

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ , AUGUST 2019

Aug 01

- 1) Mission Shakti, India's anti-satellite (A-SAT) weapon programme was a joint implementation of
- AAI
 - HAL
 - DRDO
 - None of the above

Answer: c

- Specialists from various scientific and technical organisations including DRDO, National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) participated.

- 2) Which of the following is the name of the committee constituted for the purpose of OBC subcategorization?
- Rohini
 - Yashpal
 - KasturiRangan
 - None of the above

Answer: a

- The Commission was constituted under article 340 of the Constitution with the approval of President on 2nd October, 2017. The Commission, headed by Justice (Retd.) Smt. G. Rohini commenced functioning in October, 2017 and has since interacted with all the Stats/UTs which have subcategorized OBCs, and the State Backward Classes Commissions.

- 3) India doesn't have an ISRO Technical Liaison Unit at
- Washington
 - Moskow
 - Paris
 - None of the above

Answer: d

- Department of Space has instituted technical Liaison Units, namely ISRO Technical Liaison Units (ITLU) at Washington, USA and Paris, France.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at Moscow, Russia.

- 4) Who has the power to increase the number of judges of Supreme Court?
- Parliament
 - Executive
 - Chief Justice of India
 - None of the above

Answer: a

- Once the bill to increase the number of judges gets parliamentary nod, the number of judges would go up to 34, including the CJ, the Minister told reporters after the Cabinet meeting.

- 5) Convention on International Settlement Agreements, recently signed by India, is also known as
- Singapore Convention
 - Washington Convention
 - Vienna Convention
 - None of the above

Answer: a

- India signed a key UN convention on international settlement agreements, even as experts called for

local laws to support the treaty's implementation in business contracts.

- Forty-six countries signed the treaty named Singapore Convention on Mediation.

Aug 02

1) Draft National Education Policy, prepared by a committee headed by Kasturirangan recommends Right to Education Act till

- Class 5
- Class 8
- Class 10
- Class 12

Answer: d

Fresh focus Key differences between the existing system and the NEP recommendations

Current system	Draft policy recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ RTE covers Class 1 to Class 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ RTE from preschool (age 3 onwards) till Class 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Anganwadis, preschools cover 3 to 6 age group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Integrated primary school framework from age 3 to 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Focus on health and nutrition in anganwadis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Anganwadis, preschools to be linked to local primary schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rote learning, formal teaching in preschools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Focus on play and discovery-based learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ WCD Ministry oversees anganwadi system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ MHRD to oversee educational aspects



2) Time Release Study is a tool to measure the actual time required for the release and/or clearance of goods, from the time of arrival until the physical release of cargo. It is used by

- WTO
- WCO
- IMF
- World Bank

Answer: b

• The revenue department is conducting India's first national Time Release Study (TRS) at 15 ports, including sea and air, with an aim to identify and address bottlenecks in the cross-border trade flow process. TRS, an internationally recognised tool advocated by World Customs Organisation, is being conducted from August 1-7, the finance ministry said in a statement Thursday.

3) Thudumbattam is a festival belonging to

- Kerala
- Karnataka
- Andhra Pradesh
- Tamil Nadu

Answer: d

• It is one of the folk art form belongs to the Kongu region (Coimbatore, Erode, Salem) of Tamil Nadu.

4) Samarth is an initiative launched to bring Indian artisans, weavers, and makers of handicrafts to its platform. Who launched it?

- Amazon
- Flipkart
- TATA
- None of the above

Answer: b

- Flipkart launches initiative 'Samarth' to bring Indian artisans, weavers, handicrafts makers on platform

5) Which is the last country to join Global Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators

- a) South Sudan
- b) Nigeria
- c) North Korea
- d) India

Answer: b

- Recently Nigeria became the 4th African country to join the “Global Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators”
- This Coalition was formed to follow up on the findings of IPBES assessment on Pollinators and Food Production.

Aug 03

1) Controller General of Accounts (CGA) is a

- a) Constitutional body
- b) Executive body
- c) Statutory body
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

1. It is not a constitutional body. It derives its mandate from Article 150 of the constitution.

2) Innocenti Declarations are associated with

- a) Hunger
- b) War crimes
- c) Breast feeding
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) is a global network of individuals and organisations dedicated to the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding worldwide +
- It is based on the Innocenti Declarations, the Ten Links for Nurturing the Future and the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding.

3) Institutions of Eminence (IoE) is implemented by

- a) Ministry of HRD
- b) UGC
- c) AICTE
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It is the scheme of University Grants Commission (UGC).

4) Presence of tarballs in oceans signifies the presence of

- a) Oil spill
- b) Hypoxic region
- c) Coral reefs
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Tarballs are dark-coloured, sticky balls of oil that form when crude oil floats on the ocean surface. Tarballs are formed by weathering of crude oil in marine environments.

5) Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) for Fertilizers is a scheme under

- a) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- b) Ministry of Agriculture
- c) NABARD
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It comes under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Aug 05

- 1) Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air missiles (QRSAM) is developed to replace
- a) Prithvi
 - b) Aakash
 - c) Brahmos
 - d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is developed to replace the Aakash missile defence system.

