

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ , SEPTEMBER 2019

Sept 02

1) Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme in partnership with

- a) Google
- b) Microsoft
- c) Tesla
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Tech giant Google on Saturday said it has signed a statement of intent with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme.
- The programme will offer a platform to engineering students to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems

2) India's longest electrified rail tunnel was recently inaugurated. It is located in

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

Answer: a

- India's longest electrified train tunnel inaugurated in Andhra. The 6.7 km long tunnel was constructed at a cost of Rs 437 crore and connects Cherlopalli and Rapuru.

3) Who won gold in the women's 10m Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2019?

- a) OlenaKostevych
- b) Yashaswini Singh Deswal
- c) HeenaSidhu
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Keeping India's hot streak going, shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal surprised many, including world champion OlenaKostevych to finish on top of the podium in the ongoing ISSF World Cup in Rio de Janeiro. She couldn't hide her delight on Saturday as she also secured an Olympic quota in the women's 10m air pistol, taking the country's tally to nine.

4) Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) Regime might find information about wealth stashed away in Swiss bank accounts. It was signed between Switzerland and

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

Answer: a

- Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) Regime between Switzerland and India kicked off from September 1, 2019. Under this mechanism, India will start receiving information on all financial accounts held by Indian residents in Switzerland, for the year 2018.

5) 'Samudrayaan' project initiated by India deals with

- a) PMN mining
- b) Gas hydrate mining
- c) Advanced Nuclear Submarine
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• The 'Samudrayaan' project undertaken by the NIOT, Chennai, is in line with the ISRO's ambitious 'Gaganyaan' mission of sending an astronaut to space by 2022. The success of the 'Samudrayaan' will help India to join the league of developed nations in exploration of minerals from oceans

Sept 04

1) Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) for 2019 is selected from the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• It is an initiative of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission
• Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir has been named country's 'Best Swachh Iconic Place'.

2) Asteroid Impact Deflection Assessment (AIDA) aims to study the viability of diverting an asteroid by crashing a spacecraft into its surface. It is a joint mission between

- a) NASA and ISRO
- b) ISRO and JAXA
- c) NASA and ESA
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• Asteroid Impact Deflection Assessment (AIDA) is a joint research mission between NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) teams.
• It aims to study the viability of diverting an asteroid by crashing a spacecraft into its surface.

3) Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to visit this far-east region of Russia. What is that place?

- a) Vladivostok
- b) Astrakhan
- c) Stavropol
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Modi aid the friendship between India and Russia was not restricted to governmental interactions in capital cities, but was about people and close business relations. "India's connection to Russia's Far East go back a long way. India was the first country to open a Consulate in Vladivostok," he said.

4) Government is celebrating the month of September as the National Nutrition Month under the PoshanAbhiyan. It focuses on

- a) Optimal Breastfeeding
- b) Right age of Marriage
- c) Food Fortification
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

• The programme focuses on 8 themes – Antenatal Care, Optimal Breastfeeding (Early & Exclusive), Complementary Feeding, Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Girls-education, diet, right age of Marriage, Hygiene & Sanitation, Food Fortification.

5) Indian Army recently conducted a mountaineering expedition to Mt. Kun. It is located in

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Ladakh

- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Sikkim

Answer: b

- Kun is the second-highest peak in between the Zaskar and Kargil regions of Ladakh.

Sept 05

1) Cities which are in top 100 list of Global Liveability Index 2019 are

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Both 2 options
- d) Neither 2 options

Answer: d

- New Delhi: rank 118th & Mumbai: rank 119th.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the Global Liveability Index 2019 which ranks 140 global cities based on their living conditions.

2) The book 'The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore' is written by

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) S. Radhakrishnan
- c) Rajendra Prasad
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It was written by S. Radhakrishnan.

