\frac{ab}{a+b}$ days
 2. In one day, they will finish $\frac{a+b}{ab}$ part of work.
- If AA can do a piece of work in aa days, BB can do in bb days and CC can do in cc days then,

A, B and C together can finish the same work in $\frac{abc}{ab+bc+ca}$ days
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- If AA can do a work in xx days and AA and BB together can do the same work in yy days then,

Number of days required to complete the work if B works alone = $\frac{xy}{y-x}$ days
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- If AA and BB together can do a piece of work in xx days, BB and CC together can do it in yy days and CC and AA together can do it in zz days, then number of days required to do the same work:

1. If A, B, and C working together
= $\frac{xyz}{xy+yz+zx}$
2. If A working alone
= $\frac{xyz}{xy+yz-zx}$
3. If B working alone
= $\frac{xyz}{-xy+yz+zx}$
4. If C working alone
= $\frac{xyz}{xy-yz+zx}$

- If AA and BB can together complete a job in xx days.
If AA alone does the work and takes aa days more than AA and BB working together.
If BB alone does the work and takes bb days more than AA and BB working together.

Then, $x = \frac{ab}{a+b}$ days

- If m_1 men or b_1 boys can complete a work in DD days, then m_2 men and b_2 boys can complete the same work in $\frac{m_1 b_2 DD}{m_2 b_1 + m_1 b_2}$ days.
- If mm men or ww women or bb boys can do work in DD days, then 1 man, 1 woman and 1 boy together can together do the same work in $\frac{Dm}{m} + \frac{Dw}{w} + \frac{Db}{b}$ days
- If the number of men to do a job is changed in the ratio $a:b$, then the time required to do the work will be changed in the inverse ratio. i.e; $b:a$
- If people work for same number of days, ratio in which the total money earned has to be shared is the ratio of work done per day by each one of them.
AA, BB, CC can do a piece of work in xx , yy , zz days respectively. The ratio in which the amount earned should be shared is $1x:1y:1z = yz:zx:xy$
- If people work for different number of days, ratio in which the total money earned has to be shared is the ratio of work done by each one of them.

Special cases of time and work problems

- Given a number of people work together/alone for different time periods to complete a work, for eg: AA and BB work together for few days, then CC joins them, after few days BB leaves the job. To solve such problems, following procedure can be adopted.

1. Let the entire job be completed in DD days.

2. Let sum of parts of the work completed by each person = 1.
3. Find out part of work done by each person with respect to DD . This can be easily found out if you calculate how many days each person worked with respect to DD .
4. Substitute values found out in Step 3 in Step 2 and solve the equation to get unknowns.

- A certain no of men can do the work in DD days. If there were mm more men, the work can be done in dd days less. How many men were there initially?

Let the initial number of men be MM

Number of man days to complete work = MD

If there are $M+m$ men, days taken = $D-d$

So, man days = $(M+m)(D-d)$

i.e; $MD = (M+m)(D-d)$

$M(D-(D-d)) = m(D-d)$

$M = m(D-d)d$

- A certain no of men can do the work in DD days. If there were mm less men, the work can be done in ddd days more. How many men were initially?

Let the initial number of men be MM

Number of man days to complete work = MD

If there are $M-m$ men, days taken = $D+d$

So, man days = $(M-m)(D+d)$

i.e; $MD = (M-m)(D+d)$

$M(D+d-D) = m(D+d)$

$M = m(D+d)d$

- Given AA takes aa days to do work. BB takes bb days to do the same work. Now AA and BB started the work together and nn days before the completion

of work AA leaves the job. Find the total number of days taken to complete work?

Let DD be the total number of days to complete work.

AA and BB work together for D–nD–n days.

So, $(D-n)(1a+1b)+n(1b)=1(D-n)(1a+1b)+n(1b)=1$

$D(1a+1b)-na-nb+nb=1D(1a+1b)-na-nb+nb=1$

$D(1a+1b)=n+aaD(1a+1b)=n+aa$

$D=b(n+a)a+bD=b(n+a)a+b$ days.

Frequently asked questions in quantitative aptitude test on time and work

- Given A takes x days to do work. B takes y days to do the same work. If A and B work together, how many days will it take to complete the work.
- If A and B together can do a piece of work in x days, B and C together can do it in y days and C and A together can do it in z days, find how many days it takes for each of them to complete the work if they worked individually. How many days will it take to complete the work if they worked together?
- Give A is n times efficient than B. Also A takes n days less than B to complete the work. How many days will it take to complete the work if they worked together?
- Given A takes x days to do work. B takes y days to do the same work. Now A & B together begins a work. After few days one of them leaves. Also given the other takes n more days to complete the work.
 - Find total number of days to complete the work.
 - How many days did they work together?
- Given A takes x days to do work. B takes y days to do the same work. A started the work and B joined him after n days.
 - How long did it take to complete the work?
 - How many days did they work together? Or How long did B work?

- Case 5 with 3 people joining work one after the other.
- Given A takes x days to do work. B takes y days to do the same work. If A and B works on alternate days ie A alone works on first day, B alone works on next day and this cycle continues, in how many days will the work be finished
- Given A alone can complete a job in x days and also B is b% efficient than A. How many days will it take to complete work if B works alone.
- Problems where combinations of workers [men, women, girls and boys] take some days to do a work. These problems are solved using man days concept.
 - You have to calculate for another combination of them to complete the work.
 - How long will one set of people take to complete the entire work?
 - A certain combination starts the job and after few days leaves the work. Find the number of people from the category who are required to finish the remaining work.
- Problems related to wages from work. How much each person earns from the work done.

PRACTICE PROBLEMS ON TIME AND WORK

Q1: A, B and C can do a work in 6, 8 and 12 days respectively. Doing that work together they get an amount of Rs. 1350. What is the share of B in that amount?

Shortcut trick: A's share : B's share : C's share =

B's time * C's time : A's time * C's time : A's time * B's time

= 96 : 72 : 48 = 4 : 3 : 2

B's share = $1350/9 * 3$

= 450 Rs.

Q2: A is 20% more efficient than B and 50% more efficient than C. if they together can do a work in 24 days then find in how many days B alone can do the work?

- A) 60days B) 72days C) 90days
D) 180days E) 100days

Answer :Option B

Solution:

. AB | A.....C
Efficiency 6.....5 | 3.....2
Days 5.....6 | 2.....3
Days A : B : C
. 10 12 15
A = 10.....6
B = 12.....5 (LCM = 60)
C = 15.....4
A+B+ C = 15
60/15=4
4=24
1= 6
B=12= 12*6 = 72days

Q3: A can a work in 50 days and B is 50% efficient than A. find in how many days A and B together can complete the work?

- A) 30 B) 40 C) 50
D) 33(1/3) E) 16(2/3)

Answer :Option D

Solution: B is 50% efficient than A

. A.....B
Efficiency 2.....1
Days 1.....2
1 == 50 . So 2 == 100
A= 50.....2 (LCM = 100)
B =100.....1
A+ B = 3
100/3 =33(1/3) days.

Q4: 30 men are supposed to do a work in 38 days. After 25 days, 5 more men were employed on work for which the work is completed in 1 day before . If 5 more men were not worked then how many days took in delay?

- A) 1 day B) 2 days C) 3 days
D) 4 days E) None of these.

Answer : Option A

Solution: 30Men * 25 days = 750

35 Men * 12 Days = 420

Total =750+420=1170

Now, 1170/30 =39 days

1 day delay

Q5: A group of men decided to do a job in 4 days but 20 men dropped out everyday ,the job was completed at the end of the 7th day .Find the men who are in the work initially ?

- A) 155 B) 135 C) 120
D) 140 E) 160

Answer : Option D

Solution:

Total work = M * 4 = 4M

M + (M+20) +.....

7/2 [2M +6(-20)] =4M

M=140

Q6: Ram and Ritesh can do a piece of work in 24 and 30 days respectively. They both started and worked for 6 days. Ritesh then leaves the work and another their friend Ronie joins the work and completed the remaining work with Ram in 11 days . Find how many days are taken by Ronie alone to finish the work?

- A) 110 days B) 132 days C) 150 days
D) 120 days E) None of these.

Answer : Option D

Solution:

(1/24 + 1/30) *6 +(1/24 + 1/Ronie) *11 = 1

Therefore ,Ronie takes 120 days to finish the work.

Q7: A tap take 42hrs extra to fill a tank due to a leakage equivalent to half of its inflow. The inlet pipe alone can fill the tank in how many hour?

- A) 42hrs B) 21hrs C) 36hrs
D) 28hrs E) 30hrs

Answer : Option A

Solution:

.Without leak.....With leak

Efficiency 2.....1

Time 1.....2

. +1 == 42hours

So 42hours

Q8: A can write 75 pages in 25 hrs. A and B together can write 135 pages in 27 hrs. In what time can B write 42 pages?

- A) 17 B) 19 C) 23
D) 21 E) 20

Answer : Option D

Solution:

A can write $75/25 = 3$ pages in 1hr

A+B can $135/27 = 5$ pages in 1hr

B can write $5-3 = 2$ page in 1hr

$$42/2 = 21 \text{ hrs}$$

Q9: A & B can do a piece of work in 80days. B & C can do same work in 50 days and C & A can do same work in 60 days. Find in how many days they all together can complete that work?

- A) 40 (40/59) B) 60 (40/59) C) 36 (40/59)
D) 25 (40/59) E) 26 (40/59)

Answer : Option A

Solution:

$$\text{LCM} = 2400$$
$$A + B = 80 \dots\dots\dots 2400/80 = 30$$
$$B + C = 50 \dots\dots\dots 48$$
$$C + A = 60 \dots\dots\dots 40$$
$$2(A + B + C) = 118$$
$$A + B + C = 59$$

So 2400/59 days

Q10: A & B separately can do a piece of work in 9 days and 12 days respectively. If they work for a day alternatively, A starts the work, in how many days will the work will get completed?

- A) $12\frac{1}{4}$ B) $10\frac{1}{4}$ C) $8\frac{1}{6}$
D) $10\frac{5}{6}$ E) $9\frac{1}{6}$

Answer : Option B

Solution:

A=9 4

B=12 3 [LCM=36]

2 days alternate $(4+3) = 7$ days

$$2 \times 5 \qquad 7 \times 5$$

10days 35days

now A's turn so- $10(1/4)$ days

Q11: A and B together can complete a work in 30days and B alone can do it in 60days. Find in how many days A alone can do the work?

- A) 40 B) 60 C) 120
D) 90 E) 110

Answer Option B

Solution:

A+B...30.....2

B.....60.....1.....(LCM=60)

A1

$$A = 60/1 = 6$$

ABOUT INDIAN RAILWAYS

18 Interesting Facts

RRB exam is getting closer, so today I am sharing important FAQs about Indian Railways. This article is really important from Railways RRB examination point of view.

1. India has the Second Largest Railway network in Asia after China and 4th Largest in the world.
2. Indian Railway Started in 1853 (April) : From Mumbai to Thane
3. Longest Railway Station Platform of the World : Gorakhpur (UP)
4. Longest Railway Bridge Above Water in India : Vikramshila Setu (River Ganges)
5. Longest Railway Zone in India : Northern Railway
6. Longest (Maximum) Distance Travelling Train : Vivek Express (from Dibrugarh, Assam to Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu)
7. World's Longest Railway Route : Trans Siberian Railway (From Leningrad to Vladivostok)
8. World's Fastest Train : Japan's Maglev Bullet train
9. India's Fastest Train : New Delhi – Bhopal Shatabdi Express
10. First Metro Train of the World : London
11. First Metro Train in India: Kolkata
12. First Electric Train of India : Deccan Queen (between Bombay and Pune)
13. Konkan Railway extends from Roha, (Maharashtra) to Madgaon (Goa)
14. Konkan Railway passes from Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala
15. In India 8 Cities have Metro Trains till January 2016
16. Indian Railway Board was established in 1905
17. Indian Railway was Nationalized in 1950
18. Total Number of Railway Zones in India : 17 (list enclosed)



All about Indian Railways

Important Facts and Figures

1. The first train in India was run between Mumbai and Thane on 16th April 1853.
2. The second train in India was run in 1854 in between Howrah and Hoogly.
3. Indian Railway Board was established in 1905, And the headquarters of Indian Railways is situated in New Delhi.
4. The Indian Railway was nationalised in 1950AD.
5. Indian Railways has the First Position in Asian Nations and Fourth in the world.
6. The first electric train in India is “Deccan Queen”, it was introduced in 1929 in between Mumbai and Pune.
7. Indian Railway is the largest Public sector Enterprises in the country.
8. Indian railway has the second biggest electrified system in the world after Russia.
9. The fastest Train in India is Gatimaan Express, Run between New Delhi to Agra. It takes 105 Minutes to cover 200Km. of journey. (Updated News)
10. The route covered (track length) by Indian Railways is 119,630 km. of total track.
11. The total number of Railways Stations in India is 7216.
12. Mughal Sarai is the largest Railway Yard of Indian Railway.
13. The longest Railway Platform in India is at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) with a length of 1366.33meter.
14. Maximum Number of Trains from different parts of the country departs from Mumbai.
15. Dhanbad (The Coal Capital of India) is the 2nd Highest Freight Revenue Generating Stations in India, comes after Mumbai. Mumbai Topped in the lists in Freight Revenue Generation.
16. The “Vivek Express (Dibrugarh – Kanyakumari)” is the longest Route train which covers Dibrugarh in Assam, North-East India to Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu which is the southernmost tip of Mainland India.
17. The second longest train in the country is “Himsagar Express” which runs between Jammu Tawi to Kanyakumari covers a total route of 3726Kilometers and passes through Ten States.
18. The First Metro Rail was introduced on 24th October 1984 between Dumdum and Belgachhia Railway stations in Kolkata (West Bengal).

