

Current Affairs Quiz , October 2019

Oct 01

1) A minor planet between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter has been named Pandit Jasraj. He is famous in the field of

- a) Literature
 - b) Music
 - c) Sports
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• A minor planet between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter has been named after the legendary vocalist Pandit Jasraj.

2) School Education Quality Index (SEQI) is released by

- a) Niti Aayog
 - b) MHRD
 - c) AICTE
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Developed by NITI Aayog to evaluate the performance of States and Union Territories (UTs) in the school education sector.

3) Which day is agreed to be celebrated as International coffee day by International Coffee Organization?

- a) 1st October
 - b) 2nd September
 - c) 3rd October
 - d) 4th September
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Answer: a

• The International Coffee Organization has agreed to institute the date on 1 October 2015 at a meeting held on 3-7 March 2014. The day was launched in Milan as part of Expo 2015.

4) Who is the chairman of recently constituted National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)?

- a) Cabinet Secretary
- b) Prime Minister

- c) Home Minister
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• For effective implementation of relief measures in the wake of natural calamities, the Government of India has set up a National Crisis Management Committee chaired by Cabinet Secretary.

5) Recently, Union Water Ministry has excavated an old, dried-up river in that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers. Where is located?

- a) Prayagraj
 - b) Haridwar
 - c) Rishikesh
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• The Union Water Ministry has excavated an old, dried-up river in Prayagraj (formerly Allahabad) that linked the Ganga and Yamuna rivers..

Oct 02

1) International Day of Non-Violence observed on

- a) October 2
 - b) October 6
 - c) September 30
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2 October. The day is observed on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. The day aims to disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness.

2) Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) is an agreement between

- a) Taxpayer and tax authority
 - b) Countries trying to regulate exchange rate
 - c) Exporter and Importer of defence purchases
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- An APA is an agreement between a taxpayer and the tax authority determining the Transfer Pricing methodology for pricing the tax payer's international transactions for future years.
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3) Drone Innovators Network (DIN) is organised by

- a) World Economic Forum
 - b) World Bank
 - c) NASA
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- It is started by the World Economic Forum to hasten and contribute to healthy drone policies in need of legislation.
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4) RUCO initiative to synthesize bio-diesel is launched by

- a) ISRO
 - b) FSSAI
 - c) MoEFCC
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- Launched by FSSAI for collection and conversion of used cooking oil to bio-diesel.
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5) Galo community, recently seen in news, is from

- a) Gujarat
 - b) Arunachal Pradesh
 - c) Rajasthan
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- At about 1.5 lakh people, the Galos are one of the 26 major communities of Arunachal Pradesh, and dominate West Siang, Lepa Rada and Lower Siang districts. They have a big population in East Siang, Upper Subansiri and Namsai districts too.
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Oct 04

1) World Economic Forum's 33rd edition of the India Economic Summit is going to be organised in

- a) New Delhi
 - b) Mumbai
 - c) Paris
 - d) Vienna
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Answer: a

• It is jointly organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and industry body CII with a theme 'Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World'.

2) Recently Vayoshreshtha Samman was upgraded to the status of National Awards. It is instituted by

- a) MHRD
 - b) Niti Aayog
 - c) ALIMCO
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: d

• It is a Scheme of National Awards instituted by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (D/o Social Justice & Empowerment).

3) A dynamical model, called the Climate Forecast Model (CFS), implemented on the Prithvi High Performance Computers (HPC) to develop both short and long-term forecasting. Where is it based in India?

- a) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)
 - b) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)
 - c) Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• The dynamical model is also called the Climate Forecast Model (CFS) and has been developed based on a climate model developed by the National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP), U.S. and it has been implemented on the Prithvi High Performance Computers (HPC) at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune.

4) Army Exercise Ekuverin – 19 is held between India and

- a) Maldives
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) Philippines
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force will be held in Pune, Maharashtra.

5) Nomadic Elephant 2019 was recently concluded. It was between India and

- a) China
 - b) Mongolia
 - c) Japan
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• It is Indo – Mongolian joint military training aimed at training troops in counter insurgency & counter terrorism operations under United Nations mandate.