3) Chief Guest of the 5th Eastern Economic Forum was the head of

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

Answer: a

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 5th Eastern Economic Forum at Vladivostok, Russia as its Chief Guest at the special invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

4) Shortest sea route between Chennai and Vladivostok will not enter the territory of

- a) South Korea
- b) Japan
- c) Malaysia
- d) None of the above

Answer: d



5) The festival of Nuakhai is a festival to celebrate newly harvested food by the farmers. It is celebrated in

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Odisha
- c) Meghalaya
- d) West Bengal

Answer: b

- Nuakhai, as the name suggests that nua means new and khai means food. So, the festival of nuakhai is a festival to celebrate newly harvested food by the farmers. One day after the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi it is celebrated especially in the Western part of Odisha with much pomp and jubilation. People staying in distant lands come back to their native places, wear new clothes and offer prayers before the God and eat delicious foods prepared from the newly harvested crops.

Sept 06

1) 74th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 74) will be held in

- a) US
- b) UK
- c) India
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The General Assembly is one of the six main organs of the United Nations. It is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the UN.

2) Centralised Technology Vertical (CTV) facilitates real-time information sharing with investigators across the country. It is operating under

- a) CBI
- b) R&AW
- c) NIA
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The government has decided to set up a centralised technology vertical (CTV) in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to handle complex financial crimes, like 2G scam, coal block irregularities, Ponzi schemes and capital market scams.

3) India has extended \$1 billion line of credit for development of Russia's Far East. It is focused on

- a) Vladivostok
- b) Moskov
- c) Kiev
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- India's connection to Russia's Far East go back a long way. India was the first country to open a Consulate in Vladivostok. India has invested in the energy sector and other natural resources like diamonds here. The oil fields on Sakhalin are a great example of India's successful investment.

4) Eat Right India movement aims to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years. It is launched by

- a) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) NitiAayog
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It was launched by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- The movement aims to cut down salt/sugar and oil consumption by 30% in three years.

5) Hepatitis B virus is said to be controlled when the disease prevalence is reduced to less than 1% among children less than five years of age. It affects

- a) Liver
- b) Kidney
- c) Intestines
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver. When the liver is inflamed or damaged, its function can be affected.

Sept 07

1) Indian army will participate in a multilateral exercise "TSENTR 2019" which is to be held in

- a) Russia
- b) India
- c) Thailand
- d) China

Answer: a

• The exercise, to be held for two weeks, from September 9-23, is named TSENTR 2019. It is "part of the annual series of large-scale exercises that form part of the Russian Armed Forces' annual training cycle"

2) Government, recently launched National Animal Disease Control Programme, a 100% centrally funded programme. It aims to eradicate

- a) Foot and Mouth Disease
- b) Brucellosis
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

• It aims to control foot and mouth disease and brucellosis by 2025 with vaccination and eventual eradication by 2030. The programme envisages 100 per cent vaccination coverage of cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats and pigs at six months intervals.

3) Recently, SahityaAkademi Award-winning writer KiranNagarkar passed away. Which of the following is not one of his works?

- a) RavanAnd Eddie
- b) Cuckold
- c) The Ivory Throne
- d) SaatSakkamTrechalis

Answer: c

• Nagarkar wrote his first book SaatSakkamTrechalis in 1974 in his mother tongue, Marathi.

• It was his second novel, Ravan and Eddie (1994) about two unlikely protagonists, which cemented Nagarkar's position as a post-colonialist Indian writer

• His historical fiction, Cuckold (1997), for which he was awarded the 2001 SahityaAkademi Award in English firmly established Nagarkar's reputation as a novelist unafraid to tackle politics, bigotry and extremism.

4) Great Indian Bustards (GIB), under IUCN, is classified as

- a) Critically endangered
- b) Endangered
- c) Least Concern
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Noting the high mortality rate of the Great Indian Bustard, the National Green Tribunal has directed the Centre to prepare a time-bound action plan within two months for protection of the birds.

5) NASA's 'Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter' (MRO) recently captured dust cloud as a result of

- a) Avalanche
- b) Earth quake
- c) Cyclone
- d) None if the above

Answer: a

• NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter has captured an amazing picture of a massive avalanche on the Red Planet.

Sept 10

1) H5N1 virus is widely known among us as

- a) Swine Flu
- b) Bird Flu
- c) Ebola
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• It is avian influenza or bird flu.

2) Krishna river doesn't flow through

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Telangana
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

• The Krishna is an east-flowing river that originates at Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra. It flowing through Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh before entering into the Bay of Bengal.