Currently 8 states in India have Metro Rail Facility in the Country.

19. The First Metro train in World started in London (UK).
20. The longest Railway Tunnel in India is Located in Pir Panjal Range of Himalayas in Jammu and Kashmir which is 11km long.
21. Eastern Railway is the Largest and Hi-Tech Railway Zones in India whereas Western Railway is the Busiest Railway Zone. [You will see Northern Zone is longest Railway Zones in Many websites but its 100% Wrong.]
22. First Railway Bridge in India was Dapoorie Viaduct between Mumbai-Thane route
23. First Railway Tunnel in India was –Parsik Tunnel
24. World's Longest Railway Route is Trans Siberian Railways
25. India's First Computerized Railway Reservation Started in New Delhi in 1986.
26. Railway Staff Colleges is Located at Barodara (Baroda).

Other Highlighted Facts

Bullets	Related Facts
Name of Longest Railway Station	Sri Venkatanarasimharajuvaripeta (Tamil Nadu)
Name of Shortest Railway Station	IB (Orissa)
Busiest Railway Stations	Lucknow
First Underground Railway Started in	Kolkata Metro.
First time Toilet facility in Railway Coaches were introduced in	1891 (In First Class) 1907 (Lower Class)
Oldest Preserved Locomotive	Fairy Queen (1855), still in working order
Oldest Station	Mumbai Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST)
Highest railway station	Ghoom (Darjeeling Himalayan Railway)
Railway Station with all the Three Gauges	Siliguri Railway Station (West Bengal)
Train with Maximum Number of Halts	Howrah-Amritsar Express (115 halts)

Northernmost railway station	Baramulla in Jammu and Kashmir
East most railway station	Ledo in branch line (Tinsukia)
Southernmost railway station	Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu
Western most station	Naliya near Bhuj in Gujarat
Largest railway complex in India	Howrah Railway Station (West Bengal)

Facts About Railway Tracks

According to distance between the Railways Lines, there are three systems operating in the Country.

- Broad Gauge – Distance 1.67m
- Meter Gauge – Distance 1.00m
- Narrow Gauge – Distance 0.762 or 0.610 m

Railway Manufacturing Units

- Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) – It is situated in Chittaranjan (W.B). It manufactures electric engines.
- Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW) – It is Situated at Varanasi and Manufactures Diesel Engines.
- Integral Coach Factory – Situated at Perambur (Chennai) and manufactures Rail Coaches.
- Wheel and Axel Plant – Situated at Yalahka (Bangalore) and manufactures wheel and axels.
- Diesel Component Works – Situated at Patiala(Punjab) and manufactures components of diesel engines.
- Rail Coach Factory – Situated at Kapurthala (Punjab) and manufactures Railway Coaches.
- Konkan Rail Project (Konkan Railway) – This is the joint venture of the government of Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka and Kerala. Under this Project a Railway Lines joining Mumbai and Mangalore(Karnataka) has been laid down.

Railway Zones

For better administrative control of Indian Railway, The whole railway network of the country has been divided into 17 Railway Zones and 70 Divisions. The Divisional Headquarter is controlled by Divisional Railway Manager(DRM).

Railway Zone	Headquarters
Northern	Delhi
North Eastern	Gorakhpur
Northeast Frontier	Guwahati
Eastern	Kolkata
South Eastern	Kolkata
South Central	Secunderabad
Southern	Chennai
Central	Mumbai
Western	Mumbai
South Western	Hubli
North Western	Jaipur
West Central	Jabalpur
North Central	Allahabad
South East Central	Bilaspur
East Coast	Bhubneswar
East Central	Hajipur
Kolkata Metro	Kolkata

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATIONALISED, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR BANK

It is important to understand the difference between nationalised bank, public and private sector. This is one of the favourite topics of paper setters and interviewers in many banking exams and interviews.

Let us take a look at some important points which will help you understand the basic differences among these.

Difference Between Public Sector Bank And Private Sector Bank

Let us first understand the difference between Public sector bank and Private sector bank. Banks are classified as public sector or private sector, depending on who holds the majority shares in the bank.

Those banks where the Government holds the majority stake (more than 50% of the shares) are known as public sector banks. And those where private institutions/individuals hold more than 50% of the shares are known as private sector banks.

Let us take a few examples to clarify this further.

State Bank of India is public sector bank as the government holding in this bank is 58.60%. Similarly, PNB is a public sector bank as the government holds a stake of 58.87%.

ICICI is a private sector bank as private institutions and individuals own majority of its shares.

Another interesting example is the Axis Bank. It is classified as a private sector bank. However, about 29% of its shares (as of writing) are held by institutions which themselves are owned and controlled by the Government of India.

Difference Between Public Sector Bank And Nationalised Banks

The term “nationalised banks” refers to those banks which were “nationalised” under the “Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Bill”. Read our other post to know all about Nationalised Banks in India – we have covered it in detail over there.

Let us see if you understand what nationalised banks are, answer the following question.

Question – Which of the following statements are correct?

1. All public sector banks in India are nationalised banks

2. All nationalised banks are public sector banks in India.

Only statement 2 is correct. If you are correct hope you also know the reason. If not, don't worry.

Public Sector Banks – Some More Information

So as we read earlier

- A public sector bank is a bank in which the government holds a major portion of the shares.
- Government holdings are more than 50% in public sector banks.

Let us go through some more information about public sector banks.

There are a total of 27 public sector banks in India. These can further be classified into three groups

1. SBI and its associate banks – total six banks – State Bank of India, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, State Bank of Hyderabad, State Bank of Patiala, State Bank of Mysore, and State Bank of Travancore
2. Nationalised banks – total 19 banks – Allahabad Bank, Andhra Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India, Corporation Bank, Dena Bank, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Punjab & Sind Bank, Punjab National Bank, Syndicate Bank, UCO Bank, Union Bank of India, United Bank of India, Vijaya Bank, and The Karur Vysya bank
3. IDBI bank and Bhartiya Mahila Bank

Private Sector Banks – Some More Information

By now you understand that

- Private sector banks are owned by private lenders.
- The private banks are managed and controlled by private promoters.

As mentioned in our other post, only the largest 14 private banks were nationalised through the act of Parliament in 1969. So another interesting

question, why were some private banks left out from the nationalisation process?

Some banks were left out because they were either very small, too specialist in their functioning or have a very regional focus to be included in nationalised Banks. On this basis, the private sector banks are sometimes classified as old private sector banks and new private sector banks.

The old private sector banks are those which existed before the nationalisation in 1969 and kept their independence. The new private sector banks are those that got their banking licence after the liberalisation of the Indian economy in the early 1990s.

As per the information available from the Ministry of Finance, there are 20 Private Sector Banks operational in India. These include 13 old private sector banks and 7 new private sector banks. The list follows.

Old private sector banks – Catholic Syrian Bank, City Union Bank, Dhanalakshmi Bank, Federal Bank, ING Vysya Bank, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, Karnataka Bank, Karur Vysya Bank, Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Nainital Bank, Ratnakar Bank, South Indian Bank, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

New private sector banks – Axis Bank, Development Credit Bank, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank.

CONCEPT OF NATIONAL INCOME GDP, NDP, GNP, NNP

1. GDP (Gross Domestic Product)

The value of final goods and services produced inside the boundary of nation during one year.

$GDP = \text{Value of gross domestic output} - \text{value of intermediate consumption}$

Different uses of GDP are :

1. Per annum percentage change in the growth rate of an economy.
2. It is a **quantitative** aspect and its size gives the estimate about the internal strength of economy. But it **DOES NOT** say about the **qualitative** aspect of the produced goods.
3. GDP is used by the IMF or the WORLD BANK to do comparative analysis of its members.

2. NDP (Net Domestic Product)

It is the net form of GDP.

$NDP = GDP - \text{Depreciation}$

Depreciation is a decrease in an asset's value caused by unfavourable market conditions.

Uses of NDP

1. Government announces the rate of depreciation in the economy. In domestic use, NDP is used to understand the loss due to depreciation.
2. NDP is not used for the comparative economies since the rate of depreciation is different for different countries.

In India NDP is announced by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

3. GNP (Gross National Product)

It is the GDP of a country added with its **income from abroad**.

$GNP = GDP + \text{Income from Abroad}$

Or,

$GNP = GDP - \text{Income from abroad}$

Income from abroad = trade balance + interest on External Loans + Private Remittance

Private remittance = inflows and outflows on account of private transfer e.g. NRI

Trade balance = net outcome at the year end of the total import and export.

Interest on external loans = balance of the inflow of interest payment (on money lend out of economy) – outflow of interest payment (on the money borrowed by the economy)

In case of India, GNP is negative. This is because of heavy outflows on account of Trade Deficit and interest payment on foreign loans.

Use of GNP:

GNP is the “national income” according to which IMF ranks nations based on PPP or Purchasing Power Parity. [India ranked 4th after USA, Japan and China]

It is indicative of the qualitative as well as quantitative aspect of the economy.

4. NNP or Net National Product

NNP = GNP – Depreciation

Or,

NNP = GDP + income from abroad - depreciation

NNP or Net National Product is the purest form of Income. It is the **National Income or NI**.

We can find the per capita income of a country if we know the NNP and total population.

e.g. (NNP / total Population) = **per capita income**

AWARDS AND HONOURS

IN 2018

Padma Vibhusham-2018

It is the second highest civilian award.

No	Name	Field	State
1	Illaiyaraaja	Art-Music	Tamil Nadu
2	Ghulam Mustafa Khan	Art-Music	Maharashtra
3	Parameswaran Parameswaran	Literature and Education	Kerala

Padma Bhushan - 2018

It is the third highest civilian award.

No	Name	Field	State
1	Pankaj Advani	Sports-Billiards/Snooker	Karnataka
2	Philipose Mar Chrysostom	Others-Spiritualism	Kerala
3	Mahendra Singh Dhoni	Sports-Cricket	Jharkhand
4	Alexander Kadakin (Foreigner)	Public Affairs	Russia
5	Ramachandran Nagaswamy	Others-Archaeology	Tamil Nadu
6	Ved Prakash Nanda (OCI)	Literature and Education	US
7	Laxman Pai	Art-Painting	Goa
8	Arvind Parikh	Art-Music	Maharashtra

9	Sharda Sinha	Art-Music	Bihar
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Padma Shri - 2018

It is the fourth highest civilian award

No	Name	Field	State
1	Abhay Bang (Duo)	Medicine	Maharashtra
2	Rani Bang (Duo)	Medicine	Maharashtra
3	Damodar Ganesh Bapat	Social Work	Chhattisgarh
4	Prafulla Govinda Baruah	Literature and Education-Journalism	Assam
5	Mohan Swaroop Bhatia	Art-Folk Music	Uttar Pradesh
6	Sudhanshu Biswas	Social Work	West Bengal
7	Saikhom Mirabai Chanu	Sports-Weightlifting	Manipur
8	Pandit Shyamlal Chaturvedi	Literature and Education-Journalism	Chhattisgarh
9	Jose Ma Joey Concepcion III (Foreigner)	Trade & Industry	Philippines
10	Langpoklakpam Subadani Devi	Art-Weaving	Manipur
11	Somdev Devvarman	Sports-Tennis	Tripura

12	Yeshi Dhoden	Medicine	Himachal Pradesh
13	Arup Kumar Dutta	Literature and Education	Assam
14	Doddarange Gowda	Art-Lyrics	Karnataka
15	Arvind Gupta	Literature and Education	Maharashtra
16	Digamber Hansda	Literature and Education	Jharkhand
17	Ramli Bin Ibrahim (Foreigner)	Art-Dance	Malaysia
18	Anwar Jalalpuri (Posthumous)	Literature and Education	Uttar Pradesh
19	Piyong Temjen Jamir	Literature and Education	Nagaland
20	Sitavva Joddati	Social Work	Karnataka
21	Malti Joshi	Literature and Education	MP
22	Manoj Joshi	Art-Acting	Maharashtra
23	Rameshwarlal Kabra	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
24	Pran Kishore Kaul	Art	J&K
25	Bounlap Keokangna(Foreigner)	Others-Architecture	Laos
26	Vijay Kichlu	Art-Music	West Bengal

