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**Commerce and Industry Ministry launched the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES). What is the name of the Commerce Secretary who will chair the Empowered Committee set up under the scheme?**

- a) Amita Bhattacharya**
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman**
- c) Veena NS**
- d) Rita Teotia**



**A three-day international conference on 'Vision Zero' and occupational safety and health was held in?**

- a) Chandigarh**
- b) New Delhi**
- c) Bengaluru**
- d) Pune**

**Who swore in as the Chief Minister of Manipur?**

- a) Biswajit Singh**
- b) Karam Shyam**
- c) Biren Singh**
- d) Jayanta Kumar Singh**

**Which neighboring country of India successfully test fired a land based anti ship missile?**

- a) Bangladesh**
- b) Myanmar**
- c) Sri Lanka**
- d) Pakistan**

**ONGC has announced to develop India's deepest gas discovery, ultra-deep sea UD-1, by 2022-23 with an investment of?**

- a) 18,500 cr**
- b) 27,300 cr**
- d) 30,000 cr**
- d) 21,500 cr**



**Which PSB has tied up with Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited (FGII) for bancassurance?**

- a) Corporation Bank**
- b) Dena Bank**
- c) UCO Bank**
- d) Canara Bank**



**For which disease did India sign WHO's 'call for action' and pledged to scale up measures to end the disease by 2030?**

- a) Cholera**
- b) Tuberculosis**
- c) Hepatitis B**
- d) Yellow fever**

**When was World Consumer Rights Day with theme  
'Building a Digital World Consumers can Trust' observed?**

- a) Mar 16<sup>th</sup>**
- b) Mar 20<sup>th</sup>**
- c) Mar 17<sup>th</sup>**
- d) Mar 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Which bank has acquired 100% stake in brokerage firm Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services' (IL&FS) securities services subsidiary ISSL?**

- a) Federal Bank**
- b) Axis Bank**
- c) IndusInd Bank**
- d) Citi Bank**

**Who has been sworn in as Upalokayukta of Assam by the Governor Banwarilal Purohit?**

- a) Manojit Bhuyan**
- b) Manash Pathak**
- c) Arup Goswami**
- d) Chittaranjan Sharma**

**Where did BHEL's first 800 MW, supercritical thermal power plant become operational?**

- a) Ranipet**
- b) Tiruchirapalli**
- c) Raichur**
- d) Jagdishpur**

**Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh while inaugurating Krishi Unnati Mela in New Delhi, announced to link 400 out of 585 wholesale mandis nationwide, by march-end, with the electronic trading platform called?**

- a) e-NAM**
- b) e-Agri**
- c) e-Mandi**
- d) e-Krishi**



**Finance Minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu presented a Rs 1.57 lakh crore budget for the year 2017-18, for which state?**

- a) Karnataka**
- b) Tamil Nadu**
- c) Andhra Pradesh**
- d) Telengana**

**As per a find published in ‘Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences’, which is the first amphibian in which fluorescent molecules were found?**

- a) Alligator**
- b) Caecilian**
- c) Frog**
- d) Salamander**

**Which city has topped Quality of Living rankings released by the world's largest human resources consulting firm Mercer?**

- a) Durban**
- b) San Francisco**
- c) Singapore**
- d) Vienna**



**Who has been appointed as the CEO of Reliance Commercial Finance?**

- a) Devang Mody**
- b) Naren Singh**
- c) Arun Verma**
- d) Manoj Dikshit**



**When was commonwealth day celebrated with theme 'A peace-building commonwealth'?**

- a) Mar 13**
- b) Mar 14**
- c) Mar 15**
- d) Mar 16**

**Which country held its first ever Girls Council, led by the Prince Faisal bin Mishal bin Saud, to increase women participation in workforce?**

- a) UAE**
- b) Qatar**
- c) Saudi Arabia**
- d) Kuwait**





**Joanna Rowsell Shand, the British Olympic champion who recently announced her retirement, is associated with which sports?**

- a) Skiing**
- b) Judo**
- c) Fencing**
- d) Cycling**



**Apex body of Private Real Estate Developers Associations, CREDAI has tied up with which bank for 'Housing for All' initiative?**

- a) Bank of Baroda**
- b) Punjab National Bank**
- c) Canara Bank**
- d) State Bank of India**

**Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced a bill in Lok Sabha to declare which of the following an Institution of National Importance (INI)?**

- a) Footwear Design & Development Institute**
- b) Institute of Apparel Management**
- c) Central Leather Research Institute**
- d) Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute**

**As per External Affairs Ministry, India's contribution to the United Nations rose in fiscal 2015-16 by 55% to?**

- a) 244 cr**
- b) 168 cr**
- c) 183 cr**
- d) 223 cr**



**Which of the following upcoming solar projects in Madhya Pradesh will be getting a loan from World Bank for developing internal transmission arrangements?**

- a) Mahindra Solar One**
- b) DDE Renewable Energy**
- c) Rewa Ultra Mega Solar**
- d) Bhaskar Green Power**