- 2) Fit-and-proper criteria rolled out by the RBI is associated with

- a) NPA
- b) Fiscal deficit
- c) Monetary policy
- d) Appointments

Answer: d

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened the fit-and-proper criteria for directors on the boards of state-run banks. The revised norms are applicable only to public sector banks (PSBs).

- 3) Canine distemper virus (CDV) doesn't affect

- a) Tigers
- b) Lions
- c) Dogs
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Dogs to tiger-leopard transfer is possible.

- 4) Island of Britain and France is separated by

- a) English Channel
- b) North Sea
- c) Bay of Biscay
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Over the weekend, French inventor and former jet-ski champion Franky Zapata made history by crossing the English Channel – which is roughly 35 kilometers wide – on a hoverboard designed by his company.

- 5) Who doesn't won Magsaysay Award for 2019?

- a) Ravish Kumar
- b) KoSwe Win
- c) RaymundoPujante
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Apart from Ravish Kumar, the other winners of the Magsaysay Award 2019 are - Myanmar's KoSwe Win (Journalist), Thailand's AngkhanaNeelapajit (Human Rights Activist), Philippines' RaymundoPujanteCayabyab (Musician), and South Korea's Kim Jong-Ki (Activist working with violence and mental health issues in youth).

Aug 06

1) Which institute has published a report titled 'Economics of Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought in India'?

- a) IISc Bangalore
- b) TERI
- c) WWF
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• The TERI report titled 'Economics of Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought in India' stated that while loss of productive land for forests, wetlands, rangelands and other ecosystems is a concern, a larger concern is the degradation of existing ecosystems.

2) Kosi-Mechi Interlinking project is the second major river interlinking project in the country to be approved by Central Government after the Ken-Betwa project. Where is it located?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Telangana

Answer: b

• Union Government has approved Rs 4,900 crore Kosi-Mechi Interlinking project for interlinking of Kosi and Mechi rivers of Bihar. This is the second major river interlinking project in the country to be approved by Central Government after the Ken-Betwa project in Madhya Pradesh.

3) The traditional art of weaving pattamadai silk mat belongs to the state of

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

Answer: d

• The traditional art of weaving pattamadai silk mat belongs to the Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.

4) Where is Area 51 located?

- a) USA
- b) North Korea
- c) China
- d) Russia

Answer: a

• Area 51, a highly classified United States Air Force facility located at Groom Lake in southern Nevada

5) Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is located in

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary, also known as Pakshikashi of Karnataka, is a bird sanctuary in the Mandya District of the state of Karnataka in India. It is the largest bird sanctuary in the state with more than 200 species of birds.

Aug 07

1) Which is the highest peak in European Continent?

- a) Mount Elbrus
- b) Mount Blanc
- c) Mount Kazbek
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Mount Elbrus is a dormant volcano in the Caucasus Mountains in Southern Russia, near the border with Georgia.

2) A new data about 'water stress' was released by the World Resources Institute (WRI). India was ranked

- a) 1st
- b) 14th
- c) 13th
- d) 4th

Answer: c

Rank	Country	Score
1	Qatar	4.97
2	Israel	4.82
3	Lebanon	4.82
4	Iran	4.57
5	Jordan	4.56
6	Libya	4.55
7	Kuwait	4.43
8	Saudi Arabia	4.35
9	Eritrea	4.33
10	UAE	4.26
11	San Marino	4.14
12	Bahrain	4.13
13	India	4.12
14	Pakistan	4.05

3) The National handloom day is observed annually on

- a) 7th August
- b) 7th September
- c) 6th August
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• National handloom day is observed annually on 7th August to honour the handloom weaving community

4) UNSC Resolution 47 deals with

- a) Jerusalem Issue
- b) Kashmir Issue
- c) Hongkong protests
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Pakistan PM Imran Khan has termed the Government of India's decision to remove the special status for the state of Jammu and Kashmir by modifying Article 370 as illegal since it violates UNSC resolution 47.

5) Lima Declaration deals with

- a) Inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
- b) Refugee policy
- c) Climate change
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Lima Declaration deals with Inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Aug 08

1) Who will be awarded with Vir Chakra in 2019?

- a) AbhinandanVardhman
- b) Suresh Tiwari
- c) BipinRawat
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Varthaman is likely to be awarded a Vir Chakra for his exploits and the five Mirage-2000 fighter aces who dropped bombs on the terror facility of the Jaish-e-Mohammed, the VayuSena Medal for gallantry.

2) Which among the following is not a component of PMAY(U)?

- a) Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme
- b) Affordable Housing in Partnership
- c) In-Situ Slum Redevelopment.
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The PradhanMantriAwasYojana (Urban) has four components -- CLSS, In Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) and Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC). Under these the government provides central assistance to beneficiaries to construct their own houses.

3) Which company does United States formally banned from enforcing government contracts?

- a) Vivo
- b) Huawei
- c) Oppo
- d) None of the above

Answer:b

- The United States unveiled rules on Wednesday formally banning technology giant Huawei and other Chinese firms from government contracts in the latest move in the countries' escalating trade war.