3) India Iodine Survey report was published by

- a) Nutrition International
- b) WHO
- c) FAO
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• It's aim is to provide a platform to deliberate on interdependence between organizations, systemic sustainability and feedback loops for better resource efficiency.

4) India has announced an immediate humanitarian assistance of \$1 million. It affected people from

- a) South China Sea
- b) Caribbean Sea
- c) Bay of Bengal
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Hurricane Dorian has caused a large-scale destruction in The Bahamas.

5) The recently held international conference, ANGAN (Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat) was organised by

- a) BEE
- b) Power Grid

- c) REC
- d) None if the above

Answer: a

- Its aim is to provide a platform to deliberate on interdependence between organizations, systemic sustainability and feedback loops for better resource efficiency.

Sept 11

1) Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered two new species of Zingiber, commonly referred to as ginger, from

- a) Nagaland
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Telangana

Answer: a

- Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) have discovered two new species of Zingiber, commonly referred to as ginger, from Nagaland. While Zingiberperenense has been discovered from the Peren district of Nagaland, Zingiberdimapurensis was found in the Dimapur district of the State.

2) Which one of the following dams are not built over river Narmada?

- a) Sardar Sarovar dam
- b) Kolar dam
- c) Barwaha dam
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- All of them are built on Narmada.

3) Fall Armyworm (FAW) recently seen in Karnataka is a native of

- a) Africa
- b) Americas
- c) South East Asia
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It is a native of the tropical and sub-tropical regions of the Americas.

4) Basel Convention deals with

- a) Persistent Organic Pollutants
- b) Road Safety
- c) Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The 1995 Basel Ban Amendment, a global waste dumping prohibition, has become an international law after Croatia (97th country to ratify) ratified it on September 6, 2019.

5) Cryodrakon Boreas, recently seen in news are

- a) Polar lights
- b) Particle accelerator
- c) Prehistoric animal
- d) None if the above

Answer: c

- Paleontologists have identified a new species, named it Cryodrakonboreas, and declared that it could be one of the largest flying animals.

Sept 13

1) India joined the world Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development. Where is the hub located?

- a) France
- b) UK
- c) Germany
- d) US

Answer: c

• The operations of the hub are supported through a Secretariat, which is established in Berlin, Germany. It is currently financed through grants from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG).

2) Government e Marketplace comes under

- a) Ministry of Commerce and Industries
- b) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• GeM is a state-of-the-art national public procurement platform of Ministry of Commerce and Industries, that has used technology to remove entry barriers for bonafide sellers and has created a vibrant e-marketplace with a wide range of goods and services.

3) A team of 16 members of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) successfully completed Mount Satopanth's peak climbing. Where is the Mount Satopanth peak located?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Ladakh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• It is located in Uttarkhand. It is the second highest peak in the Uttarakhand.

4) Curriculum for Life Skills (JeevanKaushal), a recently announced programme, is designed by

- a) University Grants Commission
- b) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship
- c) National Skill Development Corporation
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Union Minister of State for Human Resource Development Shri Sanjay Dhotre, launched the Curriculum for Life Skills (JeevanKaushal) designed by University Grants Commission (UGC)

5) Which one of the following is not one of India's Anti-Tank guided missile?

- a) Amogha missile.
- b) Nag missile.
- c) Man-Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

• India today successfully test fired Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile system from a firing range in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. This is the 3rd successful test firing of missile system which is being developed for Indian Army's need for 3rd generation Anti-tank guided missile.

Sept 14

1) Jan Soochna Portal is the first-ever public information portal launched in India. It is launched in the state of

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Kerala
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is launched in Rajasthan

2) Bamboonomics is associated with

- a) Desertification
- b) Monetary policy
- c) Forest Fire
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a movement to combat desertification and climate change which will involve the tribal community of India since they have the expertise in this field.

3) Which is the first country to implement Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR)?

- a) India
- b) Bhutan
- c) Germany
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- When implemented, India will become the first country

4) The naval variant of the LCA Tejas has made a first successful "Arrested landing" test. It is to be tested at sea on

- a) INS Vishal
- b) INS Arihant
- c) INS Vikramaditya
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- INS Vikramaditya is the India's only operational aircraft carrier.