**Which of the following port trusts has signed an MoU with Puducherry government for handling EXIM cargo originating from Puducherry Port hinterland?**

- a) V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust**
- b) Cochin Port Trust**
- c) Chennai Port Trust**
- d) Vishakhapatnam Port Trust**



**What is the name of American filmmaker and author of the popular article 'You May Want to Marry My Husband', who recently passed away?**

- a) Nelle Harper Lee**
- b) Amy Tan**
- c) Toni Morrison**
- d) Amy Krouse Rosenthal**

**For which type of Agricultural loans has SBI floated a Rs 6000 cr one-time settlement scheme for defaulting borrowers?**

- a) Crop Loan**
- b) Tractor Loan**
- c) Irrigation Loan**
- d) Warehouse Loan**



**RBI announced to open up UPI platform for digital wallet companies as part of the government's digitisation campaign. UPI stands for?**

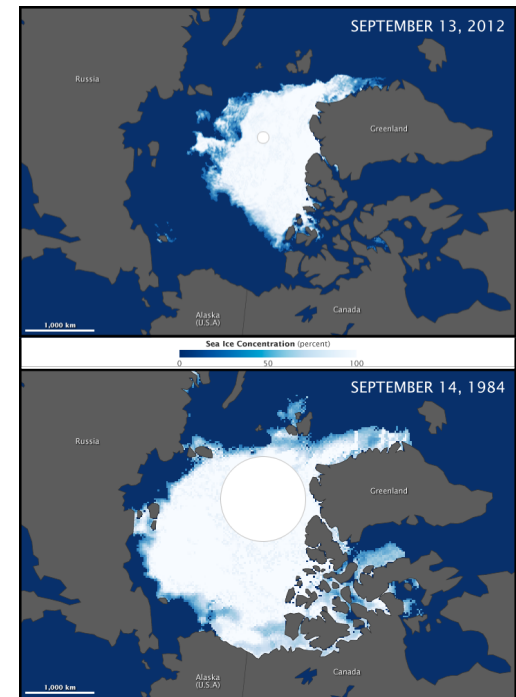
- a) Unified Payment Interface**
- b) Ultra Payment Interface**
- c) Unilateral Payment Interface**
- d) User Payment Interface**

**Who has resigned from the Chairmanship of the International Cricket Council?**

- a) N. Srinivasan**
- b) Zaheer Abbas**
- c) Shashank Manohar**
- d) David Richardson**

**As per a recent study published in Journal Nature Climate Change which of the following have caused about 30–50% of the Arctic sea ice losses since 1979?**

- a) Man-made emissions**
- b) Increase in CO<sub>2</sub>**
- c) Natural Swings**
- d) None of the Above**



**Which of the following is/are the only Indian company(ies) to feature in the list of world's most ethical companies by American think tank Ethisphere Institute?**

**1. Reliance**

**2. Wipro**

**3. Infosys**

**4. TATA Steel**

**a) Only 1**

**b) 1 & 3**

**c) 2 & 4**

**d) Only 4**

**With which country has Saudi Arabia signed an MoU on investment cooperation valued at \$65 billion?**

- a) China**
- b) Russia**
- c) Iran**
- d) France**



**Which airport was awarded 'World's Best Airport' for the fifth consecutive year by 2017 SkyTrax World Airport Survey?**

- a) Munich Airport**
- b) Incheon International Airport**
- c) Tokyo International Airport**
- d) Changi Airport**





**In an industry first, which bank launched digital Loan against Securities (LAS) allowing customers to avail loans in less than 3 minutes?**

- a) HDFC Bank**
- b) IDBI Bank**
- c) ICICI Bank**
- d) Federal Bank**

**As per a research published in Journal PLOS Biology, the scientists of the Swedish Museum of Natural History have found fossils of 1.6 billion-year-old probable red algae. The oldest-ever plant fossils were found in which district in India?**

- a) Jamui, Bihar**
- b) Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh**
- b) Nicobar, Andaman & Nicobar**
- c) Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh**

**Namibia Institute of Public Administration and Management has signed an MoU with which Indian institute?**

- a) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration**
- b) Department of Management Studies**
- c) Indian Institute of Leadership and Management**
- d) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade**

**Who has been appointed as the vice-president of the Local Organising Committee (LoC) of the FIFA U-17 World Cup to be held in India?**

- a) Chetan Sharma**
- b) Babul Supriyo**
- c) Rupa Ganguly**
- d) Manoj Tiwari**

**Meghalaya government tabled a Rs 1236 crore deficit budget for the financial year 2017-18. Who holds the finance portfolio in the state?**

- a) Roytre Christopher Laloo**
- b) Mukul Sangma**
- c) Pawan Chamling**
- d) Donkupar Lyngdoh**



**Sanjauli police station has become the first police post in the country to be linked with Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS). It is located in which state?**