4) Who among the following is not one of the kings of the Kashmir Sultanate?

- a) Shah Mir
- b) Zain-ul-Abidin
- c) Fateh Khan
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Between 1326 and 1585, when the region was conquered by the Mughal Emperor Akbar, the original Kashmiri culture and society underwent profound changes. Kashmir became part of the Sikh Empire in the early 19th century, and ultimately passed under the Hindu Dogra kings of Jammu.

5) FAME India scheme is launched by

- a) Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises
- b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises had invited expression of interest (EoI) from cities with million-plus population, smart cities, state or UT capitals and special category states for submission of proposal for deployment of electric buses on operational cost basis.

Aug 09

1) Mahatma Gandhi passed a resolution of Quit India Movement in INC's

- a) Surat Session
- b) Madras Session
- c) Bombay Session
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• On 8 August, 1942 at the Bombay session of All India Congress led by Mahatma Gandhi passed a resolution of Quit India Movement.

2) Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai is famous for

- a) Quit India movement
- b) Non-cooperation movement
- c) Civil disobedience movement
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Quit India Movement is also known as 'August Kranti' and 'Gowalia Tank Maidan' is also known as the August KrantiMaidan.

3) Which film won Best Hindi Film award in the 66th National Film Awards?

- a) Uri
- b) BadhaaiHo
- c) Andhadhun
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• AyushmanKhurana and Vicky Kaushal jointly won Best Actor Award for their performances in 'Andhadhun' and 'Uri: The Surgical Strike', while Keerthy Suresh was declared winner of Best Actress trophy for her performance in Telugu movie 'Mahanati'. AdityaDhar won Best Director Award for 'Uri: The Surgical Strike'.

4) Rotavirus is a viral infection that causes

- a) Diarrhea
- b) Ebola
- c) Encephalitis
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• The Centre plans to expand the coverage of Rotavirus vaccine which protects children from rotavirus infections, the leading cause of severe diarrhoea, to all states. The vaccine is currently available only in 28 states and union territories in India.

5) SamagraShiksha-JalSuraksha drive is launched by

- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- c) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will launch 'SamagraShiksha-JalSuraksha' drive on Friday i.e. 9th August 2019 to create awareness about Water Conservation among all school students in the country. This mega drive will be launched at Dr.SarvepalliRadhakrishnan Auditorium, KendriyaVidyalaya No. 2 in Delhi Cantt.

Aug 10

1) Gogabeel is an ox-bow lake formed from the flow of the rivers Mahananda and Kankhar in the north and the Ganga in the south and east. Where is it located?

- a) Bihar
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Odisha

Answer: a

- Gogabeel, an ox-bow lake in Bihar's Katihar district, has been declared as the state's first 'Community Reserve'.

2) What is the target of National Policy on Biofuels-2018 in ethanol-blending?

- a) 20%
- b) 5%
- c) 50%
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The Government approved the National Policy on Biofuels-2018 in June 2018. The policy has the objective of reaching 20% ethanol-blending and 5% biodiesel-blending by the year 2030.

3) According to India State of Forest Report (ISFR), India's current forest and tree cover is

- a) 33%
- b) 24%
- c) 12%
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Lakshadweep has highest Forest cover in terms of percentage geographical area (90.33%),
- According to the data, a quarter of India's geographical area (24.49 %) is under forest and tree cover.

4) Simla Agreement is signed between India and

- a) Pakistan
- b) China
- c) Uzbekistan
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- United Nations Secretary-General AntónioGuterres has expressed concern over the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. Referring to the Simla Agreement, which was signed by India and Pakistan in 1972, Guterres said the "final status of J&K is to be settled by peaceful means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations".

5) Krishna river is the fourth largest river in India. Which are the rivers larger than Krishan?

- a) Ganga
- b) Godavari
- c) Narmada
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It is the fourth largest river in India after the Ganga, Godavari and the Narmada.

Aug 13

1) National Youth Awards, given by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is awarded to people aged between

- a) 15 to 29 years
- b) 15 to 59 years
- c) 18 to 29 years
- d) 18 to 59 years

Answer: a

- The awards are given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- The awards are conferred on individuals (aged between 15-29 years) and organizations for excellent work and contribution in different fields of development and social service, such as health, promotion of human rights, active citizenship, community service etc.

2) Perseids, recently seen in news, are

- a) Gravitational waves
- b) Asteroids
- c) Meteor Shower
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The 'Perseids', are a prolific meteor shower which peak during mid-August, are considered the best meteor shower of the year.

3) International Youth Day (IYD) is observed on

- a) August 12
- b) August 9
- c) August 10
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- 12 August was first designated International Youth Day by the UN General Assembly in 1999, and serves as an annual celebration of the role of young women and men as essential partners in change, and an opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and problems facing the world's youth.

4) Uber for tractors App is launched by

- a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- b) Ministry of Agriculture
- c) ICAR
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- India's agriculture ministry has developed a farm equipment rental app-'Über for tractors'- for Indian farmers.

5) International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on

- a) August 9
- b) August 10
- c) September 5
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It was first declared by the United Nations in December 1994.

