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1. Which State Government approved separate religion status for the Lingayat community?

1. Rajasthan
2. Punjab
3. Uttarkhand
4. Karnataka

Answer – 4. Karnataka

2. In which city, the Informal meeting of World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministers was held at?

1. Kolkata
2. Gandhinagar
3. New Delhi
4. Mumbai

Answer – 3. New Delhi

3. Which Indian city hosted the First India-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction 2018?

1. New Delhi
2. Mumbai
3. Kanpur
4. Pune

Answer – 1. New Delhi

4. India's Department of Space and signed an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_, that will enable them to share earth observation data from each other's satellite?

1. Chinese Commission
2. USA Commission
3. Australian Commission
4. European Commission

Answer – 4. European Commission

5. Gulf Shield 1 Joint drills, organised by Saudi Arabia's Defence Ministry, started in the eastern region of Saudi Arabia from March 18, 2018. Military forces of Saudi Arabia and how many other countries are participating in this month-long drill?

1. 23
2. 24
3. 25
4. 26

Answer – 1. 23

6. Which country hosted the First G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors on 19th and 20th March 2018?

1. Australia
2. Argentina

3. Spain

4. Norway

Answer – 2. Argentina

7. US President Donald Trump signed an executive order making it illegal for US citizens to purchase any cryptocurrency issued by Venezuela. What is the name of the cryptocurrency introduced by Venezuela Government?

1. Petro Currency

2. Nano Currency

3. Necta Currency

4. Octon Currency

Answer – 1. Petro Currency

8. Indian Government-owned reinsurer, General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) has received permission to commence operations of 'GIC Syndicate 1947' from Lloyd's of London from April 2018. Who was appointed the active writer of Lloyd's managing agency services to manage 'GIC Syndicate 1947' in the initial years?

1. Brian Schatz

2. Mazie Hirono

3. Neil Attwood

4. Mike Crapo

Answer – 3. Neil Attwood

9. In a bid to boost overseas sales in a surplus year of production, India Government has scrapped the \_\_\_\_\_% sugar export duty?

1. 75%

2. 50%

3. 25%

4. 22%

5. 20%

Answer – 5. 20%

10. Name the Government entity, which announced its partnership with Ola Cabs, in order to provide a book taxi option in its app and website?

1. Indian Railways

2. IRCTC

3. ONGC

4. HAL

Answer – 2. IRCTC

11. India signed an agreement with which country, for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion?

1. Singapore

2. Iran

3. Canada

4. Hong Kong

Answer – 4. Hong Kong

12. Who was made the brand ambassador of 'Educate Girls', an international non-profit organisation?

1. Amir Khan
2. Priyanka Chopra
3. Katrina Kaif
4. Virat Kohli

Answer – 3. Katrina Kaif

13. Bihar Governor Satya Pal Malik was given additional responsibility as Governor of which state?

1. West Bengal
2. Jharkhand
3. Odisha
4. Nagaland

Answer – 3. Odisha

14. Who was appointed the Public Interest Director in the board of BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange)?

1. Kamala Harris
2. Tammy Duckworth
3. Maggie Hassan
4. David Wright

Answer – 4. David Wright

15. Nanda Bahadur Pun took charge as the vice president of which country, for a second term?

1. Bhutan
2. Srilanka
3. Nepal
4. Japan

Answer – 3. Nepal

16. Name India's first all-composite light aircraft.

1. Hansa-2
2. Hansa-3
3. Hansa-4
4. Hansa-13

Answer – 2. Hansa-3

17. Which country topped the overall medal list in the Paralympic Winter Games Pyeong Chang 2018 in South Korea?

1. India
2. South Korea
3. China
4. USA

Answer – 4. USA

18. Kedarnath Singh recently passed away. Who was he?

1. Singer
2. Poet
3. Physicist
4. Violinist

Answer – 2. Poet

19. Sunil Sharma recently passed away. Who was he?

1. Doctor
2. Singer
3. Dancer
4. Journalist

Answer – 4. Journalist

20. C R Chandradath recently passed away. Who was he?

1. Bike Racer
2. Social Activist
3. Politician
4. Event Organiser

Answer – 2. Social Activist

21. When is the International Day of Happiness celebrated all over the world?

1. 16th March
2. 17th March
3. 18th March
4. 20th March

Answer – 4. 20th March

22. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun and Technology Information, Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC), New Delhi signed an MoU for providing livelihood opportunities and augment income for which community people?