- a) Himachal Pradesh**
- b) Uttarakhand**
- c) Jammu & Kashmir**
- d) Uttar Pradesh**

**In which city was the 5<sup>th</sup> International Convention on “Changing Dynamics of Commodities Market” organized?**

- a) New Delhi**
- b) Bhopal**
- c) Chandigarh**
- d) Lucknow**

**India recently finalized the text of Social Security Agreement with which country?**

- a) China**
- b) Russia**
- c) Brazil**
- d) South Africa**



**Which bank has been awarded first prize in the implementation of Official Language Policy in the western region for the year 2015-2016?**

- a) Bank of India**
- b) Central Bank of India**
- c) State Bank of India**
- d) Union Bank of India**

**Which international financial institution has approved a \$175 mn loan for the National Hydrology Project to improve India's ability to forecast floods?**

- a) World Bank**
- b) New Development Bank**
- c) International Monetary Fund**
- d) Asian Development Bank**

**European aviation major Airbus is going to set-up Asia's first greenfield training facility in?**

- a) Japan**
- b) Kuala Lumpur**
- c) Beijing**
- d) New Delhi**



**What is the name of Indian-American teenager, who won Regeneron Science Talent Search competition with \$250,000 prize for her research on treating brain injuries and diseases?**

- a) Arjun Ramani**
- b) Archana Verma**
- c) Indrani Das**
- d) Prathik Naidu**

**Which railway research centre has entered into an agreement with the Indian Railways to support future research and technology development?**

- a) Moscow State University of Railway Engineering**
- b) Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education**
- c) Monash University Institute of Railway Technology**
- d) Korean Rail Research Institute**

**As per the 'Women in Politics 2017 Map' launched by Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women, what was India's rank in world ranking of the number of women parliamentarians out of the 193 countries?**

- a) 148**
- b) 89**
- c) 163**
- d) 74**

**A Parliamentary panel has suggested merger of state-run telecom firms BSNL and MTNL for their long-term survival. The decision has been taken by Committee on Petitions chaired by?**

- a) Ajay Tamta**
- b) Virendra Singh**
- c) Bhagat Singh Koshyari**
- d) B.C.Khanduri**

**From which space centre did SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket make its 3<sup>rd</sup> successful flight carrying an EchoStar 23 communications satellite?**

- a) Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland**
- b) George C. Marshal Space Flight Center, Alabama**
- c) Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston**
- d) Kennedy Space Center, Florida**



**Cabinet recently gave its approval for revised MoU and MoO for developing border haats. India signed the pacts with which neighbouring country?**

- a) Pakistan**
- b) Nepal**
- c) Bangladesh**
- d) Bhutan**

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**As per the budget presented by Tamil Nadu Finance Minister D. Jayakumar, the fiscal deficit of the state stood at 4.58% for the year 2016-17. What is the fiscal deficit limit prescribed by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act?**

- a) 3%**
- b) 5%**
- c) 4%**
- d) 2%**

**SEBI recently reviewed the celebrity endorsement norms for which of the following financial products?**

- a) Loans**
- b) Mutual Funds**
- c) Insurance**
- d) ETFs**

**Which river in New Zealand, considered to be an ancestor by the Maori people, has become the first in the world to get the same legal rights as a human being?**

- a) Waikato River**
- b) Oreti River**
- c) Mataura River**
- d) Whanganui River**



**Which of the following cricket legends recently launched his autobiography titled 'My Story'?**

- a) Michael Clarke**
- b) Shahid Afridi**
- c) Saurav Ganguly**
- d) Ricky Ponting**

**Where is the first of its kind international summit, Global Millennium Summit 2017, with theme 'Future of this Millennium', being held?**

- a) Colombo**
- b) Dubai**
- c) Singapore**
- d) Kuala Lumpur**

**India recently signed MoUs with Indonesia and Kyrgyz Republic for cooperation in the field of ?**

- a) Tourism Development**
- b) Social Justice**
- c) Youth Affairs**
- d) Sustainable Development**



**Which badminton player has recently been named on the Governing Body of Sports Authority of India?**

- a) P Sindhu**
- b) Saina Nehwal**
- c) Jwala Gutta**
- d) P Kashyap**

**What is the name of the robot developed by Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT) Pune in collaboration with IBM, designed to assist senior citizens in everyday tasks?**

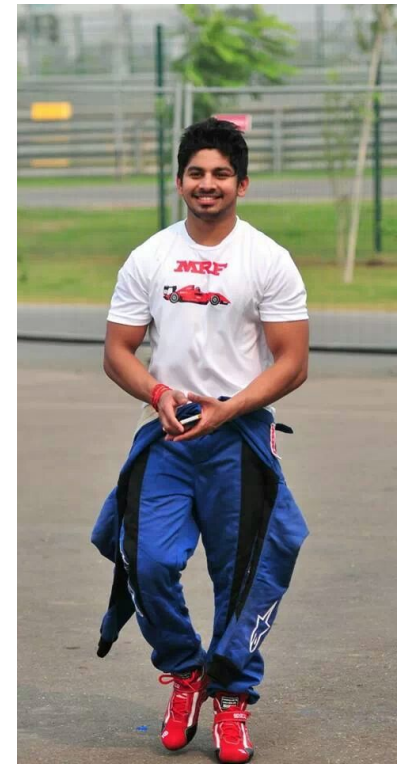
- a) Monu**
- b) Mintu**
- c) Sonu**
- d) Chintu**