Oct 05

1) Monetary Policy Committee is a six-member committee constituted by

- a) Central Government
 - b) President
 - c) Parliament
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• The MPC determines the policy interest rate required to achieve the inflation target. RBI can deviate from the bi-monthly nature of monetary policy.
• MPC is a six-member committee constituted by the Central Government

2) India's first e-waste clinic is set up at

- a) Bhopal
 - b) Delhi
 - c) Mumbai
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• The Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have joined hands to set up the country's first e-waste clinic in Bhopal that would enable segregation, processing and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units.

3) The 2nd informal summit between leaders of India and China is scheduled to take place in

- a) Mamallapuram
 - b) Pommpuhar
 - c) Kanchipuram
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- The 2nd informal summit between leaders of India and China is scheduled to take place in Mamallapuram
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4) Which among the following statutory body under Ministry of Power has been nominated as the Central Nodal Agency to facilitate installation of Charging Infrastructure?

- a) Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
 - b) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)
 - c) Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)
 - d) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)
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Answer: a

- Union Minister for Power has approved amendments in Electric Vehicle Charging Guidelines and Specifications.
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5) Changthang Prahar is an all arms integrated exercise in a “super high altitude” area, featuring tanks, artillery guns, drones, helicopters and troops, as well as para-drops. Where is it happening?

- a) Sikkim
 - b) Ladakh
 - c) Arunachal Pradesh
 - d) Jammu and Kashmir
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Answer: b

- Changthang is a plateau in western and northern Tibet that extends into Southeastern Ladakh
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Oct 07

1) Public Finance Management System (PFMS) portal launched by the government is used for DBT payments under MGNREGA and other notified schemes. It is implemented by

- a) Controller General of Accounts
- b) Ministry of Financial Affairs
- c) Reserve Bank of India
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is implemented by the Controller General of Accounts.
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2) Which of the following colour is the result of adding Strontium salts to firecrackers?

- a) Green
 - b) Red
 - c) Yellow
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- The Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have joined hands to set up the country's first e-waste clinic in Bhopal that would enable segregation, processing and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units.
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3) Geotail is a region formed in space as a result of the interactions between

- a) Sun and Moon
 - b) Moon and Earth
 - c) Earth and Sun
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

- It is a region formed in space as a result of the interactions between the Sun and Earth.
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4) World Congress of Poets 2019 is to be held in

- a) Chennai
 - b) Odisha
 - c) New Delhi
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- 39th edition of WCP is being held at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KIIT & KISS) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
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5) Port of Mongla is located in

- a) India
 - b) Sri Lanka
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

- Bangladesh opens Chattogram, Mongla ports for India trade
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Oct 09

1) Satnamis were a militant sect of Hindu worshippers. In 1962, they rebelled against

- a) British Empire
 - b) Mughal Empire
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) Neither (a) nor (b)
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Answer: b

- In 1962, they rebelled against the mighty Mughal Empire.
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2) Which of the following countries shared bank account details with the Indian government under the AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) framework?

- a) Switzerland
 - b) Austria
 - c) Cayman Island
 - d) Britain
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Answer: a

- In the first tranche of information, Switzerland has shared bank account details with the Indian government under the AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) framework.
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3) India was ranked in Global Competitiveness Index (GCI), 2019 as

- a) 58
 - b) 68
 - c) 44
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- Compared to last year, India has moved down 10 places to rank 68th.

4) Which of the planet in the solar system has the greatest number of moons?

- a) Saturn
- b) Uranus
- c) Jupiter
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Recently the discovery of 20 new moons of Saturn has made Saturn the planet with the highest number of moons (82)

5) C40 Cities World Mayors Summit is being held in Copenhagen. C40 is a network of the world's megacities committed to the issue of

- a) Terrorism
- b) Climate Change
- c) Urbanisation
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• C40 is a network of the world's megacities committed to addressing climate change.

Oct 10

1) Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Programme is a fellowship programme to boost skill development. It is launched in partnership with

- a) IIM Bangalore
- b) IIM Kozhikode
- c) PMKVY
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launches Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Programme with IIM Bangalore.

2) Gagan Enabled Mariner's Instrument for Navigation and Information (GEMINI) is a device used for dissemination of emergency information and communication on disaster warnings, Potential Fishing Zones (PFZ) and Ocean States Forecasts (OSF) to fishermen. It has been developed by

- a) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)
 - b) Airports Authority of India (AAI)
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) Neither (a) nor (b)
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Answer: c

• It has been developed by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), and Airports Authority of India (AAI).