1. Agriculture based community
2. Tribal based community
3. Sikh community
4. Forest based community

Answer – 4. Forest based community

23. In which state, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Inland ferry services?

1. Gujarat
2. Kerala
3. Goa
4. Odisha

Answer – 3. Goa

24. Central Government has approved the setting up of a Plastic Park in which state?

1. Rajasthan
2. Maharashtra
3. Uttarkhand
4. Jharkhand

Answer – 4. Jharkhand

25. Name the theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author to whom India Post paid a tribute by issuing a special cover on him?

1. Abdul Kalam
2. Stephen Hawking
3. Jane Hawking
4. Dennis Stanton

Answer – 2. Stephen Hawking

26. Which state government gave its in-principle approval for adopting the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) for horticulture crops such as apple and saffron in the state?

1. Maharashtra
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Gujarat
4. Jammu and Kashmir

Answer – 4. Jammu and Kashmir

27. Which institution signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with Piramal Foundation to work closely with the District Collectors and Key Government officials of 'Aspirational Districts' to support their transformation in terms of education, healthcare and nutrition?

1. Planning Commission
2. Ministry of Finance
3. NITI Aayog
4. Finance Commission

Answer – 3. NITI Aayog

28. Which Ministry signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to conduct skill development training programmes for agriculture and allied sector?

1. Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
2. Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
3. Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
4. Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer – 3. Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

29. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao mandated teaching which language as a compulsory subject in all the public and private schools of the Telangana for the academic year 2018-2019?

1. Telugu
2. English
3. Kannada

4. Urdu

Answer – 1. Telugu

30. Which State government decided to impose a permanent ban on hookah bars in the state?

1. Haryana
2. Kerala
3. Punjab
4. Jharkhand

Answer – 3. Punjab

31. As per 20th annual Quality of Living survey by Mercer, which city has been named the world's best city to live in for the ninth consecutive year?

1. Vancouver, Canada
2. Munich, Germany
3. Auckland, New Zealand
4. Vienna, Austria

Answer – 4. Vienna

32. Which Indian city has secured 22nd rank in the world, in the TripAdvisor's top 25 travellers choice of destinations list for 2018?

1. Mumbai
2. New Delhi
3. Kolkata
4. Agra

Answer – 2. New Delhi

33. Online food ordering and delivery platform, Swiggy have partnered with which private bank, to roll out two innovative digital solutions to facilitate a convenient and hassle-free way for delivery partners to transfer funds to Swiggy?

1. SBI
2. HDFC Bank
3. Canara Bank
4. ICICI Bank

Answer – 4. ICICI Bank

34. India handed over the 18th diesel-electric locomotive to which country, thereby completed the first project under the current Indian line of credit (LoC) to the eastern neighbour

1. Myanmar
2. China
3. Japan
4. USA

Answer – 1. Myanmar

35. Which is the first company in India that started doorstep delivery of diesel on a pilot basis after receiving clearance from the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)?

1. Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd

2. Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd
3. Indian Oil Corp
4. Reliance Petroleum Corp Ltd

Answer – 3. Indian Oil Corp

36. Donald Trump Administration in US has decided to impose anti-dumping duty on the stainless steel flanges imported from which two countries?

1. China and India
2. China and Japan
3. China and Malaysia
4. China and Singapore

Answer – 1. China and India

37. The Norwegian Academy of Sciences and Letters declared whom, the winner of Abel Prize for 2018?

1. Richard Taylor
2. James Arthur
3. Andrew Wiles
4. Robert Langlands

Answer – 4. Robert Langlands

38. Htin Kyaw, the first democratically elected President of which country, announced his retirement due to ill health?

1. Bhutan
2. Myanmar
3. Singapore
4. Malaysia

Answer – 2. Myanmar

39. Which country is constructing the world's fastest wind tunnel?

1. Japan
2. Russia
3. USA
4. China

Answer – 4. China

40. Which country's first space agency is Hellenic Space Agency?

1. Spain
2. Kenya
3. Greece
4. Norway

Answer – 3. Greece

41. Name the last survived northern white male rhinoceros of the world, that died after suffering age related ailments at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia national park, Kenya?