Aug 14

1) Which among the above statements are advantages of stubble burning?

- a) It quickly clears the field.
- b) It kills weeds, including those resistant to herbicide.
- c) It kills slugs and other pests.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The awards are given by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- All the statements are true.

2) "Operation Number Plate", recently seen in news, is launched by

- a) CRPF
- b) CISF
- c) Railway Protection Force
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways launched a Special Drive with a Code Name – Operation "Number Plate" to identify and verify all vehicles parked in Railway premises, circulating area, parkings and even in the 'No Parking' areas for longer duration. It was launched under the direction of DG/RPF, Sh. Arun Kumar with active cooperation of the Local Police and Commercial Department of Railways.

3) Which among the statements could be the effect of negative policy rates?

- a) Lowers the borrowing costs.
- b) Weaken a country's currency rate by making it a less attractive investment than that of other currencies.
- c) Puts downward pressure on the entire yield curve.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- All the statements are correct.

4) Newly discovered Kajin Sara lake is likely to set a new record of being the world's highest lake. Where is it located?

- a) Nepal
- b) India
- c) Bhutan
- d) China

Answer: a

- A newly-discovered lake in Nepal is likely to set a new record of being the world's highest lake replacing Tilicho, which is situated at an altitude of 4,919 metres in the Himalayan nation and currently holding the title.

5) The famous Palanipanchamirtham, given as 'prasadam' at the Murugan temple at Palani has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Where is it located?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Telangana
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The famous Palanipanchamirtham, given as 'prasadam' at the Murugan temple there, has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Aug 16

1) According to Forest Specialist Index, decline in the number of forest wildlife populations since 1970 is more than

- a) 50%
- b) 65%
- c) 78%
- d) 91%

Answer: a

• There has been a 53 per cent decline in the number of forest wildlife populations since 1970, according to the first-ever global assessment of forest biodiversity by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

2) A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to government authorities. Which among the following is not a notified disease?

- a) Tuberculosis
- b) AIDS
- c) Hepatitis
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

• The Centre has notified several diseases such as cholera, diphtheria, encephalitis, leprosy, meningitis, pertussis (whooping cough), plague, tuberculosis, AIDS, hepatitis, measles, yellow fever, malaria dengue, etc. The onus of notifying any disease and the implementation lies with the state government.

3) Commandos For Railway Security (CORAS) are carved out from motivated and willing young staff of

- a) State Police Force
- b) Railway Protection Force
- c) CRPF
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Commandos For Railway Security (CORAS) are carved out from motivated and willing young staff of Railway Protection Force

4) Sagarmatha is another name for

- a) Mount Everest
- b) Mount K2
- c) Mount Kilimanjaro
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• "Climbers to Sagarmatha and other 8,000 metre mountains must undergo basic and high altitude climbing training," the panel said in a report submitted to the government on Thursday, referring to the Nepali name for Mount Everest.

5) 'Tirur Betel vine', which recently got GI tag is from the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Assam
- c) Mizoram
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: a

• GI is an indication used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess the qualities or reputation that are due to that origin.

- The Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently registered GIs for
 - o PalaniPanchamirtham in Palani Town, Tamil Nadu,
 - o Tawlhlohpuan and MizoPuanchei from Mizoram
 - o Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala

Aug 17

1) Who is considered as the founder of the Vedānta system of philosophy?

- a) Badarayana
- b) Ramanujacharya

- c) Madavacharya
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Badarayana is regarded as having written the basic text of the Vedanta system, the Brahma sutra.
- He is thus considered the founder of the Vedanta system of philosophy.

2) 'Tawlhlohpuan' of Mizoram which recently got the GI tag is a

- a) Fabric
- b) Pottery
- c) Vine
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Tawlhlohpuan, a compactly woven fabric from Mizoram, is known for warp yarns, warping, weaving and intricate designs that are made by hand, the release said. Tawlhlohpuan, which holds high significance in the Mizo society, is produced throughout the Mizoram — Aizawl and Thenzawl town being the main centres of production.

3) Tamil Nadu Becomes Fifth Indian State to Declare a State Butterfly. Other states include

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Karnataka
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Tamil Nadu has a total of 32 species of butterflies' endemic to the state. With the latest policy initiative, it has become the fifth India state after Maharashtra with its Blue Mormon, Uttarakhand with its Common peacock, Karnataka with its Southern birdwings and Kerala with its Malabar banded peacock to bestow a state emblem status to one of its colourful insects. Incidentally, both Southern birdwings, which is the largest butterfly species found in India, and Malabar banded peacocks are, like the Tamil Yeoman, endemic to the Western Ghats as well.