**Government has decided to conduct a field trial of which denomination of plastic banknotes in 5 locations of the country?**

- a) Rs 10**
- b) Rs 20**
- c) Rs 50**
- d) Rs 100**

**Ashwin Sundar, who recently passed away in Chennai,  
was a famous?**

- a) Golfer**
- b) Billiards player**
- c) Car racer**
- d) Shooter**



**Union Cabinet has approved the increment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017 from the existing 2% to?**

- a) 2.5%**
- b) 3%**
- c) 4%**
- d) 5%**

**Where was the conference of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors held?**

- a) India**
- b) Japan**
- c) Germany**
- d) US**

**Where was the nine-day long National Theatre Festival held, showcasing 17 dramas from various regional languages?**

- a) Amravati**
- b) Mumbai**
- c) New Delhi**
- d) Thiruvananthapuram**

**Central government has announced to infuse Rs 418 cr in which state-run bank as a part of turnaround-linked capital infusion plan?**

- a) Bank of Maharashtra**
- b) Central Bank of India**
- c) Bank of Baroda**
- d) United Bank of India**



**Which aircraft manufacturer has signed a \$3.4 billion contract with U.S. Army for 268 AH-64E Apache helicopters?**

- a) Airbus**
- b) Boeing**
- c) Bombardier**
- d) Embraer**

**Which congress politician has been nominated as the new chairman of the Public's Account Committee (PAC)?**

- a) Abhishek Singhvi**
- b) Manish Tewari**
- c) Kamal Nath**
- d) Mallikarjun Kharge**

**Which of the following space agencies launched a spy satellite, Radar 5, to track North Korean and Chinese military movements on an H-2A rocket?**

- a) CNSA**
- b) JAXA**
- c) KARI**
- d) ISRO**

**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval for marketing and pricing freedom to the contractors of?**

- a) Petroleum Coke**
- b) Coal Bed Methane**
- c) Crude Oil**
- d) Naphtha**

**Recently launched ESAF Small Finance Bank, is which state's first private sector bank in micro financing?**

- a) Telangana**
- b) Andhra Pradesh**
- c) Tamil Nadu**
- d) Kerala**

**For dedicating their lives to social work, 11 Indians among the 25 Asian women won the 'Women Icons' award in?**

- a) Malaysia**
- b) Japan**
- c) Singapore**
- d) China**

**Which US state has declared March 16<sup>th</sup> as the 'Indian-American Appreciation Day' to honour Indian engineer Srinivas Kuchibhotla who was killed in an apparent hate crime?**

- a) Illinois**
- b) Colorado**
- c) Indiana**
- d) Kansas**

**In a first, scientists at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) have found a blood test which was able to diagnose which of the following mental disorders?**

- a) Bipolar disorder**
- b) Dementia**
- c) Autism**
- d) Schizophrenia**



**CASHe, a fin-tech tech product promoted by Aeries Financial Technologies, has entered into a strategic partnership with which online marketplace for financial products?**

- a) Etsy**
- b) ApnaPaisa**
- c) Bankbazaar**
- d) Rubique**

**Which private sector lender has entered into a partnership with Avenues India to help merchants get access to point of sale and payment gateway products?**

- a) Federal Bank**
- b) Dhanlaxmi Bank**
- c) Bandhan Bank**
- d) DCB Bank**

**Cabinet recently approved the IIT-PPP Bill 2017. How many IITs set up under the PPP mode would now be able to grant degrees?**

- a) 15**
- b) 10**
- c) 22**
- d) 18**

**Which state recently organized its first ever Sahitya Sangam and felicitated 30 odd veteran scholars?**

- a) Bihar**
- b) Rajasthan**
- c) Haryana**
- d) Madhya Pradesh**

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) have joined hands to work together on?**

- a) Crop Improvement**
- b) Crop Drying**
- c) Farm Automation**
- d) Bio-Security**

**How many month(s) extension has been given by the Union Environment Ministry as a “one-time opportunity” to industrial projects functioning without environmental clearance (EC) to apply for a back-dated green certificate?**

- a) 1**
- b) 3**
- c) 6**
- d) 12**

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**Derek Walcott, who recently passed away, was a Nobel laureate in which field?**

- a) Economics**
- b) Literature**
- c) Medicine**
- d) Peace**





**Cabinet gave its approval for signing an MoU with which country for greater cooperation with regard to marine aids to navigation?**