27	Tommy Koh(Foreigner)	Public Affairs	Singapore
28	Lakshmikutty	Medicine-Traditional	Kerala
29	Joyshree Goswami Mahanta	Literature and Education	Assam
30	Narayan Das Maharaj	Others-Spiritualism	Rajasthan
31	Pravakara Maharana	Art-Sculpture	Odisha
32	Hun Many (Foreigner)	Public Affairs	Cambodia
33	Nouf Marwaai(Foreigner)	Others- Yoga	Saudi Arabia
34	Zaverilal Mehta	Literature and Education-Journalism	Gujarat
35	Krishna Bihari Mishra	Literature and Education	West Bengal
36	Sisir Purushottam Misra	Art-Cinema	Maharashtra
37	Subhasini Mistry	Social Work	West Bengal
38	Somdet Phra Maha Muniwong (Foreigner)	Others-Spiritualism	Thailand
39	Keshav Rao Musalgaonkar	Literature and Education	MP
40	Dr Thant Myint	Public Affairs	Myanmar

	– U(Foreigner)		
41	V Nanammal	Others-Yoga	Tamil Nadu
42	Sulagitti Narasamma	Social Work	Karnataka
43	Vijayalakshmi Navaneethakrishnan	Art-Folk Music	Tamil Nadu
44	I Nyoman Nuarta (Foreigner)	Art- Sculpture	Indonesia
45	Malai Haji Abdullah Bin Malai Haji Othman(Foreigner)	Social Work	Brunei
46	Gobaradhan Panika	Art-Weaving	Odisha
47	Bhabani Charan Pattanaik	Public Affairs	Odisha
48	Murlikant Petkar	Sports-Swimming	Maharashtra
49	Habibullo Rajabov(Foreigner)	Literature and Education	Tajikistan
50	M R Rajagopal	Medicine-Palliative care	Kerala
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52	Sampat Ramteke(Posthumous)	Social Work	Maharashtra
53	Chandra Sekhar Rath		Odisha

54	S S Rathore	Civil Service	Gujarat
55	Amitava Roy	Science and Engineering	West Bengal
56	Sanduk Ruit (Foreigner)	Medicine-Ophthalmology	Nepal
57	R Sathyanarayana	Art-Music	Karnataka
58	Pankaj M Shah	Medicine-Ophthalmology	Gujarat
59	Bhajju Shyam	Art-Painting	MP
60	Maharao Raghuvir Singh	Literature and Education	Rajasthan
61	Kidambi Srikanth	Sports-Badminton	Andhra Pradesh
62	Ibrahim Sutar	Art-Music	Karnataka
63	Siddeshwara Swamiji	Others-Spiritualism	Karnataka
64	Lentina Ao Thakkar	Social Work	Nagaland
65	Vikram Chandra Thakur	Science and Engineering	Uttarakhand
66	Rudrapatnam Narayanaswamy Tharanathan (Duo)	Art-Music	Karnataka
67	Rudrapatnam Narayanaswamy Thyagarajan (Duo)	Art-Music	Karnataka
68	Nguyen Tien Thien	Others-Spiritualism	Vietnam

	(Foreigner)		
69	Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi	Literature and Education	UP
70	Rajagopalan Vasudevan	Science and Engineering	Bihar
71	Panatawane Gangadhar Vithobaji	Literature and Education	Maharashtra
72	Romulus Whitaker	Others-Wildlife Conservation	Tamil Nadu
73	Baba Yogendra	Art	Madhya Pradesh
74	A Zakia	Literature and Education	Mizoram

Sangeet Natak Akademi

Awards-2018

President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for 2016 to an eminent group of musicians, dancers, and theatre artists.

List of Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowships Awardees

Name Of The Winner	Field	Category
Arvind Parikh	Music	Hindustani Classical Sitar Player
R Vedavalli	Music	Carnatic Vocalist
Ram Gopal Bajaj	Theatre	Acting and direction

Sunil Kothari	Dance	Indian Classical Dance
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List of Sangeet Natak

Akademi awards

Name Of The Winner	Field	Category
Arvind Mulgaonkar	Music	Hindustani Tabla
Mysore M Manjunath	Music	Carnatic Violin
Nighoujam Shyamchang Singh	Music	Nata Sankirtana,
Ratnamala Prakash	Music	Sugam Sangeet
Ahmed Hussain & Mohd. Hussain	Music	Sugam Sangeet
J Vaidhyanathan	Music	Carnatic Mridangam
Kala Ramnath	Music	Hindustani Violin
Neela Ramgopal	Music	Carnatic Vocal Music
Komanakutty	Music	Carnatic Vocal Music
Padma Talwalkar	Music	Hindustani Vocal Music
Prabhakar Karekar	Music	Hindustani Vocal Music
Kalamandalam Ramachandran Unnithan	Dance	Kathakali

Maisnam Kaminikumar Singh	Dance	Manipuri Dance
Haricharan Bhuyan Borbayan	Dance	Sattriya Dance
Gopal Prasad Dubey	Dance	Chhau Dance
Anita R Ratnam	Dance	Contemporary Dance
Geeta Chandran	Dance	Bharatanatyam
Jitendra Maharaj	Dance	Khathak Dance
A B Bala Kondala Rao	Dance	Khuchipudi Dance
Ratikant Mohapatra	Dance	Odissi Dance
Gireesan V	Theatre	Acting
Oinam Biramangol Singh	Theatre	Acting
Mohan Joshi	Theatre	Acting
Anjana Puri	Theatre	Allied Theatre Acts
K Govind Bhat	Theatre	Yakshgana
Bipin Kumar	Theatre	Direction
Bipin Kumar	Theatre	Direction
Kusum Kumar	Theatre	Playwriting
Satyabrata Rout	Theatre	Direction
Yogesh Gadhavi	Music	Gujarati Folk Music
Vidyanand Saraik	Music	Folk Music From Himachal Pradesh

Chiranjil Lal Tanwar	Music	Rajasthani Mand Music
Prabhitangsu Das	Puppetry	
Dattatreya Aralikatte	Puppetry	
Annabattula Lakshmi Mangatayaru & Annabattula Leela Sai	Theatre	Traditional Theatre
Gulzar Ahmad Ganie	Music	Chakri, Folk Music
Braj Kishor Dubey	Music	Folk Music
Somnath D Chari	Music	Traditional Music
Lakmidhar Rout	Art	Pala art from Bihar
Pappu Venugopal Rao	Art	Overall Contribution In Arts
Avinash Pasricha	Art	Overall Contribution In Art

63rd Filmfare Awards 2018

Category	Winner
Best Film	'Hindi Medium'
Critics' Award for Best Film	'Newton'
Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female)	Vidya Balan for 'Tumhari Sulu'
Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male)	Irrfan Khan for 'Hindi Medium'
Critics' Award for Best Actor	Rajkummar Rao for

(Male)	'Trapped'
Critics' Award for Best Actor (Female)	Zaira Wasim for 'Secret Superstar'
Best Director	Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
Best Debut Director	Konkona Sensharma for 'A Death in the Gunj'
Best Actor In A Supporting Role (Male)	Rajkummar Rao for 'Bareilly Ki Barfi'
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female)	Meher Vij for 'Secret Superstar'
Best Dialogue	Hitesh Kewalya for 'Shubh Mangal Saavdhan'
Best Screenplay	Shubhashish Bhutiani for 'Mukti Bhavan'
Best Original Story	Amit Masurkar for 'Newton'
Best Actor (Male) in a Short Film	Jackie Shroff for 'Khujli'
Best Actor (Female) in a Short Film	Shefali Shah for 'Juice'
People's Choice Award for Best Short Film	'Anahut'
Best Short Film (Fiction)	'Juice'
Best Short Film (Non Fiction)	'Invisible Wings'
Best Music Album	Pritam for 'Jagga Jasoos'
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh for 'Roke na ruke naina' -

	'Badrinath Ki Dulhania'
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Meghna Mishra for Nachdi phira - Secret Superstar
Best Lyrics	Amitabh Bhattacharya for Ullu ka pattha - Jagga Jasoos
Lifetime Achievement Award	Mala Sinha and Bappi Lahiri
Best Choreography	Vijay Ganguly and Ruel Dausan Varindani for Galti se mistake - Jagga Jasoos
Best Background Score	Pritam for Jagga Jasoos
Best Action	Tom Struthers for Tiger Zinda Hai
Best Cinematography	Sirsha Ray for A Death In The Gunj
Best Editing	Nitin Baid for Trapped
Best Production Design	Parul Sondh for Daddy
Best Sound Design	Anish John for Trapped
Best Costume	Rohit Chaturvedi for A Death In The Gunj

60th Grammy Awards- 2018

Award	Awardee
Record of the Year	"24K Magic" – Bruno Mars
Album of the Year	24K Magic – Bruno Mars

Song of the Year	"That's What I Like"
Best New Artist	Alessia Cara
Best Pop Solo Performance	"Shape of You" – Ed Sheeran
Best Pop Duo/Group Performance	Feel It Still" – Portugal. The Man
Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album	Tony Bennett Celebrates 90
Best Pop Vocal Album	÷ – Ed Sheeran
Best Dance Recording	"Tonite" – LCD Soundsystem
Best Dance/Electronic Album	3-D The Catalogue – Kraftwerk
Best Contemporary Instrumental Album	Prototype – Jeff Lorber Fusion
Best Rock Performance	"You Want It Darker" – Leonard Cohen
Best Metal Performance	"Sultan's Curse" – Mastodon
Best Rock Song	"Run" Foo Fighters
Best Rock Album	A Deeper Understanding – The War on Drugs
Best Alternative Music Album	Sleep Well Beast – The National
Best R&B Performance	"That's What I Like" – Bruno Mars
Best Traditional R&B Performance	"Redbone" – Childish Gambino

Best R&B Song

"That's What I Like"

Other Important Awards and Honours – 2018

Name of the Winner	Category	Organized by
The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust also known as Nhava Sheva	Samundra Manthan - Organisation of the Year award	Bhandarkar Shipping
Ravi Menon	the best central bank governor in Asia-Pacific for 2018	UK-based magazine 'The Banker'
film and theatre actor Soumitra Chattopadhyay	France's highest order of merit the 'Legion of Honour'	France
The Matunga suburban station	Limca Book of Records for having an all-woman staff.	Mumbai Suburban Railway network
Actor Sudhir Dalvi	Janakavi P Savlaram award	Thane Municipal Corporation and the Janakavi P Savlaram Kala Samiti
dancer Jaishree T	Ganga Jamuna award	Thane Municipal Corporation and the Janakavi P Savlaram Kala Samiti

Arvind Parikh, R Vedavalli, Ram Gopal Bajaj and Sunil Kothari.	Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards	President Ram Nath Kovind
president Pranab Mukherjee	The Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) degree.	The Chittagong University in Bangladesh
Virat Kohli	the Cricketer of the Year and ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Yuzvendra Chahal	T20 Performance of the Year	International Cricket Council (ICC)
Nara Lokesh	Dr Kalam Innovation in Governance Award 2018	Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Summit
Global icon Shah Rukh Khan	24th Crystal Award	World Economic Forum
seven girls and 11 boys	National Bravery Award 2017	Government of India and Indian Council for Child Welfare
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palanisamy	UNESCO Award of Merit	UNESCO Asia Pacific region for the cultural heritage conservati

		on committees
50 workers	Prime Minister's Shram Awards named Shram Ratna Award', 'Shram Bhushan Award', 'Shram Vir/Shram Virangana', 'Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards'	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Dr Vinod Paul, Member of NITI Aayog	Ihsan Dogramaci Family Health Foundation Prize	World Health Organisation (WHO)
Bollywood playback singer Asha Bhosle	Yash Chopra Memorial Award'	TSR Foundation of T. Subbarami Reddy in memory of producer-director Yash Chopra
Najma A Heptulla, Narayan Yadav, Dinesh Trivedi, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Bhartruhari Mahtab	Outstanding Parliamentarian Awards	The Indian Parliamentary Group

February 2018

Name of the Winner	category	Organized by
Magahi writer Shesh	Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman	Sahitya Akademi

Anand Madhukar	award	
Odisha	Geospatial World Excellence Award-2018 for successful IT application.	The Geospatial World Forum Meeting held at Hyderabad.
Shyam Benegal	The V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award the Mumbai International Film Festival is for Documentary, Shorts & Animation Films	Films Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.
Shabnam Asthana	Times Power Women of the Year 2017'- Pune for Global PR	The times group
Ritu Sarin	International Press Institute India Award for Excellence in Journalism.	International Press Institute
India's Aadhaar card	best emerging technology award	World Government Summit
Umang App	Best m-Government Service Award	World Government Summit
Vikas Sathaye	Scientific and Engineering Academy Award	Oscars Akademy
Sanjiv Bajaj,	EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2017.	EY group
Dr. E Sreedharan	Lifetime Achievement Award	T2P Consultants Limited in collaboration with Chartered Institute

		of Logistics and Transport,
Milkbasket, India's first and largest micro-delivery platform	Startup of the Year' 2017	7th Small Business Awards
Roger Federer	Laureus World Sportsman of the Year and Comeback of the Year awards.	Laureus Sport for Good Foundation,
Serena Williams	World Sportswoman of the Year award	Laureus Sport for Good Foundation,
Formula 1 constructors' champions Mercedes	Team of the Year trophy,	Laureus Sport for Good Foundation,
wheelchair athlete Marcel Hug	Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability	Laureus Sport for Good Foundation,

ALL ABOUT OSCARS 2018

The 90 th Annual Academy Awards honoured the most remarkable contributions to the world of cinema in the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. The biggest night of Hollywood, the 90th Academy Awards celebrated the biggest and best names in the movie business.