4) KONKAN is an annual bilateral exercise between Indian Navy

- a) Royal Navy of Britain
- b) US Navy
- c) Thailand Navy
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: a

- The 14th Edition of KONKAN series of annual bilateral exercises between Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Britain is currently underway off the South Coast of UK. This allows both Navies to develop greater confidence to operate together during maritime missions

5) Puanchei, a colourful shawl/textile, which recently got GI tag is from the state of

- a) Nagaland
- b) Manipur
- c) Mizoram
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: c

- GI is an indication used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess the qualities or reputation that are due to that origin.
- The Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently registered GIs for
 - o PalaniPanchamirtham in Palani Town, Tamil Nadu,
 - o Tawlhlohpuan and MizoPuanchei from Mizoram
 - o Tirur Betel leaf from Kerala

Aug 19

1) Tribal Affairs Ministry and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) are jointly organizing a 9- Day AadiMahotsav (National Tribal Festival). It is celebrated in

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) West Bengal
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: a

- Tribal Affairs Ministry and Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) are jointly organizing a 9- Day AadiMahotsav (National Tribal Festival) in Leh-Ladakh.

2) Also known as Pateti, Navroz will be celebrated on August 17th this year in India. It marks the beginning of calendar of

- a) Iran
- b) Iraq
- c) Pakistan
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a Parsi New Year festival celebrated to mark the beginning of the new Iranian calendar.

3) KALIA Scheme, which deals with payments to encourage cultivation and associated activities, is rolled out by the state of

- a) West Bengal
- b) Odisha
- c) Telangana
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: b

- It is scheme rolled out by the government of Odisha.

4) Shyamoli is an experimental mud-house built in 1935 which has been recently renovated by the Archaeological Survey of India. It used to belong to

- a) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- b) Rabindranath Tagore
- c) Mahatma Gandhi
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

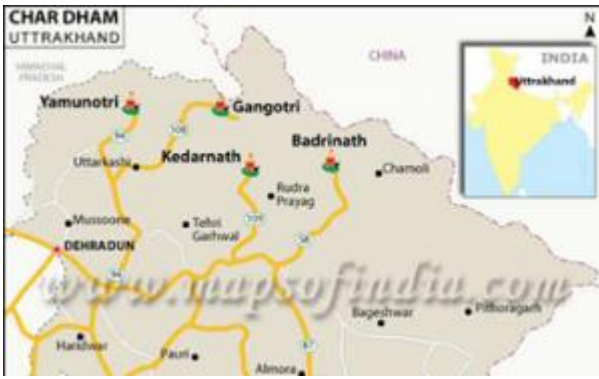
- Shyamoli is an experimental mud-house built at Santiniketan in 1935. The house has been recently renovated by the Archaeological Survey of India as a deposit work and is a property of Visva-Bharati at present.

5) Chardham project connects the holy Hindu pilgrimage sites of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri. Arrange them from East to West

- a) Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri
- b) Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath
- c) Yamunotri, Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri
- d) Kedarnath, Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath

Answer: a

- Chardham project connects the holy Hindu pilgrimage sites of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.



Aug 20

1) Parker Solar Probe is a NASA's robotic spacecraft for making observations on

- a) Corona
- b) Photosphere
- c) Chromosphere
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• The mission's central aim is to trace how energy and heat move through the Sun's corona and to study the source of the solar wind's acceleration.

2) 'Beresheet' is a spacecraft which recently attempted to land on the Moon. It was launched by

- a) India
- b) Israel
- c) China
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Israeli spacecraft Beresheet was carrying a number of items — including thousands of specimens of a living organism called tardigrade. The tardigrade, also known as water bear, is among the toughest and most resilient creatures on Earth.

3) Which among the following states do not have a second chamber?

- a) Bihar
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: d

• Currently, 6 states have Legislative Councils: A.P, Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana & UP.

4) National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Which award is given for life time contribution to sports development?

- a) Dhyan Chand Award
- b) Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar
- c) MAKA Trophy
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four year

- Arjuna Award is given for consistency outstanding performance for four years
- Dronacharya Award for coaches for producing medal winners at prestigious International sports events
- Dhyan Chand Award for life time contribution to sports development
- Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar is given to the corporate entities (both in private and public sector) and

individuals who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development.

- Overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments is given MaulanaAbulKalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy.

5) Mangdechhu Project is a run-of-river power plant built on the Mangdechhu River located in

- Bangladesh
- Afghanistan
- Myanmar
- None of the above

Answer: d

- Government of Bhutan plans to generate 10 GW hydropower by 2020 with support from India.
- Most of the electricity generated by the Mangdechhu hydropower project will meet the energy requirements of Bhutan and the surplus electricity will be exported to India.

Aug 21

1) On the successful completion of the mission Chandrayaan-2, India will become the _____ country to conduct a soft landing on the Moon's south polar region.

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th

Answer: a

- 1st to land on south pole and 4th to soft land

2) Which of the following are not the part of the three-drug regimen for drug approval by the European Medicines Agency (EMA)?

- Bedaquiline
- Linezolid
- Pretomanid
- None of the above

Answer: d

- Pretomanid will be part of the three-drug regimen for drug approval by the European Medicines Agency (EMA).
- The duration of treatment for drug-resistant TB can be drastically cut from 18-24 months to just six-nine months when pretomanid drug is used along with two already approved drugs — bedaquiline and linezolid.