1. Nokia
2. Nolani

3. Amni
4. Sudan

Answer – 4. Sudan

42. Les Payne passed away recently. Who was he?

1. Physicist
2. Guitarist
3. Singer
4. Journalist

Answer – 4. Journalist

43. When is World Sparrow Day celebrated all over the world?

1. 17th March
2. 18th March
3. 19th March
4. 20th March

Answer – 4. 20th March

44. When is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was observed all over the world?

1. 17th March
2. 18th March
3. 19th March
4. 21th March

Answer – 4. 21th March

45. On which date, the World Poetry Day celebrated all over the world?

1. 17th March
2. 18th March
3. 19th March
4. 20th March

Answer – 2. 21st March

46. What is the theme for International Day of Forests 2018?

1. Protect Forests
2. Support Linguistic Diversity
3. Forests and Sustainable Cities
4. Forests and Animals

Answer – 3. Forests and Sustainable Cities

47. “#WhatIBringToMyCommunity “ is the theme of \_\_\_\_\_?

1. International Day of Forests
2. World Down syndrome Day
3. World Poetry Day
4. World Sleeping Day

Answer – 2. World Down syndrome Day



48. Wealth management application Fisdom has tied up with which bank to help customers register and manage National Pension Scheme (NPS) investments in a completely digital and paperless manner?

1. Dena Bank
2. Axis Bank
3. Postal Payments Bank
4. Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Answer – 4. Lakshmi Vilas Bank

49. Union Cabinet has approved the launch of a new Centrally Sponsored Ayushman Bharat -National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM), which was announced in Union Budget 2018. This scheme will provide a benefit cover of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ per family per year?

1. 2 lakh
2. 4 lakh
3. 5 lakh
4. 6 lakh

Answer – 3. 5 lakh

50. Indian Government signed a MoU with Guyana for cooperation in which field?

1. Renewable Energy
2. Solar Energy
3. Agriculture
4. IT Sector

Answer – 1. Renewable Energy

51. Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has stated that it has constituted a task force to review the Income Tax Act, 1961 and to draft a new Direct Tax Law which takes into consideration the prevailing economic scenario and economic needs of contemporary India. Thus it has invited suggestions and feedback from whom, in the format provided on [www.incometaxindia.gov.in](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in)?

1. Stakeholders
2. General Public
3. Foreign Reseachers
4. 1&2

Answer – 4. 1&2

52. Name the framework launched by Union Minister of Mines Narendra Singh Tomar, in order to help states to take action against illegal mining?

1. Sand Mining Framework
2. Mining Framework
3. Sand Framework
4. Illegal Sand Mining Framework

Answer – 1. Sand Mining Framework

53. Which fruit was declared as official fruit of Kerala?

1. Apple
2. Orange
3. Papaya

4. Jackfruit

Answer – 4. Jackfruit

54. Which State government's Animal Husbandry Department has inked a MoU with Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL) to launch 'Pashu Dhan Sanjeevani – 1962', an animal healthcare programme in the state?

1. Kerala
2. Karnataka
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Telangana

Answer – 3. Madhya Pradesh

55. How many members are there in the Central Press Accreditation Committee?

1. 3
2. 5
3. 6
4. 8

Answer – 4. 8

56. In which state, the world's longest sandstone cave named 'Krem Puri' has been discovered?

1. Sikkim
2. Rajasthan
3. Manipur
4. Meghalaya

Answer – 4. Meghalaya

57. When was International Yoga Fest inaugurated by Union minister Jitendra Singh at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi?

1. 17th March
2. 18th March
3. 19th March
4. 21st March

Answer – 4. 21st March

58. In which state, the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) launched Free Wi-Fi Facility in one of its village?

1. Gujarat
2. Maharashtra
3. Bihar
4. Jharkhand

Answer – 1. Gujarat

59. In which Indian city, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) celebrated its 6th Foundation Day?

1. 17th March
2. 18th March
3. 19th March
4. 20th March

Answer – 4. 20th March

60. Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) has announced that it will commence futures trading in \_\_\_\_\_ on March 26, 2018?