Here's the complete winners' list.

1. Best Picture: 'The Shape of Water'
2. Actress in a Leading Role: Frances McDormand for 'Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri'
3. Actor in a Leading Role: Gary Oldman for 'Darkest Hour'

4. Directing: Guillermo del Toro for 'The Shape of Water'
5. Original Song: Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez for 'Remember Me' from 'Coco'
6. Original Score: Alexandre Desplat for 'The Shape of Water'
7. Cinematography: Roger A. Deakins for 'Blade Runner 2049'
8. Original Screenplay: Jordan Peele for 'Get Out'
9. Adapted Screenplay: James Ivory for 'Call Me by Your Name'
10. Short Film (Live Action): Chris Overton and Rachel Shenton for 'The Silent Child'
11. Documentary Short Subject: Frank Stiefel for 'Heaven Is a Traffic Jam on the 405'
12. Film Editing: Lee Smith for 'Dunkirk'
13. Visual Effects: John Nelson, Gerd Nefzer, Paul Lambert and Richard R. Hoover for 'Blade Runner 2049'
14. Animated Feature Film: Lee Unkrich and Darla K. Anderson for 'Coco'
15. Animated Short Film: Kobe Bryant and Glen Keane for 'Dear Basketball'
16. Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Allison Janney for 'I, Tonya'
17. Foreign Language Film: 'A Fantastic Woman'
18. Production Design: Paul Denham Austerberry, Shane Vieau, and Jeffrey A. Melvin for 'The Shape of Water'
19. Sound Mixing: Gregg Landaker, Gary A. Rizzo and Mark Weingarten for 'Dunkirk'
20. Sound Editing: Richard King and Alex Gibson for 'Dunkirk'
21. Documentary (Feature): 'Icarus'
22. Costume Design: Mark Bridges for 'Phantom Thread'
23. Makeup and Hairstyling: Kazuhiro Tsuji, David Malinowski and Lucy Sibbick for 'Darkest Hour'
24. Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Sam Rockwell for 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri'

Some important Facts regarding Oscars 2018 :

- The Shape of Water became the only second movie with a credited woman screenwriter to win Best Picture since World War II
- Jordan Peele became the first black writer to win Original Screenplay Academy Award
- Daniela Vega was the first openly trans presenter
- Roger Deakins had been nominated 13 times for an Oscar for Best Cinematography without a winning an Academy Award. That moment

changed finally, when he took home the prize for *Blade Runner 2049*.

Static Takeaways – OSCAR

- This is the 90th Annual Academy Awards
- A set of 24 awards for artistic and technical merit in the American film industry will be presented.
- The Academy were annually given by the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS)**
- The Oscar Sculpture was created by **George Stanley**.
- This year's (2018) event was held in **Dolby Theatre , Los Angeles , California**.

LIST OF IMPORTANT DAYS

January – 2018

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
4 January	World Braille Day(207th birth anniversary of Louis Braille)	People with Disabilities, Celebrating Together
9 January	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (NRI Day)	Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora
10 January	World Hindi Day	
12 January	National Youth Day	Indian youth for development skill and harmony
15 January	69 th Indian Army Day	
24 January	National girl child day	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
25 January	National Voters Day	Empowering young and future events
26 January	International Customs Day	Digital Customs: Progressive Engagement

26 January	68 th Republic Day	Skill India and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
27 January	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust	From Words to Genocide: Anti-Semitic Propaganda and the Holocaust
29 January	World Leprosy Day (last Sunday of January)	To live is to help to live

February - 2018

Date	Important day	Theme 2017
2 February	World Wetlands Day	Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction
4 February	World Cancer Day	We can I can
6 February	International day of Zero Tolerance to female genital mutilation	Building a solid and interactive bridge between Africa and the world to accelerate ending Female Genital Mutilation by 2030
7 February	Safer Internet Day	Be the change: unite for a better internet
10 February	National Deworming Day	Krimi se chhutkara, sehatmand bhavishya hamara and worm-free children healthy children
11 February	International day Women and girls in Science	Gender, Science and sustainable development: The Impact of

		Media
12 February	National Productivity Day	From Waste to Profits- through Reduce, Recycle and Reuse
13 February	World Radio Day	Radio is You
20 February	World Day of Social Justice	Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work
21 February	International Mother language day	Towards sustainable through Multilingual education
22 February	World Thinking day	Connect Activity Pack
24 February	Central Excise Day	
28 February	National Science Day	Science and tech for specially Abled person

9 March	CISF Raising Day	
12 March	World Kidney Day	Kidney Disease and Obesity
13 March	Commonwealth Day	
13 March	No Smoking Day	
15 March	World Consumer Rights Day	Building a Digital World Consumers can Trust
18 March	Ordnance factories day	
20 March	International Day of Happiness	
21 March	International Day of Forests	Forests and Energy
21 March	World Down Syndrome Day	My Voice My Community - Enabling people with Down syndrome to speak up, be heard and influence government policy and action, to be fully included in the community
22 March	World Water Day	Why Waste water?
23 March	World Meteorological Day	Understanding Clouds
24 March	World TB Day	Unite to end TB
27 March	World Theatre Day	

March 2018

Date	Important day	Theme 2018
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day	Make some noise for Zero Discrimination
3 March	World Wildlife Day	
3 March	National Defence Day	Listen to the young voices
4 March	World Hearing Day	Action for hearing loss: make a sound investment
4 March	National Security Day	
8 March	International Women's Day	Women in the challenging world of work: Planet 50-50 by 2030

100 IMPORTANT RULES FOR GRAMMER

A. SUBJECT - VERB AGREEMENT

1 . Two or more Singular Subjects connected by and usually take a Verb in the Plural.

For example,

Incorrect- Hari and Ram is here.

Correct- Hari and Ram are here.

2. If two Singular Nouns refer to the same person or thing, the Verb must be Singular.

For example,

Incorrect- The Secretary and Principal are coming.

Correct- The Secretary and Principal is coming.

(Here the same person is .Secretary as well as Principal)

3. If the Singular Subjects are preceded by each or every, the Verb is usually Singular.

For example,

Incorrect- Every boy and girl were ready.

Correct- Every boy and girl was ready.

4. Two or more Singular Subjects connected by or, nor, either or, neither nor take a Verb in the Singular.

For example,

Incorrect- Neither he nor I were there.

Correct- Neither he nor I was there.

5. When the Subjects joined by 'or/nor are of different numbers, the Verb must be Plural, and the Plural Subject must be placed next to the Verb.

For example,

Incorrect- Neither the Assistant Masters nor the Headmaster was present.

Correct- Neither the Headmaster nor the Assistant Masters were present.

6. When the Subjects joined by or, nor are of different persons, the Verb agrees in person with the one nearest to it.

For example,

Incorrect- Either he or I is mistaken.

Correct- Either he or I, am mistaken.

7. A Collective Noun takes a Singular Verb when the collection is thought of as a whole, a Plural Verb when the individuals of which it is composed are thought of.

For example,

incorrect - The Council has chosen the President.

Correct - The military were called out.

8. Some Nouns which are singular in form but plural in

meaning, take a Plural Verb.

For example,

Incorrect- Mathematics are a branch of study in every school.

Correct- Mathematics is a branch of study in every school.

9. Words joined to a Singular Subject by with, together with, in addition to, or, as well as, etc. are parenthetical, and therefore do not affect the number of the Verb.

For example,

Incorrect- The Chief, with all his men, were massacred .

Correct-The chief, with all his men, was massacred.

10. When the Subject of the Verb is a Relative Pronoun care should be taken to see that the Verb agrees in Number and Person with the Antecedent of the relative.

For example,

Incorrect- I, who is your friend, . will guard you,r interests.

Correct- I, who am your friend will guard your interests.

B. USES OF PARTICIPLES AND INFINITIVES

11. Ask, advise, allow, command, force, forbid, invite, encourage, compel, beg, order•, imagine, instruct, permit, persuade, tell, require, remind, teach, etc. are followed by Object + To +V2

For example,

Incorrect- He advised to do it by me.

Correct- He advised me to do it.

But if these are used in Passive Voice, then they are followed by To +V.

For example,

Correct- She was permitted to go with him.

12. Know is followed by how/ where/when/why and Infinitive.

For example,

Incorrect- I know to write a letter.

Correct- I know how to write a letter.

13. After let, bid, behold, watch, see, feel, make etc. we use Bare-Infinitive and not To-infinitive.

For example,

Incorrect- I heard him to speak on several subjects.

Correct- I heard him speak on several subjects.

14. Bare Infinitive is used after Modal Auxiliaries (can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, would, must, dare not, need not).

For example,

Incorrect- You need not to work hard.

Correct- You need not work hard.

15. Had better, had rather, had as soon ... as ... , had sooner etc. are followed by Bare Infinitive.

For example,

Incorrect- He had better to go now.

Correct- He had better go now.

16. Conjunction than is also followed by Bare Infinitive.

For example,

Incorrect- He had better read than to write.

Correct- He had better read than write.

17. When but is used as a Preposition and preceded by any form of the Verb do, then but is followed with Bare Infinitive.

For example,

Incorrect- He did nothing but to wander.

Correct- He did nothing but wander.

18. Every Participial must have a Subject of Reference.

For example,

Incorrect- Being a rainy day Vijay decided to stay at home.

Correct- It being a rainy day Vijay decided to stay at home.

19. For completed action Having + Va is used in Active Voice, whereas Having + been + Va or Being + Va is used in Passive Voice. After should not be used in such a sentence.

For example,

Incorrect- After the leader having been killed, the followers ran away.

Correct- The leader having been killed, the followers ran away.

20. Participles like considering, judging, referring, concerning, regarding, viewing, broadly speaking etc. do not take any Subject of Reference.

For example,

Correct - Considering the case, I took the decision.

Here I is not a Subject of Reference of considering.

So, there is no Subject of Reference for 'considering, still the sentence is correct.

C. USES OF VERBS

21. When there are two Subjects in a sentence and they are not in the same Number, then we must have to use separate Auxiliaries (is, are, am, was, were, have, has) for both of them.

For example,

Incorrect- Three- killed and one were injured.

Correct- Three were killed and one was injured.

22. A single Verb should be made to serve two Subjects, only when the form of Verb is same for both the subjects.

Incorrect- I am seventeen years old and my sister fourteen.

Correct- I am seventeen years old and my sister is fourteen.

23. Two auxiliaries can be used with one principal Verb, only when the form of the principal Verb is appropriate to both the auxiliaries. '

Incorrect- He never has, and never will take such strong measures.

Correct- He never has taken, and never will take such strong measures.

24. When there is only one auxiliary to two principal Verbs it should be correctly associated with the both.

Incorrect- Ten candidates have passed one failed.

Correct- Ten candidates have passed, one has failed.

25. A Past Tense in the main clause should be followed by a Past Tense in the subordinate clause.

Incorrect- He succeeded because he works hard.

Correct- He succeeded because he worked hard.

26. A Past Tense in main clause may be followed by a Present Tense

in the subordinate clause when the subordinate clause expresses a universal truth.

Incorrect- Our teacher said that the earth moved round the sun.

Correct- Our teacher said that the earth moves round the sun.

27. When the subordinate clause comes after 'lest', the auxiliary Verb 'should' must be used, whatever be the Tense of the Verb in the main clause.

Incorrect- We start early lest we shall miss the train.

Correct- We start early lest we should miss the train.

28. An Adverb or Adverbial phrase should not be placed between 'to' and verbal part of the infinitive. (This is called the split infinitive).

Incorrect- I hoped to immediately reply to your letter:

Correct- I hoped to reply immediately to your letter.

29. An infinitive should be in the present tense unless it represents an action prior to that of the governing Verb.

Incorrect- I should have liked to have gone there.

Correct- I should have liked to go there.

30. Gerund if preceded by a Pronoun, that Pronoun must be in Possessive case.

Incorrect- He emphasised me going there.

Correct- He emphasised my going there.

31. The Present Perfect Continuous Tense is used for an action that began in the past time and still going at the time of speaking. It is used with Adverbials of time introduced by 'since', 'for' and 'how long'.

Incorrect- How long are you working in this office?

Correct- How long have you been working in this office?

32. A Verb when preceded by a Preposition must be the Gerund.

Incorrect- They were punished for come late.

Correct- They were punished for coming late.

33. The Future Indefinite Tense is not used in the clauses of time, place and condition. Here the Present Indefinite Tense is used.

Incorrect- I shall wait for you till you will finish your work.