3) National e-Assessment Centre is an independent office that will facilitate recently notified faceless e-assessment for income tax payers. It doesn't have a regional centre at

- a) Gujarat
 - b) Karnataka
 - c) Meghalaya
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: d

• Launched on a pilot basis in 75 districts across Gujarat, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

4) Recently, 60 brightest and talented students from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts have been chosen for a 14-day learning programme launched by Ministry of HRD. The name of the programme is

- a) DHRUV
 - b) VAJRA
 - c) SHAGUN
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Pradhan Mantri Innovation Learning Programme – DHRUV is a 14-day learning programme launched by Ministry of HRD in ISRO HQ in Bengaluru.

5) MOSAiC mission, recently seen in news is associated with

- a) Arctic expedition
 - b) Antarctic expedition
 - c) Gaganyaan
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• The MOSAiC mission stands for Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate, spearheaded by the Alfred Wegener Institute in Germany, is the largest ever Arctic expedition in history.

Oct 12

1) Recently announced POSHAN atlas is developed by Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) in association

- a) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
 - b) Deendayal Research Institute
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) Neither (a) nor (b)
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Answer: c

• POSHAN atlas is developed by Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) in association with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Deendayal Research Institute.

2) Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV', a 14-day learning programme, was launched by

- a) NIC
 - b) ISRO
 - c) UGC
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV', a 14 day learning programme, was launched recently from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Headquarters at Bengaluru.

3) Newly announced scheme Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) takes care of

- a) pregnant women
 - b) new mothers
 - c) new-borns
 - d) All of the above
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Answer: d

• All pregnant women, newborns and mothers up to 6 months of delivery will be able to avail several free health care services

4) Which among the following mountains is known by the name 'The Third Pole?'

- a) Hindu Kush
 - b) Australia
 - c) South America
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Hindu Kush-Himalayan region stores more snow and ice than anywhere else in the world outside the polar regions, giving its name: 'The Third Pole.'

5) Third Pole Environment (TPE) is an international research program, launched in 2009 and focuses on Tibetan Plateau

- a) Tibetan Plateau
 - b) Siberian Plateau
 - c) Anatolian Plateau
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• TPE, an international research program, was launched in 2009 and focuses on the Tibetan Plateau and surrounding mountain ranges.

Oct 14

1) C40 World Mayors Summit, 2019 was held in

- a) Copenhagen
 - b) Paris
 - c) Warsaw
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• It is an event that occurs once every three years and 2019 summit was in Copenhagen.

2) Operation Peace Spring is a military operation launched by

- a) Turkey on Syria
 - b) US on Afghanistan
 - c) Iraq on Iran
 - d) US on Iraq
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Answer: a

- Operation Peace Spring: military operation launched by Turkey against the Syrian Democratic Forces in Northeast Syria
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3) Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed was awarded Nobel Prize for

- a) Economics
 - b) Peace
 - c) Literature
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- The 2019 Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed who made peace last year with bitter foe Eritrea.
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4) Which among the following UN organisation became first to make transactions in cryptocurrencies?

- a) UNICEF
 - b) UNEP
 - c) UNDP
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- UNICEF becomes first UN organisation to hold and make transactions in cryptocurrencies ether and bitcoin.
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5) Dharma Guardian is an annual military exercise between India and

- a) Russia
 - b) US
 - c) Japan
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: c

- It is a joint military exercise between India and Japan.
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Oct 15

1) LOTUS-HR aims to demonstrate water management approach that will produce clean water for reuse purposes. It is a joint program by India

- a) Netherlands
 - b) Japan
 - c) China
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- It is a joint program by India and Netherlands.
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2) Indian, British astronomers have recently discovered new details of black hole 10,000 light years away. It was not detected by

- a) HiPERCAM
 - b) NICER observatory
 - c) Event Horizon Telescope (EHT)
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

- This kind of observations are not possible even by the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) as the distance make them too faint.
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3) Which among the following drug for Tuberculosis is the latest to get approval?

- a) Pretomanid
 - b) Bedaquiline
 - c) Linezolid
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- Pretomanid got its approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It is only the third new anti-TB drug to get approval in more than 40 years.
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4) Which among the following Pallava king was also known by the name Mamallan?