- a) Sri Lanka**
- b) Maldives**
- c) Bangladesh**
- d) Myanmar**

**What is the name of India's first indigenously built rake that was flagged off at Dadar Station in Mumbai?**

- a) Versha**
- b) Medha**
- c) Kiran**
- d) Barkha**

**Anang Tadar, a class 11 student, who has developed 'Goggle for Blind (G4B)' based on echo location, hails from which state?**

- a) Tripura**
- b) Sikkim**
- c) Assam**
- d) Arunachal Pradesh**

**Indian-American Sandeep Matharani has been listed fourth on the list of top 25 overpaid CEOs in America as per a report by the nonprofit 'As You Sow'. He is the CEO of which company?**

- a) Salesforce**
- b) Discovery Communication**
- c) General Growth Properties**
- d) CBS**

**Pakistan is planning to declare which of the following regions as its fifth province?**

- a) Balochistan**
- b) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**
- c) Gilgit-Baltistan**
- d) None of the Above**

**For which fighter jets fleet of the Indian Air Force (IAF) did India and Russia signed key agreements for long-term maintenance support?**

- a) Sukhoi Su-30MKI**
- b) Pilatus PC-7 MkII**
- c) Beriev A-50EI**
- d) Antonov An-32**



**Which city hosted The International Diamond Conference with theme “Mines to Market 2017”?**

- a) Kolkata**
- b) Bhubaneswar**
- c) New Delhi**
- d) Ahmedabad**

**NTPC announced commissioning of second unit of 660 MW at which thermal power station located in Maharashtra?**

- a) Talcher Super Thermal Power Station**
- b) Mauda Super Thermal Power Station**
- c) Korba Super Thermal Power Plant**
- d) Barh Super Thermal Power Station**



**Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)?**

- a) Narain Dass**
- b) Manju Diler**
- c) Dalip Kallu**
- d) Manhar Valji Bhai Zala**

**Who launched the first-ever mobile app in the world dedicated to breast health named 'ABC of Breast Health' at an event organized by the Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation in Mumbai?**

- a) Sachin Tendulkar**
- b) Shilpa Shetty**
- d) Amitabh Bachchan**
- c) Vidya Balan**

**Where was the 15<sup>th</sup> All India Meet of States' Legal Services Authorities held?**

- a) Bangalore**
- b) Mumbai**
- c) Gurugram**
- d) New Delhi**

**As per a recent report by Finance Ministry, 29 lakh debit cards were subjected to malware attack in India last year by being used at ATMs that were connected to the switch provided by which company?**

- a) National Financial Switch**
- b) Maximus Infoware**
- c) Hitachi Payment Services**
- d) InfracoreTech**

**Where was the three-day International Buddhist Council, organized by Ministry of Culture and Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, held?**

- a) Nepal**
- b) Uttar Pradesh**
- c) Madhya Pradesh**
- d) Bihar**



**As per a report presented by Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation Mahendra Singh Tomar, which state has highest number of Arsenic affected people in India?**

- a) Bihar**
- b) West Bengal**
- c) Chhattisgarh**
- d) Jharkhand**

**Legendary musician Chuck Berry, who recently passed away, was associated with which music genre?**

- a) Pop**
- b) Country**
- c) Roll n' Roll**
- d) Blues**

**Who won the men's singles title in BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, California?**

- a) Novak Djokovic**
- b) Rajeev Ram**
- c) Roger Federer**
- d) Stan Wawrinka**



**Who has been appointed as the ambassador of the 5<sup>th</sup> Blind Cricket World Cup to be held in UAE and Pakistan?**

- a) Sachin Tendulkar**
- b) Shahid Afridi**
- c) Saurav Ganguly**
- d) Shoaib Malik**

**Which two telecom companies are going to merge their operations to become India's largest telecommunications company?**

**1. Idea**

**2. Vodafone**

**3. TATA Tele**

**4. Aircel**

**a) 1 & 2**

**b) 2 & 3**

**c) 3 & 4**

**d) 4 & 1**

**Indian-American Anshumali Shrivastava won National Science Foundation's Career Award for research in which field?**

- a) Life Sciences**
- b) Organic Chemistry**
- c) Computer Science**
- d) Applied Physics**

**International Day of Happiness was observed on Mar 20<sup>th</sup>. Which country tops the happiness index as per the 2017 World Happiness Report which ranks 155 countries?**

- a) Norway**
- b) Denmark**
- c) Iceland**
- d) Switzerland**



**Which state has approved 33% reservation for women in all state government jobs and 50% in Panchayati Raj and urban local bodies?**

- a) Goa**
- b) Manipur**
- c) Punjab**
- d) Maharashtra**

**The noted Gujarati poet Chinu Modi recently passed away.  
What was his pen name?**

- a) Saahil**
- b) Irshad**
- c) Aabid**
- d) Habeeb**

**Who has been appointed by the central government as a member on the Western Area Local Board of RBI?**

- a) Dilip Shanghvi**
- b) Prasanna Mohanty**
- c) Sunil Mitra**
- d) Ravi Ruia**