Correct- I shall wait for you, till you finish your work.

34. The Present Perfect Tense is not used with the Adverbs of past time like yesterday, in 1990 etc. Here Past Indefinite Tense is used.

Incorrect- I have bought a cycle yesterday.

Correct- I bought a cycle yesterday.

The Past Perfect Tense is used to represent the earlier of the two past actions.

Incorrect- When I reached the station, the train already left.

Correct- When I reached the station, the train had already left.

35. Modal Auxiliaries are not used together. But two Auxiliaries can be connected by a Conjunction.

For example,

Incorrect- He should must do it.

Correct- He should and must do it.

36. When need or dare is followed by not, it turns into modal auxiliary. In that situation it takes Bare Infinitive and we cannot use needs not or dares not.

For example,

Incorrect- He needs not do it.

Correct- He need not do it.

D. USES OF ADJECTIVES

37. Adjectives of quantity show how much of a thing is meant. Adjectives of quantity (some; much, little, enough, all, no, any, great, half, sufficient, whole) are used for Uncountable Nouns only.

For example,

Incorrect- I ate a few rice.

Correct- I ate some rice.

38. Numeral Adjectives are used for Countable Noun only and they show how many persons or things are meant or in what order a person or thing stands,

For example,

Incorrect- I have taught you little things.

Correct- I have taught you a few things.

39. When cardinal and ordinal are used together ordinal precedes the cardinal.

For example,

Incorrect- The four first boys will be given the chance.

Correct- The first four boys will be given the chance.

40. Later, latest refer to time, latter and last refer to position.

For example,

Incorrect- I reached at 10 am. But he was latter than I expected.

Correct- I reached at 10 am. But he was later than I expected,

41. Farther means more distant or advanced; further means additional.

For example,

Incorrect- He insisted on farther improvement.

Correct- He insisted on further improvement.

42. Each is used in speaking of two or more things, every is used only in speaking of more than two.

For example,

Incorrect- Every of the two boys will get a prize.

Correct- Each of the two boys will get a prize.

43. To express quantity or degree some is used in affirmative sentences, any in negative or interrogative sentences.

For example,

Incorrect- Have you bought some mangoes?

Correct- Have you bought any mangoes?

44. In comparing two things, the Comparative should be used, The Superlative should not be used.

Incorrect- Which is the best of the two?

Correct- Which is the better of the two?

45. When two qualities of the same person or thing are compared, the Comparative in-er is not used. 'More' is used for this purpose.

Incorrect- He is wiser than brave.

Correct- He is more wise than brave.

46. When comparison is made by means of a comparative, the thing compared should be excluded from the class of things with which it is compared by using 'other' or some such word.

Incorrect- He is cleverer than any boy in the class.

Correct- He is cleverer than any other boy in the class.

47. When comparison is made by means of a superlative, the thing compared should include the class of things with which it is compared.

Incorrect- He is the strongest of all other men.

Correct- He is the strongest of all men ..

48. When two persons or things are compared, it is important that the same parts of things should be compared.

Incorrect- The population of Bombay is greater than Delhi.

Correct- The population of Bombay is greater than that of Delhi.

49. Double comparatives and superlatives should not be used.

1. Incorrect- He is the most cleverest boy in the class.

Correct- He is the cleverest boy in the class.

2. Incorrect- He is more wiser than his brother.

Correct- He is wiser than his brother.

50. The comparative Adjectives superior inferior, senior, junior, prior, anterior, posterior prefer, etc., should be followed by 'to' instead of 'than'.

Incorrect- He is senior than me.

Correct- He is senior to me.

51. Adjectives like 'unique', ideal,

perfect, complete, universal, entire, extreme, chief, full square and round, which do not admit different degrees of comparison should not be compared.

Incorrect- It is the most unique thing.

Correct- It is a unique thing.

52. All the Adjectives which refer to the same Noun should be in the same degree of comparison.

Incorrect- He is the wisest and honest worker in the office.

Correct- He is the wisest and most honest worker in the office.

53. 'Elder' and 'eldest' should be used for persons only, strictly speaking, they are used for the members of the same family only. 'Older' and 'oldest' are used for both persons and things.

Incorrect- He is my older brother.

Correct- He is my elder brother.

E. USES OF ADVERBS

54. To modify a Verb, an Adjective or another Adverb, we use an Adverb.

Incorrect- She writes very careful.

Correct- She writes very carefully.

Carefully is an Adjective which cannot modify the Adverb very, therefore carefully (Adverb) must be used in place of Adjective careful.

55. Too means more than required and it is used with Unpleasant Adjective. So, we cannot use too glad, too happy, too pleasant, too healthy.

For example,

Incorrect- I am too glad to meet you.

Correct- I am very glad to meet you.

56. A sentence which is based on "Too To" format, we cannot replace to with so that. If we replace to with so that, too also must be replaced with cannot.

For example,

Incorrect- He is too weak so that he cannot walk.

Correct- He is too weak to walk. **Correct-** He is so weak that he cannot walk.

57. Much too is followed by Unpleasant Adjective, whereas too much is followed by Noun.

Much too + Unpleasant Adjective.

Too much + Noun.

For example,

Incorrect- His failure is too much painful for me.

Correct- His failure is much too painful for me.

Incorrect- His wife's rude behavior gives him much too pain.

Correct- His wife's rude behavior gives him too much pain.

58. Quite and all are not used together.

For example,

Incorrect- He is quite all right.

Correct- He is quite right. or He is all right-

59. A/An + Fairly + Adjective +

Noun or Rather + A + Adjective For example,

(i) a fairly good book

(ii) rather a difficult problem.

But we cannot use Pleasant Adjective with rather and Unpleasant Adjective with fairly.

For example,

Incorrect- It was a rather good book.

Correct- It was a fairly good book.

60. Enough, when used as an Adverb, is preceded by a positive degree Adjective or Adverb.

For example,

Incorrect- He is greater enough to pardon you.

Correct- He is great enough to pardon you. '

61. Two negatives cancel each other. Hence two negatives should not be used in the same sentence unless we make an affirmation.

Incorrect- I have not got none.

Correct- I have not got any.

62. 'At present' means 'at the present time', 'presently' means 'shortly'. These should not be confused.

1. Incorrect- Nothing more can be done presently.

Correct- Nothing more can be done at present.

2. Incorrect- He will come back at present.

Correct- He will come back presently.

63. 'Hard' means 'diligently', 'strenuously', 'Hardly' means 'scarcely at all'. These two Adverbial forms of 'hard' must not be confused.

1. Incorrect- He tried hardly to win the race.

Correct- He tried hard to win the race.

2. Incorrect- She has eaten hard anything today.

Correct- She has eaten hardly anything today.

64. 'Much' is used before past participles and Adjectives or Adverbs of comparative degree. 'Very' is used before the present participles and Adjectives and Adverbs of positive degree.

1. Incorrect- The news is much surprising.

Correct- The news is very surprising.

2. Incorrect- I was very surprised at hearing the news.

Correct- I was much surprised at hearing the news.

65. Hardly is an Adverb which means rarely. Whereas hard is an Adjective which means tough, rigid.

For example,

Incorrect- It is a hardly job.

Correct- It is a hard job.

66. Ago is always used with Past Indefinite Tense. So, if ago is used in a sentence, that sentence must be in the Past Indefinite Tense.

For example,

Incorrect- He has come a month ago.

Correct- He came a month ago.

67. At present means at this moment and it is used with
• Present Tense, whereas presently and shortly are used for future action and generally used with Future Indefinite Tense.

For example,

Incorrect- Presently he is in the room.

Correct- At present he is in the room.

68. Early means "just after the beginning of anything" and soon means just after a point of time.

For example,

Roses blossomed early this spring.

69. The sentence which starts with seldom, never, hardly, rarely or scarcely takes an inverse structure, i.e., Verb + Subject - Structure. For example,

Incorrect- Seldom I had seen such a beautiful sight.

Correct- Seldom had I seen such a beautiful sight.

70. Inversion is also used in a sentence which starts with here/there/ away/out/up/indoor or outdoor and Main Verb, or Aux + Main Verb is used before the Subject.

For example,

Incorrect- Away Sita went **Correct-** Away went Sita.

F. USES OF CONJUNCTIONS

71. Two Conjunctions should not be used in the same

sentence.

Incorrect- Although she was tired, but she still went on working.

Correct- Although she was tired, she still went on working.

72. 'Both' should be followed by 'and'. It should be used in the positive sense. In the negative sense, 'neither' 'nor' should be used in place of 'both'.

incorrect- Both Ravi as well as Raja were present there.

Correct- Both Ravi and Raja were present there.

73. 'Either ... or', 'neither nor':

'both and', 'not only but also'

should be followed by the same parts of speech.

Incorrect- He not only lost his ticket, but also his luggage.

Correct- He lost not only his ticket but also his luggage.

74. 'Neither' should be followed, by 'nor', 'either' should be followed by 'or'. Both these should not be confused.

Incorrect- He washed neither his hands or his face.

Correct- He washed neither his hands nor his face.

75. 'No sooner' should be followed by 'than', not by 'but' or 'then'.

Incorrect- No sooner do I finish this book then I shall begin another.

Correct- No sooner do I finish the book, than I shall begin another.

76. 'Hardly' and 'scarcely' should be followed by 'when' or 'before', but not by 'than' or 'that'.

Incorrect- Hardly did I reach the station, than the train left it.

Correct- Hardly did I reach the station when the train left it.

77. 'That' should not be used before a sentence in Direct Speech and before Interrogative Adverbs and Pronouns in the Indirect Speech.

1. Incorrect- He said that, "I shall go there."

Correct- He said, "I shall go there".

2. Incorrect- He asked me that who I was.

Correct- He asked me who was.

G. USES OF PREPOSITION

78. Objective case (of Noun or • Pronoun) is used after Preposition.

For example,

Incorrect- I do not depend on he.

Correct- I do not depend on him.

79. The Prepositions used after two words must be made clear if these two words are connected by and or or.

For example,

Incorrect- She is conscious and engaged in her work.

Correct- She is conscious of and engaged in her work.

80. If a Principal Verb is used after about, after, at, before, for, from, in, on, to, that Verb must be in ing (V4) form.

For example,

Incorrect- You prevented me from do it.

Correct- You prevented me from doing it.

81. On, in, at, are not used before today, tomorrow, yesterday, the following day, the next day etc.

For example,

Incorrect- He will go there on to-morrow.

Correct- He will go there tomorrow.

82. No Preposition is used before the word home. At home is a phrase which bears a different meaning.

For example,

Incorrect- Bring a T.V. set at home.

Correct- Bring a T.V. set home.

83. After Transitive Verbs, like dis-cuss, describe, reach, order, tell, demand, attack, resemble, ridicule, etc. we directly use the object and no Preposition is used after the Verb.

For example:

Incorrect- The poet describes about the beauty of nature in this poem.

Correct- The poet describes the beauty of nature in this poem.

84.

Say/suggest/propose/speak/reply/explain/talk/listen/write is followed by to-Preposition if there is a person in the form of object.

For example,

1. Incorrect- He did not reply me.

Correct- He did not reply to me.

2. Incorrect- He did not write to a letter.

Correct- He did not write a letter.

H. USES OF PRONOUNS

85. When a Pronoun is used as the complement of the Verb 'to be', it should be in the nominative case.

Incorrect- If I were him, I would not do it.

Correct- If I were he, I would not do it.

86. When the Pronoun is used as the object of a Verb or of a Preposition, it should be in the objective case.

1. Incorrect- Let you and I do it.

Correct- Let you and me do it.

2. Incorrect- These presents are for you and I.

Correct- These presents are for you and me.

87. Emphatic Pronouns can not stand alone as Subjects~

Incorrect- Himself did it.

Correct- He himself did it.

88. The Indefinite Pronoun 'one' should be used throughout if used at all.

Incorrect- One must not boast of his own success.

Correct- One must not boast of one's own success.

89. 'Either' or 'neither' is used only in speaking of two persons or things; 'any', 'no one' and 'none' is used in speaking of more than two.

1. Incorrect- Anyone of these two roads leads to the railway station.

Correct- Either of these two roads leads to the railway station.

2. Incorrect- Neither of these three boys did his homework.

Correct- No one of these three boys did his homework.

90. 'Each other' is used in speaking of two persons or things; 'one another' is used in speaking of more than two.

Incorrect- The two brothers loved one another.

Correct- The two brothers loved each other.

91. A Noun or Pronoun governing a Gerund should be put in the possessive case.

Incorrect- Please excuse me being late.

Correct- Please excuse my being late.

92. A Pronoun must agree with its antecedent in person, number and gender.

Incorrect- Each of these boys has done their homework.

Correct- Each of these boys has done his homework.

93. When two or more Singular Nouns are joined by 'and', the Pronoun used for them must be in Plural.

Incorrect- Both Raju and Ravi have done his homework.

Correct- Both Raju and Ravi have done their homework.

94. When two or more Singular Nouns joined by 'and' refer to the same person or thing, a Pronoun used for them must be in the singular.