- a) Narasimhavarman I
 - b) Narasimhavarman II
 - c) Mahendravarman
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- The name Mamallapuram derives from Mamallan, or “great warrior”, a title by which the Pallava King

Narasimhavarman I (630-668 AD) was known. It was during his reign that Hiuen Tsang, the Chinese Buddhist monk-traveller, visited the Pallava capital at Kanchipuram.

5) Which known element has the highest energy density for weight

- a) Nickel
 - b) Lithium
 - c) Cadmium
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• Lithium is the lightest of all metals, has the greatest electrochemical potential and provides the largest specific energy per weight.

Oct 16

1) In 2019 Global Hunger Index, India was ranked at

- a) 102
 - b) 103
 - c) 55
 - d) 64
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Answer: a

• India ranked 102 on the index well below Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

2) Kurdish ethnic group cannot be found in

- a) Syria
 - b) Iran
 - c) Iraq
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: d

• Kurdistan is made up of five different regions: southeastern Turkey, northeastern Syria, northern Iraq, northwestern Iran and southwestern Armenia.

3) Bluetongue is a disease on domestic and wild ruminants. It is caused by

- a) Bacteria
- b) Protozoans

- c) Virus
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

• The insect-transmitted viral disease of domestic and wild ruminants is widespread among the sheep, goats, cattle, buffaloes, and camels in the country.

4) World Economic Outlook (WEO) is released by

- a) WEF
 - b) IMF
 - c) World Bank
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• According to IMF World Economic Outlook, July 2019, global growth is forecast at 3.2% in 2019, picking up to 3.5% in 2020.

5) World Food Day is celebrated on October 16 every year to raise awareness on the issues of poverty and hunger. It is an initiative of

- a) WEF
 - b) World Bank
 - c) UN
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

• It is established by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in November 1979.

Oct 17

1) World Maths Day is celebrated on

- a) October 17
 - b) October 15
 - c) December 15
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• World Maths Day is celebrated on 15 October every year. The Day aims to encourage students globally to take part in competitive math-themed games.

2) Recently released State of the World's Children report for 2019 found that 35% of Indian children are suffering from stunting. The report is released by

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

Answer: c

- UNICEF released its State of the World's Children report for 2019.

3) What was India's rank in recently released World Giving Index, 2019?

- a) 82
- b) 24
- c) 109
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It ranks 82 among the 128 countries surveyed by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), an international organisation that promotes giving to transform lives and communities across the world.

4) Project Soli, recently seen in news is associated with

- a) Motion Capturing
- b) Artificial Intelligence
- c) Space mission
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Recently launched Google Pixel 4 uses a radar-based Soli chip to introduce Motion Sense, a feature that provides similar touchless gesture-based controls.

5) Recently, China had leased an entire island from Solomon Island. It is called

- a) Tulagi island
 - b) Christmas island
 - c) Santa Cruz island
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- A Chinese company recently signed an agreement to lease this entire island after Beijing recruited the Pacific nation as its latest ally in the strategically important region.
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Oct 18

1) Mount Paektu is a volcanic mountain situated at the border between.

- a) North Korea and China
 - b) North Korea and South Korea
 - c) North Korea and Russia
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- Mount Paektu is a volcanic mountain situated at the border between North Korea and China.
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2) Mitra Mela, an organization put into place to bring in national and revolutionary ideas, was founded by

- a) Bhagat Singh
 - b) Chandrashekhar Azad
 - c) VD Savarkar
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: c

- In his teenage, Savarkar formed a youth organization. Known as Mitra Mela, this organization was put into place to bring in national and revolutionary ideas.
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3) India-Oman bilateral joint air exercise is known as

- a) Eastern Bridge V
 - b) Dharma Guardian
 - c) Garuda
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- Eastern Bridge V is a bilateral joint exercise between Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force Oman.
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4) India Innovation Index 2019 is released by

- a) WEF
- b) Niti Aayog

- c) MSDE
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

• NITI Aayog with Institute for Competitiveness as the knowledge partner has released the India Innovation Index (III) 2019.

5) Air quality index while disseminating the air quality information to people, doesn't take account of

- a) Nitrogen dioxide
 - b) Carbon monoxide
 - c) Ammonia
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: d

• AQI will consider eight pollutants (PM10, PM2.5, NO2, SO2, CO, O3, NH3, and Pb) for which short-term (up to 24-hourly averaging period) National Ambient Air Quality Standards are prescribed.

Oct 19

1) Where was the Asia Health-2019 Conference held?