**Mera iMobile, an app that allow users in rural areas to access banking services as well as information on agri services, has been launched by which bank?**

- a) HDFC Bank**
- b) Citi Bank**
- c) Axis Bank**
- d) ICICI Bank**



**ONGC is going to acquire which company's entire 80% stake in KG basin natural gas block for \$1.2 bn?**

- a) Jubilant Offshore Drilling**
- b) Geo Global Resources (India)**
- c) Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation**
- d) None of the Above**

**How many Indians have featured in World Economic Forum's 100 Young Global Leaders list 2017?**

- a) 3**
- b) 5**
- c) 2**
- d) 4**

**Committee of Administrators (CoA), constituted by the Supreme Court, finalised a new constitution for which sports governing body?**

- a) Hockey India**
- b) Badminton Association of India**
- c) Board of Control for Cricket in India**
- d) All India Football Federation**

**Field trials were recently completed for India's longest road tunnel connecting Chenani and Nashiri towns. It is located in which state?**

- a) Andhra Pradesh**
- b) Rajasthan**
- c) Tamil Nadu**
- d) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Which country has topped the 2017 Bloomberg Global Health Index that rated 167 countries?**

- a) Switzerland**
- b) Singapore**
- c) Italy**
- d) Iceland**



**Who has been appointed as the new CEO of digital wallet company Freecharge, which is owned by Snapdeal?**

- a) Jason Kothari**
- b) Govind Rajan**
- c) Bharath Chacko**
- d) George Cherian**

**A much faster WiFi system has been developed by scientists from Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands. It is based on?**

- a) Radio waves**
- b) X-rays**
- c) Infrared**
- d) UV waves**

**Dev Raj Sikka, who recently passed away, was a veteran?**

**a) Economist**

**b) Meteorologist**

**c) Geologist**

**d) Agricultural Scientist**



**Which of the following rivers of India has become the first in India to receive the rights of a living entity?**

- a) Mahanadi**
- b) Brahmaputra**
- c) Ganga**
- d) Cauvery**



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**World Sparrow Day is observed on Mar 20<sup>th</sup> every year . It is an initiative by which environmental organization in India?**

- a) Wildlife SOS**
- b) National Biodiversity Authority**
- c) Navdanya**
- d) Nature Forever Society**



**Government of India has notified the swapping of Managing Director & Chief Executive Officers of which two banks?**

**1. IDBI Bank    2. Dena Bank**

**3. UCO Bank    4. Indian Bank**

**a) 1 & 2**

**b) 3 & 4**

**c) 1 & 4**

**d) 2 & 3**

**How many legislations did Union Cabinet approved to implement Goods and Services Tax (GST)?**

- a) 4**
- b) 6**
- c) 2**
- d) 5**

**Which township in Surat district of Gujarat has become India's first private sector township to go cashless?**

- a) Satya Sai, KP Group**
- b) Green Residency**
- c) Reliance Township**
- d) Nand Niketan, Essar Group**

**What is the name of former Rajya Sabha MP, popularly called Chanakya of Odisha politics, who recently passed away?**

- a) Shashi Bhusan Behera**
- b) Kishore Kumar Mohanty**
- c) Pyari Mohan Mohapatra**
- d) Baijayant Panda**



**Finance Ministry has prepared a turnaround linked Rs 8,586 cr capital infusion plan for how many PSBs?**

**a) 5**

**b) 12**

**c) 8**

**d) 10**



**Which of the following small scale units will be provided financial assistance by the Government in the form of capital subsidy for installation of solar photovoltaic (SPV) plants?**

- a) Cottage units**
- b) Toys manufacturing units**
- c) Powerloom units**
- d) Paper production units**

**Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Reliance Communications' proposed merger with which telecom service provider?**

- a) Vodafone**
- b) Tata Tele**
- c) Idea**
- d) Aircel**

**Scientists at European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) have discovered a new system of five particles all in a single analysis using which particle accelerator?**

- a) Isochronous cyclotron**
- b) Large Hadron Collider**
- c) Alternating Gradient Synchrotron**
- d) Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider**

**In his marathon innings, which cricket player became the first Indian batsman to face 500 balls in an innings?**

- a) Virat Kohli**
- b) Kannur Lokesh Rahul**
- c) Ajinkya Rahane**
- d) Cheteshwar Pujara**

**Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has asked airlines to disallow oversized hand baggage on flights operating at performance limited airports. Who is the present Director General of DGCA?**

- a) Arvind Sardana**
- b) J.S. Rawat**
- c) B.S.Bhullar**
- d) Lalit Gupta**

**Tata Motors signed an agreement with which German automaker to explore cooperation in India?**

- a) Volkswagen**
- b) BMW**
- c) Ford-Werke**
- d) Opel**

**KT Irfan who won bronze at the Asian Championships in Japan, is associated with which sports?**

- a) Sprint**
- b) Long Jump**
- c) Race Walking**
- d) Marathon**



**Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its in principle approval for selling how much percentage of Indian Oil Corp's stake in Lubrizol India Private Ltd to Lubrizol Corp?**