1. Chilli
2. Brass
3. Helium
4. Neon

Answer – 2. Brass

61. Which company signed a Technology Collaboration Agreement (TCA) with HLB Power, Republic of Korea?

1. ONGC
2. Adani Power
3. BHEL
4. Hindustan Petroleum

Answer – 3. BHEL

62. Which bank stated that it has received approval from Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs for amalgamation of its fully-owned subsidiary All Bank Finance Ltd. (ABFL) with itself?

1. Dena Bank
2. Axis Bank
3. SBI
4. Allahabad Bank

Answer – 4. Allahabad Bank

63. On 22nd March 2018, the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test fired from Pokhran test range in Rajasthan. The BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile. It was developed in a joint-venture between India and \_\_\_\_\_?

1. Japan
2. China
3. Russia
4. USA

Answer – 3. Russia

64. \_\_\_\_\_ has introduced billing through Point of Sale (POS) hand held machines in trains?

1. IRCTC
2. Indian Government
3. HAL
4. Indian Army

Answer – 1. IRCTC

65. Which country hosted the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2018?

1. Spain
2. Portugal
3. Australia

#### 4. Norway

Answer – 3. Australia

66. When is World Water Day celebrated all over the world?

1. 20th March
2. 21st March
3. 22nd March
4. 23rd March

Answer – 3. 22nd March

67. On 20th March 2018, General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff, released a book on Paramveer Chakra Awardees named 'Paramveer Parwane'. The book was authored by whom?

1. Dr Sri Sathya
2. Dr Sonia Jairani
3. Dr Manish Gupta
4. Dr Prabhakaran Jain

Answer – 4. Dr Prabhakaran Jain

68. Payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 2017 was related to which of the following?

1. Elementary education
2. Tax-free gratuity amount
3. Period of maternity leave
4. 2&3

Answer – 4. 2&3

69. In which city, Kerala's first-ever global digital summit held at?

1. Thrissur
2. Kochi
3. Trivandrum
4. Kasargode

Answer – 2. Kochi

70. Union Defence Ministry released a notification stating that Indian government will now; fully fund the education of martyrs' children. Every year, Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ will be spent by the Government for this cause?

1. Rs. 4 crore
2. Rs. 5 crore
3. Rs. 6 crore
4. Rs. 7 crore

Answer – 2. Rs. 5 crore

71. Which State Government launched, NAIPUNYA RATHAM or World on Wheels, a multi-utility vehicle aimed at taking technology to the remote corners of the state?

1. Telangana
2. Gujarat
3. Maharashtra
4. Andhra Pradesh

Answer – 4. Andhra Pradesh

72. Name the Godavari-class guided-missile frigate of the Indian Navy which was decommissioned in Mumbai on March 22, 2018?

1. INS Godavari
2. INS Ganga
3. INS Cauvery
4. INS Indus

Answer – 2. INS Ganga

73. Name the first flight which landed at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport (Israel) after passing through Saudi Arabia air space?

1. Jet Airways
2. Indigo
3. Air India
4. SpiceJet

Answer – 3. Air India

74. Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot launched "First Indian Sign Language Dictionary" in New Delhi. How many total words were there in this dictionary?

1. 6000
2. 5000
3. 4000
4. 3000

Answer – 4. 3000

75. Which state hosted the first National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement 2018?

1. Odisha
2. Karnataka
3. Kerala
4. New Delhi

Answer – 4. New Delhi

76. Which state Government hosted the 46th All India Police Science Congress 2018?

1. Uttarkhand
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Sikkim

Answer – 2. Himachal Pradesh

77. International Energy Agency (IEA) has stated that Global energy-related carbon emissions rose to a historic high of \_\_\_\_\_ gigatons in 2017?

1. 24.5 gigatons
2. 26.5 gigatons
3. 28.5 gigatons
4. 32.5 gigatons

Answer – 4. 32.5 gigatons

78. Which Airport has been rated as the world's best airport for the sixth consecutive year by UK-based consultancy firm Skytrax?

1. Changi Airport, Singapore
2. Haneda Airport, Japan
3. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
4. Incheon International Airport , South Korea

Answer – 1. Changi Airport, Singapore

79. Which country has abolished its employer-sponsored 457 visa programme which was mainly used by Indians?

1. USA
2. Canada
3. South Africa
4. Australia

Answer – 4. Australia

80. Which bank rolled out 'Yellow Army Savings Account' to commemorate its association with the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Chennai Super Kings (CSK)?