- a) Delhi
 - b) Mumbai
 - c) Kolkata
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is organizing the first edition of ASIA HEALTH 2019 from 16 October to 19 October 2019 in New Delhi.\

2) Which among the following is an adulterant commonly found in milk?

- a) Aflatoxin
 - b) Oxytocin
 - c) Iodine
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has said that about 7 per cent of the samples tested

under the National Milk Safety and Quality Survey 2018 were found to have safety issues largely due to presence of contaminants such as Aflatoxin-M1, pesticides and antibiotics.

3) Seniority criteria to be appointed as Chief Justice of India is decided on the basis of

- a) Age of the judge
 - b) Age at which one became a SC judge
 - c) Number of years of service as SC judge
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

• Seniority at the apex court is determined not by age, but by the date a judge was appointed to the Supreme Court.

4) Danx- 19 is a large scale joint services exercise conducted by

- a) Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)
 - b) Southern Naval Command
 - c) Southern Air Command
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Second edition of Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2019 (DANX-19), a large scale joint services exercise, was recently conducted by Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC).

5) Shirui Lily Festival is an annual five-day State festival celebrated in Ukhrul district. It is celebrated in

- a) Manipur
 - b) Nagaland
 - c) Kerala
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

• Shirui Lily Festival is an annual five-day State festival celebrated in Ukhrul district to spread awareness about the endangered state flower 'Shirui Lily' as well as to promote Ukhrul district as a potential tourist destination in Manipur.

Oct 21

1) Who was designated as the supreme advisor of the Azad Hind government?

- a) SC Bose
 - b) Rash Behari Bose
 - c) S A Ayer
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- Rash Behari Bose was designated as the supreme advisor of the government.
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2) Thylacine, believed to have gone extinct over 80 years ago, is a

- a) Plant
 - b) Carnivore
 - c) Herbivore
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- Popularly known as the Tasmanian tiger, it is a large striped carnivore.
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3) Anthrax is spread from one infected animal or person to another through

- a) Spores
 - b) Wool
 - c) Meat
 - d) All of the above
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Answer: d

- People can get anthrax from contact with infected animals, wool, meat, or hides. It does not spread directly from one infected animal or person to another; it is spread by spores.
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4) Bhashan char Island, recently seen in news, is in

- a) Pacific Ocean
 - b) Indian Ocean
 - c) Atlantic Ocean
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: b

- Bhashan Char is located in the estuary of the Meghna river in Bay of Bengal
- Rohingyas will be relocated to the Bhashan Char from early next month.
- It falls in an ecologically fragile area prone to floods, erosion and cyclone.

5) Vacancies of RBI deputy governors will be filled by the government after getting recommendations from

- a) PMO
- b) FSLRC
- c) RBI Governor
- d) Bank Board Bureau

Answer: b

• Selection of Governors of RBI is done by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on the basis of recommendation made by the Financial Sector Regulatory Appointments Search Committee (FSRASC).

Oct 22

1) Taanaji Malusare is popularly remembered for the

- a) Battle of Singhagad
- b) Battle of Buxar
- c) Battle of Panipat
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Taanaji Malusare is popularly remembered for the Battle of Singhagad

2) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is an initiative of

- a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- b) Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

• It is an initiative of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for creating a robust Payment and Settlement Infrastructure in India.

3) TechSagar is a consolidated repository of cyber tech capabilities launched by

1. It is launched by National Cyber Security Coordinator's office in partnership with Data Security Council (DSCI) of India.
2. It is a consolidated repository of cyber tech capabilities across areas like internet of things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) etc.

Choose the correct option using the codes given below

- a) National Cyber Security Coordinator
 - b) Data Security Council (DSCI)
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) Neither (a) nor (b)
-

Answer: c

- It is a consolidated repository of cyber tech capabilities across areas like internet of things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) etc.
 - It is launched by National Cyber Security Coordinator's office in partnership with Data Security Council (DSCI)
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4) Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is headed by

- a) Defence Minister
 - b) Prime Minister
 - c) Defence Secretary
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: a

- To counter corruption and speed up decision- making in military procurement, the government of India in 2001 decided to set up an integrated DAC. It is headed by the Defence Minister.
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5) Nubra River, a tributary of Shyok originated from the glacier of

- a) Gangotri
 - b) Milam
 - c) Namik
 - d) Siachen
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Answer: d

- Nubra River is a river in the Nubra Valley of Ladakh in India. It is a tributary of the Shyok River (a part of the Indus River system) and originates from the Siachen Glacier,[1] the second-longest glacier in the world
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Oct 23

1) Which among the following is known as the world's loudest bird?