5) Which one of the following is not a Mid-Autumn Festival celebrated in India?

- a) Onam
- b) Mooncake Festival
- c) Agera
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- In Singapore, the Mid-Autumn Festival is also called the Mooncake Festival after the namesake sweetmeats that are prepared for the festival.

Sep 16

1) Collegium system in Indian judiciary doesn't have the power to

- a) Appointments
- b) Recommendations
- c) Transfers
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Both the statements are correct

- 2) Central Adverse List is associated with
- Names of foreign nationals involved in anti-India activities
 - Prisoners of war in the enemy hands
 - List of places in India inaccessible to non-citizens
 - None of the above

Answer: a

- The Centre has removed from the Central Adverse List names of few foreign nationals involved in anti-India activities.
- It is a list maintained by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

3) Where is Hodeidah located?

- Yemen
- Syria
- Lebanon
- Jordan

Answer: a

- UN Secretary recently announced the appointment of Abhijit Guha, a retired Indian lieutenant general as the head of the UN mission in Hodeidah, Yemen.

4) Indian Armed Forces are planning to deploy their latest American weapons systems including M777 ultra-light howitzers and Chinook heavy-lift helicopters in the war games to be carried out in Arunachal Pradesh, close to borders with China. What is the name of exercise?

- CORPAT
- HIMVIJAY
- SAMPRIITI
- None of the above

Answer: b

- Indian Armed Forces are planning to deploy their latest American weapons systems including M777 ultra-light howitzers and Chinook heavy-lift helicopters in the war games to be carried out in Arunachal Pradesh, close to borders with China.
- Codenamed HimVijay, this exercise planned by India in the northeast will mainly test the war fighting abilities of the newly-raised 17 Mountain Strike Corps in Arunachal Pradesh. The exercise will also involve the Indian Air Force (IAF) which would provide the aerial elements for the real war-type drills.

5) SamudraLaksamana is a naval exercise between Indian and

- Malaysia
- Sri Lanka
- Indonesia
- Vietnam

Answer: a

- Two warships, INS Sahyadri and INS Kiltan, have been despatched by the Indian Navy to Malaysia for the bilateral exercise. The sea phase of the exercise, which is named 'SamudraLaksamana', is at present underway off the Malaysian port of Kota Kinabalu, a defence official said on Saturday.

Sep 17

1) 'NIRVIK' scheme is launched by

- Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
- EXIM Bank
- NitiAayog
- None of the above

Answer: a

- Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) has introduced 'NIRVIK' scheme to ease the lending process and enhance loan availability for exporters.

2) Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) which currently orbits moon is launched by

- a) NASA
- b) ISRO
- c) ESA
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- ISRO is attempting to figure out what happened to Chandrayaan-2's Vikram with the help of NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO).

3) United Nations International Conference to discuss the issues related to drug menace, HIV/AIDS problems will be conducted in

- a) New Delhi
- b) Manipur
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Manipur will host the United Nations International Conference to discuss the issues related to drug menace, HIV/AIDS problems in the region from September 30 to October 1 next.

4) Which among the following is the oldest scientific department of the govt. of India?

- a) Survey of India
- b) BARC
- c) DRDO
- d) ISRO

Answer: a

- It is set up under the Department of Science & Technology in 1767

5) Banni grasslands are home to a pastoral community called the Maldhari. Where is it located?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Odisha

Answer: b

- The Banni grasslands in Kutch, Gujarat, span over 2,600 square kilometres (sq km). These grasslands are home to a pastoral community called the Maldhari. But in the 1960s, the government wanted to protect this region from salinity ingress from the Rann of Kutch and dropped millions of seeds of an exotic species called ProsopisJuliflora from helicopters.

Sept 18

1) Recently constituted National Recruitment Agency (NRA) will conduct examinations for

- a) Engineering Colleges
- b) Medical Colleges
- c) Bank Exams
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- It aims to streamline recruitment of some posts in the government along with various equivalent recruitment in public sector banks

2) Regulation of Foreign Funding directly comes under

- a) RBI
- b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Since the Act is internal security legislation, despite being a law related to financial legislation, it falls into the purview of Home Ministry and not the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

3) Which of the following doesn't come under the purview of Right to Information Act?