**a) 15%**

**b) 33%**

**c) 20%**

**d) 24%**



**India and Pakistan held a two-day Indus Water Commission meeting at?**

- a) Peshawar**
- b) Lahore**
- c) Islamabad**
- d) Karachi**

**In which state the economic blockade, called by a political party, finally came to an end after 139 days?**

- a) Nagaland**
- b) Tripura**
- c) Manipur**
- d) Mizoram**

**World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim today announced a record \$57 billion in financing over the next three years for?**

- a) South East Asia**
- b) Sub Saharan countries**
- c) Middle Eastern countries**
- d) South Asia**

**Which state has announced to set up a cashew development board to promote development of good quality cashew orchards over the next 5 years?**

- a) Karnataka**
- b) Maharashtra**
- c) Andhra Pradesh**
- d) Odisha**

**E-commerce major Snapdeal has partnered with which country's External Trade Organization, to showcase popular SME products on the marketplace?**

- a) Dubai**
- b) Japan**
- c) China**
- d) Indonesia**



**Who has been appointed as the Director of National Intelligence, approved by US Congress?**

- a) HR McMaster**
- b) Angus King**
- c) Mike Flynn**
- d) Dan Coats**



**Four new scientific advisors have been roped in for which sport by its governing body?**

- a) Football**
- b) Athletics**
- c) Hockey**
- d) Gymnastics**

**Railways has announced to establish a museum to commemorate the visit of Swami Vivekananda at which station in Tamil Nadu?**

- a) Katpadi**
- b) Jolarpettai**
- c) Salem**
- d) Kumbakonam**





**Madhukar Gupta committee, which recently submitted its report, was constituted for which of the following issues?**

- a) Environmental protection**
- b) Cyber threats**
- c) Educational reforms**
- d) Border security**

**Which state government has announced a Rs 10 cr fund 'Idea2POC (Proof of Concept)' for women entrepreneurs?**

- a) Gujarat**
- b) Karnataka**
- c) Odisha**
- d) Haryana**

**Where was the 3-day long event of 6th edition of the International Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS) held?**

- a) Chennai**
- b) Jakarta**
- c) Shanghai**
- d) Abu Dhabi**

**Which Indian state has received a \$210 million loan for strengthening its Gram Panchayats?**

- a) Chhattisgarh**
- b) Jharkhand**
- c) Mizoram**
- d) West Bengal**

**What is the name of Director General of ICMR, who has joined a United Nations (UN) group on antimicrobial resistance?**

- a) Soumya Swaminathan**
- b) Jayshreeben Mehta**
- c) KK Aggarwal**
- d) RN Tandon**

**ISRO has commissioned the world's third largest Hypersonic Wind Tunnel and Shock Tunnel at which facility?**

- a) ISRO Propulsion Complex**
- b) Space Applications Centre**
- c) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre**
- d) Satish Dhawan Space Centre**



**What was the theme of UN's International Day of Forests 2017 observed on Mar 21<sup>st</sup>?**

- a) Forests and Food**
- b) Forests and Energy**
- c) Forests and Life**
- d) Forests and Water**

**Who has received the second highest peacetime gallantry award 'Kirti Chakra' for leading the team which carried out surgical strike against terrorist's hideout in PoK?**

- a) Vikram Arya**
- b) Praveen Bakshi**
- c) Vijay Kumar**
- d) Rohit Suri**



**Cabinet has approved merger of which of the following banks with State Bank of India?**

- a) Puduvai Bharathiar Grama Bank**
- b) Kaveri Grameena Bank**
- c) State Bank of Saurashtra**
- d) Bharatiya Mahila Bank**

**Which country is going to launch its first sign language dictionary in both print and video format?**

- a) Malaysia**
- b) China**
- c) India**
- d) Nepal**

**Mukesh Ambani who topped the Indian billionaire list as per Forbes list of 'World's Billionaires 2017', ranks at which place in the global list?**

- a) 33**
- b) 8**
- c) 17**
- d) 21**

**RBI recently proposed to fix the upper limit for Pre-paid Payment Instruments if the customer provides full KYC at?**

- a) 1,50,000**
- b) 50,000**
- c) 1,20,000**
- d) 1,00,000**

**What was the theme of 5<sup>th</sup> foundation day of BIRAC?**

- a) Invigorating the Biotech Innovation Ecosystem**
- b) Impacting the Biotech Ecosystem**
- c) Biotech Innovation Ecosystem - Strategizing the Next Leap**
- d) Catalysing the Growth of an Innovation Driven Biotech Enterprise**

**How many projects worth Rs 1900 cr have been approved for Namami Gange programme across 4 states?**

- a) 4**
- b) 12**
- c) 15**
- d) 20**

**India has signed an MoU worth \$20 million for constructing housing projects in which country?**

- a) Maldives**
- b) Indonesia**
- c) Mauritius**
- d) Philippines**

**Which city has been ranked the cheapest in India by Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Worldwide Cost of Living 2017 report?**