1. Equitas Small Finance Bank
2. Postal Payment Bank
3. IDBI Bank
4. Airtel Bank

Answer – 1. Equitas Small Finance Bank

81. Which Organisation entered into a Technology Transfer Agreement (TTA) with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for production of space grade Lithium-Ion cells?

1. ONGC
2. HAL
3. Reliance
4. ISRO

Answer – 4. ISRO

82. President Trump appointed whom as his third national security adviser?

1. John Thune
2. John R. Bolton
3. John Barrasso
4. Roy Blunt

Answer – 2. John R. Bolton

83. Name the first woman Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, the upper house of parliament, in Pakistan?

1. Maryam Nawaz
2. Ayla Malik.
3. Hina Rubani Khar
4. Sherry Rehman

Answer – 4. Sherry Rehman

84. Which Organisation has bagged the “Most Informative Pavilion” award in the Pride of India Expo, in Manipur?

1. BHEL
2. Hindustan Petroleum
3. DRDO
4. HAL

Answer – 3. DRDO

85. ‘We Are Sikhs’ campaign, nicknamed the “Oscars of the Public Relations Industry”, has received the 2018 PRWeek award in the category of Public Cause. This campaign was launched in which country?

1. Australia
2. Canada
3. Switzerland
4. America

Answer – 4. America

86. Name the instrument developed by Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) that measures the traces of uranium in water?

1. Uraniumeter
2. Fluorimeter
3. Energymeter
4. Atometer

Answer – 2. Fluorimeter

87. In which year, the first Bihar Diwas day was celebrated?

1. 2008
2. 2009
3. 2010
4. 2012

Answer – 4. 2012

88. Which state celebrated its 106th foundation day on 22nd March 2018?

1. Jharkhand
2. Bihar
3. West Bengal
4. Nagaland

Answer – 2. Bihar

89. Which is India’s first lunar mission launched by ISRO in 2008?

1. LCross-1
2. Apollo-1
3. Aryabhata-1
4. Chandrayaan-1

Answer – 4. Chandrayaan-1

90. Which state has become North India's 1st city to install Digital Automatic Speed Gun Cameras to check vehicles driving above the permissible speed limit?

1. Punjab
2. Haryana
3. Chandigarh
4. Madhya Pradesh

Answer – 3. Chandigarh

91. Which state Government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the British Council for cooperation and collaboration in several areas including education, skills and culture?

1. Goa
2. Odisha
3. Karnataka
4. Kerala

Answer – 2. Odisha

92. Which Indian city hosted the 5th India Maize Summit was held in Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

1. New Delhi
2. Mumbai
3. Kolkata
4. Chennai

Answer – 1. New Delhi

93. From which city's dockyard, three Minesweeper ships of Indian Navy, INS Konkan, INS Cannanore and INS Cuddalore, were decommissioned on March 23, 2018?

1. Kochi
2. Kolkata
3. Chennai
4. Visakhapatnam

Answer – 4. Visakhapatnam

94. In which state, Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved Indian Air Force (IAF) plan to set up a forward fighter base?

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Maharashtra
3. Madhya Pradesh
4. Gujarat

Answer – 4. Gujarat

96. Which country has the least Imprisonment Rate across the world as per data compiled by Institute for Criminal policy Research?

1. USA
2. Japan
3. India
4. Canada



Answer – 3. India

97. What is the contribution of India to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)?

1. USD 25 million
2. USD 15 million
3. USD 10 million
4. USD 5 million

Answer – 4. USD 5 million

98. United States (US) challenged which country, at World Trade Organisation (WTO) over intellectual property breaches?

1. China
2. India
3. Japan
4. UK

Answer – 1. China

99. Which country has decided to remove three zeros from its currency with the aim to control the prevailing hyperinflationary situation across the country which witnessed 6147 percent price rise in last 12 months?

1. Thailand
2. Hungary
3. Sweden
4. Venezuela

Answer – 4. Venezuela

100. Telangana Industries Minister KT Rama Rao announced a reduction in Value Added Tax (VAT) on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to \_\_\_\_\_% from 16%?

1. 1%
2. 2%
3. 3%
4. 4%

Answer – 1. 1%