Incorrect- The collector and District Magistrate is not negligent in their duty.

Correct- The collector and District Magistrate is not negligent in his duty.

95. When two or more singular nouns joined by 'or' or 'nor', 'either ... or', 'neither .. nor', the Pronoun used for them should be in the singular.

Incorrect- Neither Ravi nor Raju has done their homework.

Correct- Neither Ravi nor Raju has done his homework.

96. When two or more singular Pronouns of different persons come together, the Pronoun of second person singular (you) comes first, the pronoun of the first person singular (I) comes last and the pronoun of the third person singular (he) comes in between.

Incorrect- I, You and he must work together ..

Correct- You, he and I must work together.

97. When two or more plural Pro-nouns of different persons come together first person plural (we) comes first, then second person plural (you) and last of all third person plural (they).

Incorrect- You, they and we must work together ..

Correct- We, you and they must work together.

98. The Relative Pronoun who is in subjective case, whereas whom is in objective case. Therefore, for who there must be a Finite Verb in the sentence. Or otherwise, when whom (Object) is used in the sentence and there is more Finite Verb's than the number of Subjects in the sentence, then whom should be changed into who (Subject).

For example,

Incorrect- The doctor whom came here was Ram's brother.

Correct- The doctor who came here was Ram's brother.

99. With Superlative Degree Adjective, only, none, all etc., as Relative Pronoun we use that and not which or who.

For example,

Incorrect- All which glitters is not gold.

Correct- All that glitters is not gold.

100. After let, if a Pronoun is used, that Pronoun must be in the Objective Case.

For example,

Incorrect- Let he go there.

Correct- Let him go there.

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15 Question For Canara Bank

Q1. The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Mr Arun Jaitley launched India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) named _____ developed jointly by CRISIL & SIDBI.

- (a) CriDex (b) SidEx (c) CriSidEx
(d) Mdex (e) None of the given options is true

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Mr Arun Jaitley launched CriSidEx, India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs) developed jointly by CRISIL & SIDBI.

Q2. For 2016-2018, the theme for observing World Cancer Day is _____.

- (a) Yes You Can, We Can (b) Say No to Cancer
(c) Cancer- Lets Eliminate it (d) We Can, I can
(e) None of the given options is true

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. The World Cancer Day is observed on 4th February every year to raise awareness about cancer, its treatment and to encourage methods of its prevention. The primary goal of the day is to reduce the illness and related deaths by 2020. For 2016-2018, the theme for observing World Cancer Day is 'We Can. I can.'

Q3. In which of the following city, the First ever International Kala Mela was inaugurated by the Vice President of India?

- (a) Bengaluru (b) New Delhi (c) Pune
(d) Mumbai (e) Chandigarh

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. The First ever International Kala Mela was inaugurated by the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu in New Delhi. The International Kala Mela has been organised by the Lalit Kala Akademi in partnership with IGNC of the Ministry of Culture. More than 800 artists from across the world took part in the Festival.

Q4. India Open is a badminton event held annually at the Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi. In women's singles P V Sindhu was defeated by Beiwen Zhang. Beiwen Zhang belongs to which country?

- (a) USA (b) Indonesia (c) China
(d) Japan (e) South Korea

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. India Open is a badminton event held annually at the Siri

Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi. In women's singles Defending champion P V Sindhu was defeated by American Beiwen Zhang to finish runner-up at the India Open Super 500 tournament.

Q5. Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts can be closed after completion of-

- (a) 21 years (b) 25 years (c) 18 years
(d) 10 years (e) 32 years

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts can be closed after completion of 21 years.

Q6. What is the interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts as on 01st January 2018?

- (a) 8.5% Per Annum (b) 8.3% Per Annum
(c) 8.1% Per Annum (d) 8.7% Per Annum
(e) 8.9% Per Annum

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. 8.1% Per Annum is the interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Accounts as on 01st January 2018.

Q7. The objectives of setting up of payments banks will be to further financial inclusion by providing-

- (a) Small savings accounts
(b) Payments/remittance services to migrant labour workforce,
(c) Low income households
(d) All of the above
(e) None of the given options is true

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. The objectives of setting up of payments banks will be to further financial inclusion by providing (i) small savings accounts and (ii) payments/remittance services to migrant labour workforce, low income households, small businesses, other unorganised sector entities and other users.

Q8. Name the Cyprus President who has won re-election for a second term.

- (a) Demetris Christofias (b) Tassos Papadopoulos
(c) Glafcos Clerides (d) Nicos Anastasiades
(e) Spyros Kyprianou

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. Cyprus President Nicos Anastasiades has won re-election for a second term. The official final result after a second-round run-off put the conservative incumbent on 55.99% of the vote, ahead of Communist-backed Stavros Malas on 44%.

Q9. Which of the following state government has approved Ghodazari in Chandrapur district as a new wildlife sanctuary in the state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Assam (c) Maharashtra
(d) Gujarat (e) Karnataka

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Maharashtra government has approved Ghodazari in Chandrapur district as a new wildlife sanctuary in the state. The decision was taken at the 13th meeting of the Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

Q10. Which among the following Asian country has recently (4 February) celebrated its 70th Independence Day?

- (a) Bangladesh (b) Sri Lanka (c) Bhutan
(d) Nepal (e) Pakistan

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sri Lanka celebrated the 70th Independence Day in a grand ceremony at the Galle Face Green in Colombo. The theme of the ceremony was "One Nation".

Q11. The book penned down by PM Narendra Modi named _____ was launched to reach out to the students across the country ahead of their exams.

- (a) Exam Warriors (b) Desh K Bacche
(c) Exam Yoddha (d) Safal Pariksha
(e) Taiyariyan

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. The book penned down by PM Narendra Modi named 'Exam Warriors' was launched to reach out to the students across the country ahead of their exams. The book was released by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

Q12. Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC) is a Government of India Enterprise which provides export credit insurance facilities to exporters and banks in India. Where is the headquarter of ECGC Bank?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai (c) Kolkata
(d) Chennai (e) Bengaluru

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. The ECGC Limited (Formerly Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd) is a company wholly owned by the Government of India based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It provides export credit insurance support to Indian exporters and is controlled by the Ministry of Commerce.

Q13. Peru is a country in South America that's home to a section of Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan city set high in the Andes mountains. Capital of Peru is?

- (a) Havana (b) Port Louis (c) Damascus
(d) Rome (e) Lima

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. Peru officially the Republic of Peru is a country in western South America. It is bordered in the north by Ecuador and Colombia, in the east by Brazil, in the southeast by Bolivia, in the south by Chile, and in the west by the Pacific Ocean. Lima is the capital and the largest city of Peru.

Q14. The Idukki Dam is a double curvature arch dam constructed across the Periyar River in a narrow gorge between two granite hills Kuravan and Kurathi in which of the following state?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Tamil Nadu (c) Kerala
(d) Uttarakhand (e) Gujarat

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Idukki Dam is a double curvature arch dam constructed across the Periyar River in a narrow gorge between two granite hills Kuravan and Kuravathi in Kerala, India. At 167.68 metres, it is one of the highest arch dams in Asia. It was constructed and is owned by the Kerala State Electricity Board.

Q15. In India Open badminton series 2018, name the player from China who was the winner in Men's Singles category.

- (a) Guo Zhendong (b) Chai Biao (c) Du Pengyu
(d) Shi Yuqi (e) Hong Wei

S15.**Ans.(d)**

Sol. In India Open badminton series 2018, Shi Yuqi from China was the winner in Men's Singles category.

Questions Asked in Syndicate Bank PO 2018

Exam Slot – 1:

- What is the Full form of NFS? –
National Financial Switch
- What is the Full form of PCA – Prompt Corrective Action
- What is E in AePS – Aadhaar Enabled Payment System
- In which state Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project is located? – Jammu and Kashmir
- In which state Sangai Festival celebrated? – Manipur
- Which is the most populated state in India? Uttar Pradesh
- In which Indian state Govind Sagar dam is located? – Bilaspur District, Himachal Pradesh
- Between which country iMBAX exercise is conducted? –India and Myanmar
- Riel is the currency of which country? –Cambodia
- What is the Percent of FDI limit in Private banking sector – 74%
- Where is the Headquarter of Standard chartered Bank? –London, UK
- To which field Priya Ranjan Dasmuni died recently related? –Politician
- Which day is observed on 4th January? –World Braille Day
- On which river Ayodhya city situated? –Sarayu

15. Where is the headquarter of World Food Programme located? – Rome, Italy
16. Which image/motif is printed on new note of Rs. 50? – Hampi with Chariot
17. Where is the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany located – Lucknow.
18. What is the currency of Malaysia? - Malaysian ringgit
19. What is an inoperative account? – A savings as well as a current account is classified as 'inoperative' if there are no transactions in the account for over a period of two years
20. Imphal is the capital city of which state? – Manipur
21. Persons of how many ages RBI provided door to door banking for senior citizen? – 70 Age.
22. In which city Don Bosco Youth Film Festival of India held? – Panaji
23. Where is the venue of AIBA Women's Youth World Championships? – Guwahati
24. Where is the HQ of Equitas Small Finance Bank located? – Chennai
25. Karun kaladhar nair related to which sport? – Cricket
26. To which field Manik Banerjee is associated? – Mountaineer
27. RuPay a new card payment scheme launched by? – NPCI
28. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL) is wholly owned subsidiary of? – RBI
29. Where did United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting 2017 held? - Bonn, Germany
30. Which of the following country will host the BRICS summit 2018? – South Africa
31. Dronacharya award is given for which field? – Outstanding Coaches in Sports
32. Where is the headquarter of SIDBI located? – Lucknow
33. Which dictionary named "Fake News" the word of the year? – Collins dictionary
34. Where is the headquarters of IDFC Bank? – Mumbai
35. Which country is not in BIMSTEC country? – Pakistan
36. Where is Venue of AIBA Championship 2017? – Hamburg, Germany

Exam Slot – 2:

1. Which state has hosted the international cherry blossom festival- Meghalaya
2. To which field Vinesh Phogat is an Indian? – Wrestler
3. What is the meaning of "N" in NCLT? – National (National Company Law Tribunal)
4. What is the meaning of "M" in MIBOR? – Mumbai (Mumbai Interbank Offered Rate)
5. Where is the headquarters of Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) – New Delhi
6. What is the currency of which country? – Thailand

7. Where is the headquarters of Fincare Small Finance Bank? – Bengaluru
8. Which company launched India's first live payments bank in March 2017- Bharti Airtel
9. Which state's capital is Shillong? – Meghalaya
10. Who was awarded Jnanpith award 2017? – Krishna Sobti
11. Who won IFFI personality of the year award? – Amitabh Bachchan
12. What is the meaning of "E" in EFTPOS? – Electronic (Electronic funds transfer at point of sale)
13. Which bank has launched YONO (You Need Only One) app? – SBI
14. Where is the headquarters of IDFC Bank? Mumbai
15. Where is the headquarters of NABARD? Mumbai
16. Which country's former Prime Minister is Kirti Needhi Baste who passed away recently? –Nepal
17. Sonali Bank Limited is a state-owned leading commercial bank in which country? – Bangladesh
18. One Question related to SARFAESI act
19. In which state Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary is located? – Maharashtra
20. In which state the Indira Sagar Dam multipurpose project is located? – Madhya Pradesh
21. On the bank of which river Cuttack city is situated? Mahanadi River
22. What is the meaning of "B" in CBLO?- Borrowing (Collateralized Borrowing and Lending Obligations)

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1. Tallinn is the capital of – Estonia
2. In SEAC "A" stands for – Advisory (Standing External Advisory Committee)