- a) NGOs
- b) Political Parties
- c) Autonomous institutions
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

• Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) substantially financed by the government fall within the ambit of the Right to Information Act.

4) Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is a one-stop payment platform for all bills across the country with certainty, reliability and safety of transactions. It is designed by

- a) Survey of India
- b) RBI
- c) NPCI
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• The Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) is an RBI conceptualised system driven by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

5) 5th International Ramayana Festival was organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in New Delhi recently. ICCR was founded by

- a) MaulanaAbulKalam Azad
- b) Pandit Nehru
- c) Mahatma Gandhi
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• ICCR was founded in 1950 by MaulanaAbulKalam Azad, Independent India's first Education Minister.

Sept 19

1) The 12th Century AD Bronze image of Buddha seated in the Bhumipasara mudra was amongst the 19 bronze statues stolen from the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) Nalanda site museum in August 1961. Recently, it was returned to India by

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

Answer: d

• The 12th Century AD Bronze image of Buddha seated in the Bhumipasara mudra was stolen by the British in August 1961.

2) Margadarshaks scheme is intended for

- a) Engineering Colleges
- b) RBI

- c) Medical Colleges
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Under this scheme, mentor teachers or Margdarshaks who are either serving or superannuated but willing and motivated with good knowledge of accreditation and who can devote adequate time to make required visits to these Institutions are identified.

3) SITMEX-19 is a trilateral naval Exercise that was held between India, Thailand and

- a) Thailand
- b) Singapore
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- The maiden trilateral naval exercise involving India, Singapore and Thailand commenced at Port Blair on Monday. The exercise was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address at Shangri-La dialogue in June 2018.

4) Which of the following state government has decided to declare 2020 as Year of Artificial Intelligence?

- a) Kerala
- b) Gujarat
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Telangana

Answer: c

- The Telangana government has decided to declare 2020 as Artificial Intelligence year by organising various activities related to the emerging technology

5) Waste Management Accelerator for Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs (WAVE Summit 2019) is organised by

- a) AICTE
- b) NitiAayog
- c) Ministry of JalShakthi
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It will be the largest gathering of young women students to promote entrepreneurship in waste management and providing alternatives to single use plastic carry bags.

Sept 20

1) Google collaborated with which of the following companies to provide free and high-speed Wi-Fi at public locations across India?

- a) TATA
- b) Idea
- c) BSNL
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- A year after Google declared that it has enabled free high-speed public Wi-Fi at 400 railway stations in India, the company has announced that it is partnering with BSNL to launch free public Wi-Fi in villages in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bihar. Notably, the first announcement had come in May 2019 wherein the partnership with BSNL was announced, however, the name of the states had not been revealed.

2) Six Scorpene class submarines are being built under Project 75 by India. Which of the following is not one of them?

- a) Vela
- b) Vagir
- c) Vagsheer
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- The submarines are Kalvari, Khanderi, Karanj, Vela, Vagir&Vagsheer

3) Which film won the best Film award in the 20th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2019?

- a) Dhadak
- b) Raazi
- c) AndhaDhun
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- Best film: Raazi
- Best Director: SriramRaghavan (Andhadhun)
- Best Actor (Female): Alia Bhatt (Raazi)
- Best Actor (Male): Ranveer Singh (Padmaavat)

4) According to International Migrant Stock 2019, India is the top source of immigrants across the globe. It is recently released by

- a) UNDESA
- b) WEF
- c) UNEP
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- India has emerged as the leading country of origin for immigrants across the world, with 17.5 million international migrants in 2019 coming from India, up from 15.9 million in 2015, according to a dataset released by the Union Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York on Tuesday.

5) National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Scheme under MHRD is implemented by

- a) NIC
- b) NitiAayog
- c) AICTE
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Ministry of HRD has announced a new PPP Scheme, National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) for using technology for better learning outcomes in Higher Education

Sept 21

1) Which among the following statements about the Sangam age is correct?

- a) Tamil Brahmi script originated in the 6th century BC
- b) Agrarian society that reared cattle
- c) High standard of living
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Carbon samples collected from Keezhadi, the Sangam-era site, have been found to belong to 580 BC, according to accelerator mass spectrometry dating results.