3) MagnetosphericMultiscale Mission investigates how the Sun's and Earth's magnetic fields connect and disconnect, explosively transferring energy from one to the other. It is a scientific mission by

- NASA
- ESA
- CSA
- ISRO

Answer: a

- It is a scientific mission by NASA

4) A Panglossian way of life is one of extreme optimism, in which you are convinced whatever happens is for the best, and hence make no effort to change it. Idea was proposed by

- Montesquieu
- Rousseau
- Voltaire
- None of the above

Answer: c

- The term comes from Dr. Pangloss, a pedantic old tutor in Candide, a satirical novel by Voltaire. The character depicted an incurable optimist, who remained an optimist even after experiencing great cruelty and suffering.

5) World Mosquito Day is observed on

- a) August 20
- b) August 19
- c) August 21
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- World Mosquito Day, observed annually on 20 August, is a commemoration of British doctor Sir Ronald Ross's discovery in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.

- Ross is responsible for the annual observance, having declared shortly after his discovery that the day should be known as World Mosquito Day in the future.

Aug 22

1) State rooftop solar attractiveness Index (SARAL), which evaluates Indian states based on their attractiveness for rooftop development is designed by

- a) Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change
- b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- c) NitiAayog
- d) World Bank

Answer: b

- It is designed by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) with other partners.

2) NISHTHA, recently launched government program deals with

- a) Teacher training
- b) Mid-day meal
- c) Police reforms
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- MHRD launched NISHTHA to build capacities of 42 Lakh government teachers across the country.

3) As per the latest passed bill, Citizenship in India is defined for people

- a) who born on or after December 4, 2004 in India
- b) whose both parents should be Indian citizens
- c) whose one parent, an Indian citizen and other, not be an illegal migrant
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Article 11 itself confers wide powers on Parliament by laying down that Parliament can go against the citizenship provisions of the Constitution.

- Presently, the law requires that for those born on or after December 4, 2004, in addition to the fact of their own birth, both parents should be Indian citizens or one parent must be Indian citizen and other should not be an illegal migrant.

4) Recently, fossils have been discovered from a village in Kutch area. What is the name of that village?

- a) Palasava
- b) Amrapar
- c) Mangadh
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The fossils, consisting mostly of ribs, and parts of teeth and bones, were unearthed from Palasava village of Rapartaluk in Kutch, Gujarat.
- The hot arid desert of Kutch was once a humid sub-tropical forest with a variety of birds, freshwater fish and possibly giraffes and rhinos, a team of Indian and French researchers has said.

5) Which among the following are reports made on Western Ghats ecology?

- a) Gadgil Committee report
- b) Kasturirangan report
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- Gadgil Commission, an environmental research commission is named after its chairman MadhavGadgil. The commission is formally known as Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP). The commission submitted the report to the Government of India on 31 August 2011.
- Kasturirangan committee was constituted to examine the WGEEP report. The committee is often called HLWG – it denotes the 10 member high-level working group (HLWG), headed by Kasturirangan.

Aug 23

1) Which among the following state launched an academic programme for young tribal students aspiring to be doctors and engineers known as Super 50?

- a) Bihar
- b) Odisha
- c) Maharashtra
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Maharashtra launched Super 50 for young tribal students aspiring to be doctors and engineers.

2) The government has approved a proposal to declare ocean energy as renewable energy. It includes

- a) Ocean thermal energy
- b) Ocean current energy
- c) Osmotic energy
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It includes Tidal energy, Ocean wave energy, Ocean thermal energy, Ocean current energy, Osmotic energy

3) Which among the following countries have not been blacklisted by Financial Action Task Force (FATF), at present?

- a) Iran
- b) Pakistan
- c) North Korea
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It is an inter-governmental body established on the initiative of the G7 nations.
- At present, 2 countries are blacklisted by FATF namely Iran, and North Korea
- Pakistan is added to grey list

4) FEDOR (Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research) is the Skybot F-850 which became the first humanoid robot to be sent to space. It was launched by

- a) USA
- b) China
- c) Japan
- d) Russia

Answer: d

• Known as Fedor, which stands for Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research, the Skybot F-850 became the first humanoid robot to be sent to space by Russia after it was launched from the BaikonurCosmodrome in Kazakhstan

- 5) The latest Henley Passport Index ranks India at 86, down five places from 81 in 2018. It was released by
- a) WIPO
 - b) WEF
 - c) UNDP
 - d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Prepared by Henley and Partners, a London-based global citizenship and residence advisory firm, the Henley Passport Index claims to be the “original ranking of all the world’s passports”.
- The index gathers data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) that manages inter-airline cooperation globally.
- The Henley Passport Index is updated in real time according to countries’ visa policy changes. It covers 227 destinations and 199 passports.

Aug 24

1) Which is the first country to approve open cultivation of genetically modified (GM) Bt cowpea?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) US
- d) Nigeria

Answer: d

• Nigeria has become the first country to approve open cultivation of genetically modified (GM) Bt cowpea, according to a report by the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications on August 22, 2019.

2) Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) is released by

- a) NitiAayog
- b) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- c) Ministry of Environment
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Karnataka have topped the Composite Water Management Index 2.0 for 2017-18 among non-Himalayan states.
- Among Himalayan states, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Tripura are on top of the index. The composite water management index (CWMI) 2.0 was released by NITI Aayog.