3. In LTV “V” stands for – Value(Loan To Value)
4. In SWIFT “S” stands for – Society(Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)
5. In AMRUT, “U” stands for – Urban(Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation)
6. November 12 – World Pneumonia Day
7. HQ of Citi Union Bank – Kumbakonam
8. International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) – Budapest, Hungary
9. Panna National Park – Madhya Pradesh
10. Fugdi is the folk dance of – Goa
11. 44th G7 summit 2018 – Canada
12. Amnesty International HQ – London
13. World Economic outlook published by – IMF
14. Maximum Deposit allowed in IPPB Savings Account – 1 lakh
15. The writer of India 2017 Yearbook – Rajiv Mehrishi
16. Dudhawa Dam is built across – Mahanadi River
17. Ease of Doing Business – World Bank
18. 2018 Commonwealth Games – Australia
19. “S” in PMGSY- Sadak (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana)
20. Headquarters of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL)- Kolkata
21. Book titled “I am HIV positive, so what?” has been authored by- Jayanta Kalita
22. Quito is the capital of- Ecuador
23. Constituency of Shri Radha Mohan Singh – Purvi Champaran (Bihar)
24. The 9th 2017 annual BRICS summit held in- Xiamen, China
25. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium located in- Ahmedabad, Gujarat
26. P stands for in VVPAT? – Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail
27. The language not mentioned in the 8th Schedule – English
28. Chhिल्हिला Wildlife Sanctuary(Seonthi Reserve Forest) – Haryana
29. Bhitarkanika National Park – Orissa
30. Baikal lake – Russia
31. Global Trust Bank (GTB) merged with Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).
32. In WMA, A stands for – Advances
33. The first tri-service Armed Forces (Army, Navy, & Air Force) exercise INDRA 2017 between India and Russia
34. Indian Railway Institute – Vadodara, Gujarat
35. “The Golden House” Novel by Salman Rushdie
36. A type of home loan for older homeowners that requires no monthly mortgage payments – Reverse Mortgage
37. In, UPI U refers to – Unified
38. MMID related to – Mobile Banking
39. Budapest is the capital of – Hungary
40. Environment-Friendly Banking – Green Banking
41. CANDI app – Canara Bank
42. Credit Card not issued by – Payment Banks
43. In RERA, second R is related to – Regulatory
44. A wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India – NHB
45. Partition Museum – Amritsar, Punjab
46. Banks cannot accept interest-free deposits other than in current account
47. A two piece note pasted together wherein both the pieces presented belong to the same note, and form the entire note – Soiled Note
48. Bengaluru – Vrishabhavathi
49. Manimahesh lake – Himachal Pradesh
50. CERSAI is providing the platform for filing registrations of transactions of securitization
51. Badrinath on which riverbank – Alaknanda
52. CRAR – Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio
53. October 2? Non-Violence Day
54. ACA-VDCA stadium? Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
55. The term for country deposit their item less than price to increase their foreign market? Dumping
56. CERSAI – Securitisation Registry
57. Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship in 2019- India
58. What is M in MCLR? Marginal Cost of funds based Lending Rate
59. L in NCLT- National Company Law Tribunal
60. What is C in PSLC? Priority Sector Lending Certificates
61. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam memorial – Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu
62. Rs 50 base colour – Fluorescent Blue
63. The Ministry of Utmost Happiness – Arundhati Roy
64. Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences – Patna
65. Kishor scheme under – PMMY (Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana)
66. Kalesar National Park – Haryana
67. Novascotia bank headquarters? Toronto, Canada
68. Economics Intelligence Unit headquarters? London, England
69. Tez App – Google
70. Small Finance Banks promoter share in starting – 40%
71. NBFC regulated by – RBI
72. A in PMJAY – Aushadi(Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadi Yojana)
73. Human Capital index is released by – World Economic Forum

74. R in BIFR – Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction
75. FDI in payment bank – 74%
76. People's president related to – Dr APJ Kalam
77. Central Coalfields Limited is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited – Ranchi
78. IDBFT related to – Development and Research in Banking Technology
79. Which of the following is not required in UPI? account details of the recipient
80. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code – Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
81. 14th November – World Diabetes Day
82. HDFC acquired – Centurion Bank
83. Headquarter Of ICAN – Geneva, Switzerland
84. Minimum capital required for small finance bank – 100 Crore
85. 10th BRICS summit will be held – Johannesburg, South Africa
86. Bank note printing presses one at Mysore and another one at – Nashik
87. Orang or Rajiv Gandhi Orang National Park – Assam
88. M in MUDRA – Micro(Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency)
89. P in PCA – Prompt(Prompt Corrective Action)
90. NABARD's RIDF – Rural Infrastructure Development Fund
91. For the first five years, the stake of the promoter should remain at least 40%
92. Hidayatullah National Law University – Raipur, Chhattisgarh
93. Gorumara National Park – West Bengal
94. First payment Bank – Airtel Payments Bank Ltd
95. Yudh Abhyas 2017, a joint military training exercise between India and United States
96. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Port – Kandla port
97. G in SHG – Group(Self Help Group)
98. Vijayawada situated on – Krishna River
99. Capital of Venezuela – Caracas
100. Prakash Javdekar constituency – Madhya Pradesh
101. Tungabhadra dam – Karnataka
102. Cheque truncation and electronic cheque in – Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
103. Banking Codes and Standards Board of India was registered as a society under – Societies Registration Act, 1860
104. Indian Museum, the largest and oldest museum – Kolkatta, West Bengal
105. Reliance Stadium or Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd Sports Complex Ground also known as the IPCL Ground is located in Vadodara, Gujarat.
106. Standing External Advisory Committee (SEAC) to evaluate licenses for Universal Banks
107. PMGSY(Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) – Accidental Insurance
108. Headquarters of BEML – Bengaluru
109. Bathukamma festival is celebrated in – Telangana
110. Astana is the Capital of – Kazakhstan
111. Indirasagar Dam – MP
112. UN day – 24 October
113. 2017 G20 Summit – Hamburg, Germany
114. Nirmala Sitharaman Constituency – Bangalore, Rajya Sabha
115. Salim Ali bird sanctuary – Goa
116. Valley of flowers National Park – Uttarakhand
117. SIMBEX is an annual bilateral naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy
118. Provides coverage to a group of people which can be a professional group like employee-employer group or an informal group – Group Policy
119. C in "DICGC" stands for – Guarantee(Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation)
120. It is an amendment or addition to an existing insurance contract which changes the terms or scope of the original policy – Insurance Endorsement
121. Coverage to all family members – Family Health Insurance
122. Green Bond related to – Renewable Sources
123. Public Insurance provider – LIC
124. D in "NDTL" stands for – Demand(Net Demand And Time Liability)
125. Capital of Jharkhand – Ranchi
126. B in "ASBA" stands for – Blocked(Applications Supported by Blocked Amount)
127. Regulator of Insurance – IRDAI
128. What is the meaning of "M" in MPC?- Monetary
129. 7th pay commission head – AK Mathur
130. Sardar Sarovar dam over which river?- Narmada
131. Professional who deals with risk & uncertainty- Actuary
132. Sector 16 Stadium located in which UT- Chandigarh
133. Piyush Goyal constituency – Maharashtra
134. Yudh Abhyas, a joint military exercise between India and USA
135. Indus water treaty between India and which country – Pakistan
136. Shares of insurance in FDI?- 49%
137. IRDAI Headquarters – Hyderabad
138. Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary – Andhra Pradesh
139. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) established on – 1 Oct 2016

140. The situation in which the same risk is insured by two overlapping but independent insurance policies – Double Insurance
141. October 5 – World Teachers Day
142. “F” in PFMS stands for – Financial
143. The person selected by the policyholder to receive the benefit in case of death of the life insured thus giving a valid discharge to the insurer on settlement of a claim under a life insurance policy. – Nominee
144. Adam’s Bridge Marine National Park – Sri Lanka
145. Oslo is the Capital of – Norway
146. “Unstoppable: My Life So Far” book written by – Maria Sharapova
147. Narendra Singh Tomar constituency – Gwalior
148. Olympics 2024 Venue – Paris
149. “K” in PMKVY stands for – Kaushal(Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana)
150. 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup Venue – France
151. Capital of Myanmar – Naypyidaw
152. Mahanama Express – Varanasi to Vadodara
153. India’s first electric bus – Himachal Pradesh
154. Commercial paper related to – money market
155. EMS Corporation Stadium – Kerala
156. Promissory notes – Negotiable Instrument Act 1881
157. The early termination of an insurance product by the policyholder – Surrender
158. life coverage during the term of the policy and the maturity benefits are paid in installments by way of survival benefits in every 5 years. – Money Back Policy
159. “M” in MPC? – Monetary(Monetary Policy Committee)
160. Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary – Bihar
161. LIC was nationalized – 1956
162. In a first, transgenders employed at – Kochi Metro
163. Headquarters of NSE- Mumbai
164. FIFA football cup 2022- Qatar
165. Udawalawe National Park – Sri Lanka
166. Sep 15 – International Day of Democracy
167. The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad Book by Twinkle Khanna
168. Which date the insolvency and bankruptcy code, 2016 signed by president? - 28th may, 2016
169. FCCB is issued by – Companies
170. UNIDO Headquarters – Vienna, Austria
171. The lime app is launched by – Axis Bank
172. The name of SBI’s digital branches – sbiINTOUCH
173. NUUP available in – 12 languages
174. Zagreb is the capital of – Croatia
175. Sep 28 – World Rabies Day
176. Fincare small finance bank Headquarters – Bengaluru
177. Baglihar dam – J & K
178. In BBPS, P stands for – Payment(Bharat Bill Payment System)
179. Indian Rupee Account, fully repatriable, can be open only by NRI – NRE Account
180. Canara Bank launches “CANDI”-its first digital branch in Bengaluru.
181. USSD – Unstructured Supplementary Service Data
182. Chillar – HDFC
183. First Biodegradable Prepaid Card – Axis Bank
184. Ziggat mobile wallet by IDFC
185. Ranjit sagar dam – Punjab
186. Maximum amount at a time through USSD – Rs.5000
187. Bagota – Capital of Colombia
188. Mountain echos festival- Bhutan
189. ILO headquarter – Geneva
190. In SAARTHI app S stands for – Synergised Advanced Application Rail Travel Help and Information
191. PLSS – Public Land Survey System
192. First open defecation free city – Indore
193. Rewa Solar Plant – Bhopal, MP
194. International Youth Day – 12th August
195. MA Chidambaram Stadium – Chennai, TN
196. Rowa wildlife sanctuary – Tripura
197. India’s longest bridge Dhola- shadiya in – Assam
198. Lead banking Scheme – 1969
199. India’s rank in 2017 Sustainable Development Goal(SDG) Index – 116
200. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana – 2022
201. Headquarters of World Bank – Washington, D.C., US
202. Inter-governmental body responsible for promoting and protecting human rights around the world – UNHRC
203. Nathua sea, South China sea – Indonesia
204. Bhimketa caves – Madhya Pradesh
205. IUCN headquarters – Gland, Switzerland
206. World Humanitarian Day – Aug 19
207. Nashik on banks of which river – Godavari
208. Dandeli Tiger Reserve – Karnataka
209. Cuttack – Mahanadi
210. Chepauk – Chennai
211. India largest commodity exchange – MCX
212. Indian Institute of Liver and Digestive Sciences – West Bengal
213. (Sustainable Development Goals)SDG target year – 2030
214. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights(OHCHR) HQ – Geneva
215. Function of IMF – Provide loans
216. PM Mudra Yojana – MSME sector
217. SAARC HQ – Kathmandu, Nepal

218. Which of the following is not a part of World Bank Group? – BIS(Bank for International Settlements)
219. Theatre Olympics 2018 – India
220. International Rice Research Institute – Varanasi
221. UBI Full Form – Universal Basic Income
222. FAO Headquarters – Rome, Italy
223. NFSM Full Form – National Food Security Mission
224. Dudwa National park – Uttar Pradesh
225. ESAF launched its small finance bank operations in – Kerala
226. In JLF, F defines – Joint Lending Forum
227. Truncation is the process under which section of NI ACT 1881 – Section 6
228. July 28 – World hepatitis day
229. UPI is launched by NPCI & regulated by RBI
230. Issuer Identification Number(IIN) – Six Digit Number
231. In MTSS, “M” Stands for – Money(Money Transfer Service Scheme)
232. In ECB – “E” stands for – External(External Commercial Borrowing)
233. Kishtwar National Park – Jammu & Kashmir
234. Position of “Zero” in IFSC Code – Fifth
235. In MICR, “I” stands for – Ink(Magnetic Ink Character Recognition)
236. The first physical branch of Paytm Payment Bank – Noida
237. Bank of Rajasthan merged with – ICICI
238. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research – Bengaluru, Karnataka
239. July 18 – Mandela Day
240. Lisbon is a capital of – Portugal
241. IDFC Bank Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
242. Brahadeswara temple – Tamil Nadu
243. Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited – New Delhi
244. HQ of Capital Small Financial Bank – Jalandhar
245. World Population day – July 11
246. Madrid is the capital of – Spain
247. Almatti dam – Vijaypur district, Karnataka
248. Abu Dhabi is capital city of – United Arab Emirates
249. Full form of LAF – Liquidity Adjustment Facility
250. Dhola- Sadiya bridge (also known as Bhupen Hazarika Setu) built on which river –Brahmaputra & Lohit
251. Balewadi stadium aka Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Stadium – Pune, Maharashtra
252. MFI(Micro-Finance Institution) registered as NBFC are regulated by – Reserve Bank of India
253. E-saadat – Ministry of External Affairs
254. Sponsor of Indiacash, India’s first White Label ATM services – Tata Communications Payment Solutions Limited (TCPSL)
255. Darwaja band camping launched by which department – Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
256. Author of the book “Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio” – BlueKraft Digital Foundation
257. Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary – Assam
258. NSDL – National Securities Depository Limited
259. Banks cannot take deposits under PMGKY – Co-operative banks
260. India’s first underwater rail tunnel, constructed under the Hooghly river between – Howrah and Kolkata
261. FSDC – Financial Stability and Development Council
262. Pension Regulator – PFRDA – Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
263. Dudhwa national park – UP.
264. June 20 – World Refugee Day
265. TIES – Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme.
266. Kampala – Capital of Uganda
267. Ping Pay app – Axis Bank
268. State government’s share in RRBs – 15%
269. Sun Temple at Konark in – Odisha
270. Vadodara city is situated on the banks – Vishwamitri River
271. Insurance cover in PMSBY – Rs 2 lakhs
272. NPCI has implemented – National Automated Clearing House (NACH)
273. I in WIPO – Intellectual(World Intellectual Property Organization)
274. HDFC Headquarters – Mumbai
275. Stand Up India Scheme -SC, ST and Women borrowers – Rs.10 lakh to 100 lakh
276. Capital of Airtel Payment Bank capital – Rs.3,000 crore
277. Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary and Mollem National Park – Goa
278. Bank’s maximum denomination printable currency – 10,000
279. Ujjivan Bank Headquarters – Bengaluru
280. % of Small Finance Banks to be opened in unbanked rural area – 25%
281. Under MUDRA scheme “Kishor” covering loans above Rs 50,000 and up to – Rs.5 lakh
282. Srisailem Dam – Krishna
283. UN International Day of Vesak – Sri Lanka
284. As per RBI by Mar 2019 Asset Reconst Company to gain net corpus – 100 Crore
285. RBI implementations of JLF regarding – Stressed Assets
286. Class of Derivative that at least partly derived from more than one stock exchange – Equity Derivative