2) Which of the following is not one of the advantages of stubble burning?

- a) It is the quickest and cheapest alternative.
- b) It kills weeds, including those resistant to herbicide.
- c) Can reduce nitrogen tie-up.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- As many as eight districts in Punjab and three in Haryana have been identified as contributing around 62% of the total crop burning emission, as per an analysis done by a team of experts at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D).

3) A statue of Lord Buddha and his two disciples, installed at the historic GandanTegchenling Monastery, was recently unveiled by PM Modi. Where is it located?

- a) Ulaanbaatar
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Ladakh
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Prime Minister NarendraModi and KhaltmaagiinBattulga, President of Mongolia, jointly unveiled through remote a statue of Lord Buddha and his two disciples, installed at the historic GandanTegchenling Monastery in Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia (a Buddhist majority country).

4) India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative is an initiative of

- a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The report is a joint initiative of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, along with experts and stakeholders associated with over 100 Indian institutions.

5) Global Goalkeeper Award, 2019 conferred by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is awarded to

- a) NarendraModi
- b) Emanuel Macron
- c) Angela Merkel
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will be awarding the Global Gatekeepers Award to Prime Minister NarendraModi for his leadership in India's achievement sanitation, the organisation has announced.

Sept 23

1) Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a component of

- a) PradhanMantriKaushalVikasYojana (PMKVY)
- b) SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion)
- c) UDAAN
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) can help them get assessed and certified on their current competencies as per NSQF levels.

- RPL is a key element under PradhanMantriKaushalVikasYojana (PMKVY) scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

2) Head on Generation (HOG) technology, which was seen recently in news is associated with

- a) Pollution Control
- b) Electric Vehicle
- c) Space manoeuvring
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Railway Ministry is upgrading all existing Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches with the Head on Generation (HOG) technology.
- This would cause the trains to become more cost-efficient and less polluting.

3) PACEsetter Fund programme is a combined effort of Governments of India and

- a) France
- b) Brazil
- c) China
- d) USA

Answer: d

- The Fund will award grants for direct support of innovative technology, business models, and programs including but not limited to: rural energy services companies (full scale integrated operators); rural distribution companies/franchisees; operations/maintenance companies; technology implementers/system integrators; and enterprises.
- It is a INR 50 crore (USD 7.9 million) fund jointly capitalized by the Governments of the Republic of India and the United States of America.

4) Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) tool, recently organised by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), was developed by

- a) UN Development Group
- b) World Bank
- c) European Union
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The PDNA tool was developed by the UN Development Group, the World Bank and the European Union as one of the key commitments of their 2008 agreement to develop and use common assessment and recovery planning approaches in post-crisis settings.
- National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), undertook the study for developing a scientific tool on Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA), under the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (NCRMP).

5) Kargil to Kohima (K2K) Ultra Marathon – “Glory Run” was recently Flagged off from KARGIL. Minimum number of states/UTs through which one has to travel to reach the destination including starting and ending states is

- a) 7
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 6

Answer: a

- Minimum number of states is 7: Jammu and Kashmir ◊HP ◊ UP ◊ Bihar ◊ WB ◊ Assam ◊ Nagaland
- Kargil to Kohima (K2K) Ultra Marathon – “Glory Run”: States covered- Ladakh, HP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West-Bengal, Assam and Nagaland.



Sept 24

1) Which among the following is the highest advisory body to advise the Central and State Governments in the field of education?

- a) Central Advisory Board of Education
- b) NCERT
- c) UGC
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- C.A.B.E. is the highest advisory body to advise the Central and State Governments in the field of education.

2) Nonylphenol (NP) is a harmful chemical banned in several countries or is being phased out owing to its harmful effects on humans and aquatic organisms. It is found in

- a) Detergents
- b) Pesticides
- c) Industrial solvents
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The detergents that we are using may have a harmful chemical called Nonylphenol (NP) which is banned in several countries or is being phased out owing to its harmful effects on humans and aquatic organisms.