3) International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition is observed on

- a) August 23
- b) August 15
- c) October 2
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Along with UNESCO designating August 23 as the International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade & Abolition, several memorials exist around the world in commemoration of Indian indentured labour.

4) Slave Route is a project to document and conduct an analysis of the interactions to which it has given rise between Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean. It is established by

- a) UNDP
- b) UNESCO
- c) Anti-Slavery International
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- UNESCO also established an international, intercultural project called 'The Slave Route' to document and conduct an "analysis of the interactions to which it has given rise between Africa, Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean."

5) Bavar-373 is a new home-grown air defence system of

- a) North Korea
- b) Israel
- c) Iran
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Iran unveiled its new home-grown air defence system on Thursday at a time of increased tensions with the United States.
- Iranian officials have previously called Bavar-373 the Islamic republic's first domestically produced long-range missile defence system.

Aug 26

1) WorldSkills Competition, 2019 is held at

- a) New Delhi, India
- b) Kazan, Russia
- c) Shanghai, China
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- WorldSkills Competition of 2019 is held in Kazan, Russia.
- The event of the WorldSkills International is organised every two years.

2) Which among the following countries are not a member of RCEP?

- a) Australia, US, Japan,
- b) South Korea, New Zealand, Bangladesh
- c) China, Russia, Cambodia
- d) Russia, US, Sri Lanka
- e) None of the above

Answer: d

- RCEP is proposed between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and the six states with which ASEAN has existing FTAs (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand).

3) Women's Equality Day is celebrated on

- a) August 26
- b) August 27
- c) August 7
- d) September 1

Answer: a

- Women's Equality Day is celebrated on August 26 every year to commemorate the passage of the 19th

Amendment in the United States of America that provides equal rights to women including the right to vote.

4) Which among the following countries are eastern most?

- a) Bahrain
- b) Qatar
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• PM Narendra Modi on his two-day visit to Bahrain, announced a redevelopment project of USD 4.2 million for Shri Krishna Temple



5) Project SURE deals with

- a) HIV-AIDS eradication
- b) Sustainable development of textile industry
- c) Extending the range of Brahmos missile
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• The SURE project is a commitment by India's apparel industry to set a sustainable pathway for the Indian fashion industry. SURE, stands for 'Sustainable Resolution' a firm commitment from the industry to move towards fashion that contributes to a clean environment.

Aug 27

1) Mitra is an impact-based crater named after noted Indian physicist Sisir Kumar Mitra. It is located in

- a) Moon
- b) Venus
- c) Titan
- d) Venus

Answer: a

• On 23 August, Chandrayaan-2 captured images of various craters on the moon while passing over its north polar region. Of the various craters, it spotted one called 'Mitra'.

2) 45th Annual G7 Summit is being held in the French town of Biarritz. Which among the following countries is/are not a member of G7?

- a) Australia
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

• Members are Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States

3) Recently formed, Advisory Board for Banking Frauds is constituted by

- a) Reserve Bank of India
- b) Central Vigilance Commission
- c) Enforcement Directorate
- d) Ministry of Finance

Answer: b

- It is constituted by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)
- It would also periodically carry out frauds analysis in the financial system and give inputs for policy formulation related to the fraud to the RBI.

4) Which among the following are not one of the features of Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP)?

- a) Revenue Sharing Contract
- b) Single Licence for exploration and production
- c) Single Licence for conventional & unconventional Hydrocarbon resources
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- All of them are features of HELP

5) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the transfer of record Rs 1.76 lakh crore dividend and surplus reserves to the government. This is in accordance with recommendations of panel headed by

- a) BimalJalan
- b) Shanta Kumar
- c) N K Singh
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The excess reserve transfer is in line with the recommendation of former RBI governor BimalJalan-led panel constituted to decide size of capital reserves that the central bank should hold. The government was represented by Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar in the panel which finalised its report on August 14 by consensus.

Aug 28

1) National Centre for Avian Ecotoxicology was inaugurated recently in

- a) Coimbatore
- b) New Delhi
- c) Kolkata
- d) Mangalore

Answer: a

- A National Centre for Avian Ecotoxicology was inaugurated at Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural Sciences (SACON), Coimbatore

2) Project SURE (Sustainable Resolution) aims to set a sustainable pathway for

- a) Cement Industry
- b) Thermal Power Industry
- c) Textile Industry
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The SURE project is a commitment by India's apparel industry to set a sustainable pathway for the Indian fashion industry.

3) Military Veterans Employment programme was launched for military veterans and their spouses across the country by

- a) Flipkart
- b) Amazon
- c) HCL
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Amazon India announced the launch of a Military Veterans Employment programme that it said will create hundreds of opportunities for military veterans and their spouses across Amazon India's Fulfilment Centres, Sort Centres and Delivery Centres in the country.

- 4) End of Childhood Index is released by
- a) UNICEF
 - b) WHO
 - c) WEF
 - d) None of the above

Answer: d

- India ranks 113 of 176 countries on the End of Childhood Index. It is part of the Global Childhood Report released by Save the Children, a nonprofit that works for child rights.