287. Base year for GDP calculation changed from 2004-05 to – 2011 – 12
288. For 2017-18, target of digital transactions through UPI, USSD, Aadhar, IMPS – 2500 Crore
289. What is P in APBS – Payment(Aadhaar Payments Bridge System)
290. SBI Mingle – Facebook and Twitter
291. Cheque written by drawer and dated at some point in past is called – Anti dated Cheque
292. Financial metric for a company's Operating Liquidity – Working Capital
293. Collapse of a financial system or collapse of a market is – Systemic Risk
294. As per RBI norms, Payment banks cannot do – NRI Deposits
295. For small banks, initial promoter stake for first 5 years should not be less than – 40%
296. An offense of tax evasion is slated to be a non-bailable offense if the amount exceeds – 5 crore
297. S in MSF – Standing(Marginal Standing Facility)
298. NBFC's can accept public Deposits for maximum period of – 60 months
299. National Financial Switch an ATM network is regulated by – NPCI
300. Cheque Truncation – Section 6B of Negotiable Instruments Act 1881
301. ABN AMRO bank Headquarter located in – Netherlands
302. Dishonour of cheque for sufficiency of funds in the amount deal with under which section – Section 138
303. Indian Overseas Bank headquarter located in – Chennai
304. Indradhanush 2.0 related with – For recapitalization of PSBs
305. Konkani language belongs to which part of India – Goa
306. Kuchipudi is the classical dance of which Indian State – Andhra Pradesh
307. Manas wildlife Sanctuary situated in which of the following India State – Assam
308. Payzapp application launched by which of the Private Sector Bank – HDFC
309. UNEP Stands for – United Nations Environment Programme.
310. CNP stands for – Card Not Present
311. 25th April – World Malaria Day
312. Size of Rs.2000 Note?– 166m*66m
313. 100% government equity payment bank?- India Post Payment Bank
314. AEPS full form ? – Aadhaar Enabled Payment System
315. AEPS SYSTEM required Aadhar number and _____ ? – Bank IIN or Name
316. Airtel payment bank is joint venture with? – Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd
317. China Nepal Army Exercise Name ?- Sagarmatha Friendship-2017
318. Dibrugarh is situated on the bank of which river? – Brahmaputra river
319. Dodhar trophy related to which sport ? – Cricket
320. EaZypay app launched by ? – ICICI bank
321. Headquarters of Central Bank of India? – Mumbai
322. JAN Laxmi finance NBFC Headquarters ? – Bengaluru
323. Kathakali dance is the classical dance of ? – Kerala
324. Malyalam language state ? – Kerala
325. RBI nationalised in –1949
326. Krishna Wildlife sanctuary located in – Andhra Pradesh
327. Equitas Small Finance Bank Headquarters – Chennai
328. Banks were advised to initiate urgent steps to ensure electronic filing of (CTR) and(STR) to FIU-IND. what is S in STR? – Suspicious Transactions Reports
329. Headquarters of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland
330. Currency of Austria – Euro
331. Capital of Vietnam – Hanoi
332. Premium of PMJJY Life insurance – Rs. 330
333. Kakrapar Atomic Power plant – Vyara, Gujrat
334. Theme of "No Tobacco Day" observed on 31st May – Tobacco a threat to development.
335. India's first book village to come up in – Bhilar, Maharashtra
336. Headquarters of Exide Life Insurance – Bengaluru
337. IRDAI established in – 1999
338. "World Red Cross Day" is observed – 8th May
339. Addis Ababa capital of – Ethiopia
340. FCNR R stands for – Foreign Currency Non-Repatriable account
341. AEBA -B stands for – Aadhaar Enabled Bank Accounts
342. Negotiable instruments act 1881 – cheque related to – Section 6 B
343. Banking ombudsman – RBI
344. 8 March – International Women's Day
345. Winter Olympics 2018 host – Pyeongchang
346. National games 2017 host – Goa
347. Himachal Pradesh second capital – Dharamsala
348. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank HQ – Thoothukudi
349. Bhimbetka rock shelters – Madhya Pradesh
350. World's biggest cricket stadium, to accommodate 1.10 lakh spectators – Gujarat
351. Nagarhole National Park – Karnataka
352. CERSAI Hq – New Delhi
353. Banking ombudsman appointed by – Reserve bank of India

354. Ambedkar birthday 2017 – water day
 355. Pan card compulsory for all accounts except – PMJDY Account
 356. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency HQ – Washington, D.C
 357. First National Voters Day – 2011
 358. “Forge your future” – A. P.J Abdul Kalam
 359. 62 Lifetime achievement award – Shatrughan Sinha
 360. iMobile – ICICI
 361. World’s first diamond trading exchange – Singapore Diamond Investment Exchange (SDiX)
 362. Bleed lines in 2000 rupee note – Seven
 363. National Youth day – 12th January
 364. The first non-UTI Mutual Fund established by – SBI
 365. Full form of GST – Goods and Service Tax
 366. Full form of UJALA – Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All
 367. IPPB is offering Savings account up to a balance of Rs 1 Lakh.
 368. Maximum balance in the BSBDA account should not exceed fifty thousand rupees at any time
 369. First payment bank got license – Airtel
 370. Initial capital required for Payment bank – Rs. 100 crore
 371. The first Indian batsman to score a triple-century – Virender Sehwag
 372. Notice money – 2 to 14 Days
 373. Good Governance Day – Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 374. World’s Longest flight between which two country – Qatar and New Zealand
 375. India’s first social innovation centre – Telangana
 376. Headquarters of PNB – New Delhi
 377. Rs. 2000 production cost – Rs. 3.54
 378. India’s first transgender school opens in Kerala
 379. Mysuru gets India’s 1st post office passport kendra
 380. Punjab & Sindh bank HQ – New Delhi
 381. IAEA HQ – Vienna, Austria
 382. Gandhi Stadium or Burlton Park or B.S.Bedi Stadium – Jalandhar, Punjab
 383. Nathpa Jakhri Dam – Himachal Pradesh
 384. An unsuitable boy – Biography of Karan Johar
 385. Securities market regulated by – SEBI
 386. Chitwan National Park – Kathmandu, Nepal
 387. 22 March – World Water Day
 388. Vijaywada – Krishna river
 389. Payment Regulatory Board Chairman – Governor of RBI
 390. Cancer day theme – We can I can.
 391. Saxo Bank HQ – Denmark
 392. imobile – ICICI bank
 393. Securities in electronic form – Dematerialization
 394. SIP investment scheme – Mutual Funds
 395. Thai Pongal – Tamil Nadu
 396. Kalayaripattu – Kerala
 397. International Fund for Agricultural Development – Rome
 398. Headquarter of syndicate bank- Manipal, Karnataka
 399. Hemis National Park – J & K
 400. A money in bank account is treated as Unclaimed money deposit after how years? – 10 years
 401. Baglihar Hydroelectric power plant ? – J&K
 402. Belgrade is the capital of ? – Serbia
 403. Headquarter of Deutsche bank?- Germany
 404. Headquarter of which of the bank is not in Karnataka?
 405. IDA Headquarters ? – Washington, D.C
 406. Indra navy exercise with? – Russia
 407. Largest network of shared ATMs in India? – National Financial Switch(NFS)
 408. Law related to DISHONORING OF CHEQUE in section 138.
 409. Maximum limit of Shishu ? – Rs 50000
 410. Maximum loan under Standup India? – Rs 1 crore
 411. Naira is a currency of ? – Nigeria
 412. Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary – Tamil Nadu
 413. Maharana Pratap Sagar dam- HP
 414. Asian Games 2018 – Indonesia
 415. EMI – Equated Monthly Installment
 416. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) initial corpus – 500 billion
 417. Book “Death Under the Deodars” is written by – Ruskin Bond
 418. Summer Olympics 2020 – Tokyo
 419. Manama is the Capital of – Bahrain
 420. HQ of RBL Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra
 421. HQ of South Indian bank – Thrissur, Kerala
 422. March 15 – International Consumer Rights Day
 423. HQ of Karnataka bank – Mangalore
 424. Namdapha National Park – Arunachal Pradesh
 425. AIPB Stands for – Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme
 426. Sonali Bank Limited – Bangladesh
 427. Full form of IAEA – International Atomic Energy Agency
 428. 28th February – National Science Day
 429. 24x7 Fund Transfer Facility – IMPS
 430. Full form of IMPS – Immediate Payment Service
 431. The Indirasagar Dam is a multipurpose project of Madhya Pradesh on the Narmada River
 432. Full form of IFSC – Indian Financial System Code
 433. RBI launches which portal to collect illegal money – Sachet
 434. Minimum age for opening a bank account – 10 years

435. The Range of loan in StartUp India – 10 Lakh to 100 Lakh
436. Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary – Chhattisgarh
437. India's first International exchange BSE INDIA INX inaugurated in – Gujrat, Gandhinagar
438. Headquarter of J.P Morgan Chase Bank – New York, USA
439. United Nations has declared the year 2017 as the – International Year of Sustainable
440. Kalidas Samman award – Classical Music, Classical Dance, Theatre and Plastic Arts
441. No transactions in the account for over a period of two years – Inoperative Accounts / Dormant Accounts
442. Tarun, Kishore and Shishu loan schemes – Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana(PMMY)
443. Bhim app is based on – UPI
444. Chhabra Thermal Power Plant – Rajasthan
445. Bannerghatta national Park – Karnataka
446. JSCA International Stadium complex – Ranchi, India
447. Mitra Shakti Military exercise between which country – India and Srilanka
448. Bank of Maharashtra Headquarter – Pune, Maharashtra
449. World Economic Forum Headquarters – Cologny, Switzerland
450. Which State has Highest Population according to census 2011 – Uttar Pradesh
451. Kohima – Capital of Nagaland
452. THE DRAMATIC DECADE : The Indira Gandhi Years – by Pranab Mukherjee
453. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology
454. Resident individuals and professionals with 10 years' experience in banking and finance are eligible to promote universal banks.
455. While giving banks this freedom, RBI had said a uniform rate will have to be offered on deposits of up to Rs. 1 lakh
456. Capital of Mizoram – Aizwal
457. Indian Overseas Bank Head office – Chennai
458. Dachigam national Park – Jammu and kashmir
459. Author of the Book "India 2020" – A.P.J Abdul Kalam
460. Pulicat lake – Andhra Pradesh
461. WTO headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
462. Dronacharya award related to – Sports coaches
463. 2018 Commonwealth Judo Games – India
464. World Cancer Day – February 4
465. Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Cricket Stadium – Raipur, Chhattisgarh
466. Gurudongmar Lake – Sikkim

467. For FDI up to 49 per cent, the approval of the Foreign Investment Promotion Board is required.
468. FDI in Payment Banks 74% – The foreign shareholding in the payments bank should be as per the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy for private sector banks.
469. OCMC – Online Consumer Mediation Centre
470. Gobind Sagar dam – Himachal Pradesh
471. kumarakom bird sanctuary – Kerala
472. Which operates in hourly batches – NEFT
473. P in EFTPOS stands for – Point
474. Commercial Papers are issued by – Corporate companies
475. Rabobank HQ – Utrecht, Netherlands.
476. Initially shares in RBI owned by – Private shareholders
477. NBFC accept deposits for a maximum period of – 60 Months
478. Author of the book, "Immortals of Meluha" – Amish Tripathi
479. Micro ATMs connects to server via – GPRS
480. International Criminal Court – The Hague, Netherlands
481. SHCIL is the only central record keeping agency of india
482. RBI to banks – repo rate
483. OTP is not required for transaction upto 2000 rs
484. Micro credit "loan of very small amount" to poor
485. If an Account is not used for 2 years is called inoperative or dormant Account .
486. BSBDA account valid for a period of 12 months initially .
487. Specific risk is not the type of market risk
488. NACH is used for making bulk transactions
489. FDI limit in private banks is 74%
490. Mobile Money Identifier (MMID) is a seven digit unique number

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