- a) Bangalore**
- b) New Delhi**
- c) Mumbai**
- d) Chennai**



**Which Indian snooker player won the silver medal at Women World Snooker Championship in Singapore?**

- a) Chitra Magimairaj**
- b) Umadevi Nagaraj**
- c) Anuja Thakur**
- d) Vidya Pillai**

**World Poetry Day was celebrated on Mar 21<sup>st</sup>. It was declared by UNESCO in which year?**

- a) 1991**
- b) 1999**
- c) 2003**
- d) 1987**

**Who has been appointed as new whole time member of SEBI for a period of three years?**

- a) Arun P Sathe**
- b) N.S.Vishwanathan**
- c) Tapan Ray**
- d) Madhabi Puri Buch**

**Which team won the 2017 Vijay Hazare Trophy beating Bengal in the final?**

- a) Jharkhand**
- b) Karnataka**
- c) Punjab**
- d) Tamil Nadu**

**Maggie McDonnell, who won the Global Teacher Prize 2017 for \$1 mn, teaches a small Inuit village in which country?**

- a) US**
- b) Greenland**
- c) Canada**
- d) Russia**

**Which city hosted the second India-UAE conference on globalization organized by ALMA?**

- a) Mumbai**
- b) Abu Dhabi**
- c) New Delhi**
- d) Dubai**

**Which state has approved the disbursal of arrears to the government employees as per the salary hike in 7<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission?**

- a) West Bengal**
- b) Andhra Pradesh**
- c) Kerala**
- d) Assam**

**When was International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination observed with theme 'Racial profiling and incitement to hatred, including in the context of migration'?**

- a) Mar 19**
- b) Mar 15**
- c) Mar 17**
- d) Mar 21**



**Which city is hosting the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the 3-day-long convention 'FICCI Frames-2017'?**

- a) Kolkata**
- b) Delhi**
- c) Ranchi**
- d) Mumbai**

**UN Secretary-General recently proposed to shut down UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti and replace it with a smaller mission. Who holds the Secretary-General position at UN presently?**

- a) Hervé Ladsous**
- b) Filippo Grandi**
- c) Antonio Guterres**
- d) Anthony Lake**

**Government has proposed a labour code which will provide social security cover to the entire workforce in the country. Who is the Minister of Labour and Employment (I/C)?**

- a) Anil Madhav Dave**
- b) Dharmendra Pradhan**
- c) Bandaru Dattatreya**
- d) Jitendra Singh**

**Which of the following engineering institutes has featured in the top 30 of Asia University Rankings 2017 by the The Times Higher Education?**

- a) Punjab Engineering College**
- b) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**
- c) Savitribai Phule Pune University**
- d) Indian Institute of Technology, Gauhati**

**Which union ministry unveiled the new National Building Code prepared by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)?**

- a) Ministry of Urban Development**
- b) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**
- c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation**
- d) None of the Above**

**India and Pakistan recently joined Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as the full members. SCO's secretariat is located at?**

- a) Shenzhen**
- b) Guangzhou**
- c) Shanghai**
- d) Beijing**

**Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has planned to launch a pilot scheme for promoting ornamental fisheries sector with an outlay of?**

- a) Rs 72 cr**
- b) Rs 36 cr**
- c) Rs 24 cr**
- d) Rs 60 cr**

**National Health Policy 2017, which has been prepared on the lines of Obamacare, was recently approved by the Cabinet. It will replace the health policy previously framed in?**

- a) 1984**
- b) 2006**
- c) 2002**
- d) 1998**



**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HEFA) has granted the first-ever permission to carry out a new “three-parent baby” fertility technique. HEFA is the fertility clinics regulator in?**

- a) Germany**
- b) United Kingdom**
- c) France**
- d) United States**

**Finance Ministry recently announced its decision to make Aadhaar card mandatory for?**

- 1. Applying for PAN cards**
- 2. Making online bank transfers**
- 3. Filing IT returns**
- 4. Dealing in securities market**

**a) Only 1**

**b) 1 & 3**

**c) 2 & 4**

**d) Only 2**

**Which e-commerce major has launched 'A-Z GST Guide' programme in its pilot phase to train sellers for GST, which is to be rolled out from July?**

- a) e-Bay**
- b) Snapdeal**
- c) Flipkart**
- d) Amazon**

**BSE has tied up with which algorithmic based analysis firm to report social media updates related to 40,000 globally listed stocks?**

**a) IBM-Analytics**

**b) Sentifi**

**c) Heckyl**

**d) FinTrends**

**Jet Airways has announced a partnership with which cab aggregator for providing its customers the facility to book airport cabs through the Jet Airways app itself?**

- a) Ola**
- b) Easycabs**
- c) Uber**
- d) Meru**



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