- 5) National Digital Library of India (NDLI) is a project of the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the aegis of National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT). It is developed by
- a) IIT Madras
 - b) IISc Bangalore
 - c) National Informatics Centre
 - d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Developed by IIT KGP

Aug 29

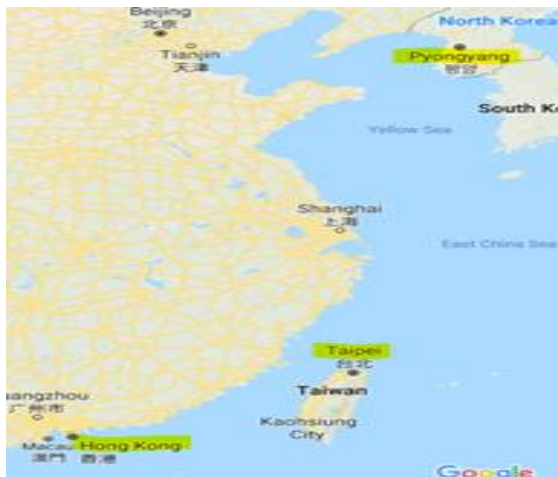
1) Arrange the following from East to West

1. Hong Kong
2. Taipei
3. Pyongyang

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) 3 – 2 – 1
- b) 1 – 2 – 3
- c) 3 – 1 – 2
- d) 1 – 3 – 3

Answer: a



2) Which is the first country in the world to issue Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID), capturing the facial bio-metric data of seafarers?

- a) China
- b) UK
- c) USA
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- India has become the first country in the world to issue Biometric Seafarer Identity Document (BSID), capturing the facial bio-metric data of seafarers.

3) Gorewada International Zoo to be set up in

- a) Telangana
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Maharashtra

Answer: d

- Gorewada International Zoo to be set up at Nagpur

4) Coprolites, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) Fossils
- b) Drug resistant bacteria
- c) Nanotechnology
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Coprolites are the fossilised faeces of animals that lived millions of years ago. They are trace fossils, meaning not of the animal's actual body

5) Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defence conference 2019 is held in

- a) India
- b) Vietnam
- c) Thailand
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: c

- Air Chief Marshal and Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee, Birender Singh Dhanoa will pay a three-day visit to Thailand beginning August 26 where he will attend the 2019 Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence (CHOD) Conference in Bangkok.

- Chiefs of Defence of more than 33 countries are scheduled to attend the conference.

Aug 30

1) Fit India Movement is conducted on the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. When is it celebrated?

- a) 29th August
- b) 30th August
- c) 31st August
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Envisioned by the Prime Minister, the nation-wide Fit India Movement aims to motivate every Indian to incorporate simple, easy ways of staying fit in their everyday life.

- It is celebrated on 29 August, on the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.

2) Recently Dindigul lock and KandangiSaree have been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It is assigned for state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• Two products from Tamil Nadu — Dindigul lock and KandangiSaree — have been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai.

3) North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) is a World Bank aided, multi-state livelihood project under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). Which of the following state is not included in the programme?

- a) Mizoram
- b) Nagaland
- c) Sikkim
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

• It is implemented in 11 districts of Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

4) The government has launched “Campaign Angikaar” towards

- a) Social Auditing
- b) Social Inclusion
- c) Social Behaviour Change
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• In line with the vision of Prime Minister, Angikaar has been launched for social behaviour change, focusing on issues such as water & energy conservation, waste management, health, tree plantation, sanitation and hygiene for beneficiaries of completed houses under PMAY (U), through community mobilisation and IEC activities..

5) e-Course on Vulnerability Atlas of India is offered by

- a) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• It is offered by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs in collaboration with School of Planning & Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC).

Aug 31

1) Which of the following airline has announced the ban of single-use plastic aboard its flights?

- a) Air India
- b) Indigo
- c) Vistara
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Air India, India’s national airline, will ban the usage of single-use plastic aboard its flights from October 2, 2019. In the first phase, the ban will come into effect on all flights of Air India Express and Alliance Air flights. In the second phase, the ban will be implemented in all Air India flights.

2) Which among the following country has launched Space Command?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The US Space command will be the 11th combatant command, the first one to be created in more than a decade.

3) Which of the following states has separate State flag in India, at present?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Nagaland
- c) Jammu & Kashmir
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- By scrapping special status of J&K, the state doesn't have legal backing (Article 370) to have a separate flag. Karnataka dropped the idea. Flag of Nagaland in news is not official state flag.

4) Merging of the public sector banks will not help in

- a) improving the professional standards
- b) ending the unhealthy competition among public sector banks
- c) diversify risk management
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Finance Minister announced a major bank merger exercise. Post-this, ten public sector banks will be amalgamated to four taking the total number of public sector banks to 12 from 27 banks in 2017.

5) Uttarakhand Government has decided to for Special Tiger Force for

- a) Rajaji Tiger Reserve
- b) Kalagarh Tiger Reserve
- c) Corbett Tiger Reserve
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The Uttarakhand government has decided to form a Special Tiger Force for Corbett Tiger Reserve, a move which will help serve as the much needed second layer of protection for the big cat.