3) Plagiarism Detection Software (PDS) launched by the union Ministry of HRD is called

- a) ShodhShuddh
- b) Shodh Ganga
- c) Shagum Portal
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is being implemented by Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET), an Inter University Centre (IUC) of UGC

4) West Bank is a landlocked territory. It is bordered by

- a) Jordan
- b) Syria
- c) Lebanon
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- The West Bank is a landlocked territory, which is bordered by Jordan to the east and the Green Line separating it and Israel in the north, south and west.

5) FridaysForFuture is a major climate strike movement going around worldwide initiated by

- a) Wildlife activists
- b) Graduate students
- c) Women
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- It is an international movement of school students who take time off from class to participate in demonstrations to demand action to prevent further global warming and climate change.

Sept 25

1) National Service Scheme is a Central- Sector scheme aimed to develop healthy contacts between the students and teachers. It is conducted by

- a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- b) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- c) Ministry of Defence
- d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: a

- It is conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

2) Cyclones are given many names in different regions of the world. They are called tornados in

- a) West Africa
- b) China
- c) Australia
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Typhoons in the China Sea and Pacific Ocean;
- Hurricanes in the West Indian islands in the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean;
- Tornados in the Guinea lands of West Africa and southern USA.;
- Willy-willies in north-western Australia and tropical cyclones in the Indian Ocean

3) Siachen Glacier lies in the Karakoram Range system which is a part of western Himalayas. It also boasts of the world's highest helipad built by India at

- a) Point Sonam
- b) Point Calimere
- c) NamchaBarva
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The Army has removed 130 tonnes of solid waste from the Siachen glacier.

4) Which among the following is known as space fuel of future?

- a) Methane
- b) Nuclear fuel
- c) Liquid oxygen
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Methane, which can be synthesised with water and carbon dioxide in space, is often described as the space fuel of the future.

5) Emission Trading Scheme is described as the world's first market for trading in particulate matter emissions. Where is it launched?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Paris
- c) Fiji
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Gujarat government launched what is being described as the world's first market for trading in particulate matter emissions. While trading mechanisms for pollution control do exist in many parts of the world, none of them is for particulate matter emissions.

Sept 26

1) A team of researchers from the National Zoological Survey and Delhi University has found a new species of frog in the Namdapha tiger reserve. Where is it located?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- A team of researchers from the National Zoological Survey and Delhi University has found a new species of frog "eos" in Arunachal Pradesh.
- They discovered this species of Frog in the Namdapha tiger reserve. This frog is also known as narrow-mouthed frog.

2) Which among the following countries will host the 2nd general assembly of the International Solar Alliance on the sidelines of COP-21, the UN Climate Conference?

- a) India
- b) France
- c) Australia
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- India will host the 2nd general assembly of the International Solar Alliance, in New Delhi on the sidelines of COP-21, the UN Climate Conference.

3) Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) was formed in response to the Indian nuclear test, named Operation Shakti. When was it?

- a) 1974
- b) 1998
- c) 1992
- d) 1984

Answer: d

- Formed in 1974 in response to the Indian nuclear test, Smiling Buddha.
- It is not a formal organization and its guidelines are not binding.

4) National Unity Award will be announced on the occasion of the National Unity Day on 31st October as it was the birth anniversary of

- a) Sardar Patel
- b) IndumatiChamanlal
- c) Kasturba Gandhi
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The award will be announced on the occasion of the National Unity Day, the birth anniversary of Sardar

Patel on 31st October.

- It is the Highest Civilian Award for contribution to Unity and Integrity of India.

5) The Caribbean community, also known as CARICOM, was formed in 1973 by the Treaty of Chaguaramas. Which among the following is a member to the group?

- Anguilla
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- None of the above

Answer: d

- It is a grouping of 15 member states and five associate members (Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Turks & Caicos Islands).

Sept 27

1) Shanti SwarupBhatnagar Prize is awarded in the field of

- Literature
- Science and Technology
- Social Work
- None of the above

Answer: b

- President of India Ram NathKovind, presented Shanti SwarupBhatnagar Prizes 2019, for outstanding contributions in science and technology.

2) Network for space object Tracking and Analysis, recently seen in news, is an initiative of

- ISRO
- NASA
- ESA
- None of the above

Answer: a

- ISRO has initiated 'Project NETRA' – an early warning system in space to detect debris and other hazards to Indian satellites.

3) A new species of snake, Boigathackerayi has been discovered in the Western Ghats. Where is it discovered from?

- Goa
- Kerala
- Maharashtra
- None of the above

Answer: c

- A new species of snakes has been discovered in the Western Ghats in Maharashtra and named after Tejas Thackeray, the younger son of Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, for his contribution to the find.

4) The day of September 27 is commemorated each year as World Tourism Day. This year it is hosted by

- France
- USA
- Indonesia
- None of the above

Answer: d

- World Tourism Day is commemorated each year on 27 September, with celebrations led by UNWTO. Its purpose is to foster awareness among the global community of tourism's social, cultural, political and economic value and the contribution the sector can make in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals.

- In 2019, in line with UNWTO's overarching focus on skills, education and jobs throughout the year, World Tourism Day will be a celebration on the topic 'Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all'.

- 5) High-Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane (HTPEM) technology recently in news is developed by
- a) CSIR
 - b) IIT Bombay
 - c) DRDO
 - d) None of the above

Answer: a

- India's first indigenously developed high-temperature based Fuel Cell System was recently introduced. The developed fuel cells are based on High-Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane (HTPEM) technology.
- Developed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in partnership with Indian industries. Built under India's flagship programme named 'New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI)'.

Sept 28

- 1) SAFF U-18 Championship, 2019 was held at
- a) India
 - b) Bhutan
 - c) Nepal
 - d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The SAFF U-18 Championship is a football championship for male footballers under the age of 18 and is organized by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF). The championship is being held in Nepal.

- 2) Which among the following countries are part of UN General Assembly?
- a) Palestine
 - b) Vatican City
 - c) Taiwan
 - d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Among the world's 196 countries, 193 are UN member states and three nations- Palestine, the Vatican City and Taiwan are not a part of the international organization as their country status is not recognized globally due to political and religious reasons.

- 3) National Tourism Awards 2017-18 on World Tourism Day held at
- a) Chennai
 - b) Mumbai
 - c) New Delhi
 - d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Shri Venkaiah Naidu presents the National Tourism Awards 2017-18 on World Tourism Day at New Delhi.

- 4) Joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan is called
- a) Kazind
 - b) Maitree
 - c) Corpat
 - d) None of the above

Answer: a

- A joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan with focus on counter terrorism operation in mountainous terrain will be held in Pithoragarh from Oct 3-15.

- Nearly 100 soldiers from both Indian and Kazakhstan armies will share with each other their experiences of counter insurgency and counter terrorism operations during the 13-day exercise named KAZIND-2019.

5) A new mineral that has been discovered recently inside a diamond unearthed from a mine in South Africa. It is called

- a) Goldschmidtite
- b) Edscottite
- c) Abellaite
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Goldschmidtite is a new mineral that has been discovered recently inside a diamond unearthed from a mine in South Africa
- The mineral has been named after the Norwegian scientist Victor Moritz Goldschmidt, who is considered as the founder of Modern Geochemistry.

Sept 30

1) As per the Constitution of India, number of judges of the Supreme Court including Chief Justice will be

- a) 11
- b) 29
- c) 30
- d) 34

Answer: d

- Recently, parliament had increased the number of judges from 31 to 34

2) The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. It is established in 1988 by

- a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- b) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- c) All of the above
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change.
- Established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988.
- It aims to provide political leaders with periodic scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies.

3) Industry 4.0 is closely associated with

- a) Internet of Things,
- b) Artificial Intelligence
- c) Big Data & Analytics
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Industry 4.0 is a complex Cyber-Physical Systems which synergizes production with digital technologies, the Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data & Analytics, Machine Learning and Cloud Computing.

4) Bathukamma is celebrated in the state of

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

Answer: a

- It is the state festival of Telangana.

5) Forest-PLUS 2.0 is launched by

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b) US Agency for International Development (USAID)
- c) All of the above
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- It is a 5-year programme that focuses on developing tools & techniques to bolster ecosystem management and harness ecosystem services in forest landscape management.