- a) White bellbird
- b) Common loon
- c) Goldfinch.
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Bellbirds have the loudest bird calls yet documented in the world, according to a study which found that their mating songs pack more decibels than any other animal.
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2) Global Wealth Report is released by

- a) World Economic Forum
 - b) World Bank
 - c) UNDESA
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: d

- Credit Suisse Group, a Switzerland-based multinational investment bank, has released the 10th edition of its annual Global Wealth Report.
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3) Cinema advertisement campaign 'Feed Our Future' is launched by

- a) World Food Programme
 - b) Food and Agriculture Organisation
 - c) International Food Policy Research Institute
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have launched a cinema advertisement campaign 'Feed Our Future'.
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4) India's highest altitude all-weather permanent bridge is located in

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

Answer: b

- Col Chewang Rinchen Setu is India's highest altitude all-weather permanent bridge.
 - Located in eastern Ladakh, bridge is strategically located on Darbuk-Shayok-Daulat Beg Oldie (DSDBO) section of the road between Leh and Karakoram Pass.
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5) Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) is an international project being funded by scientific organisations of.

- a) Canada
 - b) China
 - c) India
 - d) All of the above
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Answer: d

• It is an international project being funded by scientific organisations of Canada, China, India, Japan and USA.

Oct 25

1) Which among the following is the world's highest peace pagoda?

- a) Vishwa Shanti Stupa
 - b) Global Vipassana
 - c) Deekshabhoomi Stupa
 - d) Buddha Smriti
-

Answer: a

• Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World peace pagoda), constructed atop the Ratnagiri Hill, is the world's highest peace pagoda.

2) Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR), recently seen in news, is the usage and licensing fee needs to be paid by

- a) Telecom companies
 - b) Coal Mining companies
 - c) Cricket clubs
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) is the usage and licensing fee that telecom operators are charged by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

3) The Kartarpur corridor, also known as "Road to Peace", crosses the river

- a) Ravi
 - b) Beas
 - c) Sutlej
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- It crosses river Ravi connecting Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan's Kartarpur with Dera Baba Nanak shrine in India's Gurdaspur district.
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4) Thotlakonda monastery, recently seen in news, is located in

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

Answer: d

- Thotlakonda Buddhist Complex situated near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, India.
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5) The Vice-President of India will lead the Indian delegations to the 18th summit. It is to be held in

- a) India
 - b) Brazil
 - c) Azerbaijan
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

- The 18th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is going to be held at Baku, Azerbaijan.
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Oct 26

1) The theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week to be observed from 28th October to 2nd November 2019 is

- a) Transparency in Public Procurement
 - b) Integrity - A way of life
 - c) Eradicate Corruption -Build a new India
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: b

- Theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week: "Integrity- A way of life"
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2) IndiGen Genome project, recently seen in news, is conducted by

- a) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- b) Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

- c) Biotechnology Regulatory Authority of India (BRAI)
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- The initiative was implemented by the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), Delhi and CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.
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3) Who won Sakharov Prize for 2019?

- a) Ilham Tohti
 - b) Ramesh Kumar
 - c) Malala Yousafzai
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- Uyghur economist, scholar and human rights activist: Ilham Tohti
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4) “Colombo Declaration” which calls for tackling global nitrogen challenge is an initiative of

- a) UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - b) Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
 - c) UNFCCC
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

- The Colombo Declaration has been developed with the technical support of the International Nitrogen Management System (INMS), a joint activity of the UNEP and the International Nitrogen Initiative supported by the Global Environmental Facility.
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5) Which among the following countries in Asia said that it will no longer seek special treatment reserved for developing countries?

- a) India
 - b) China
 - c) Malaysia
 - d) South Korea
-

Answer: d

- South Korea has said that it will no longer seek special treatment reserved for developing countries by the World Trade Organization in future negotiations given its enhanced global economic status.

Oct 28

1) Which among the following states/UTs is scheduled to run completely on renewable energy?

- a) Ladakh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Puducherry
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Centre plans to run Ladakh completely on renewable energy.

2) 19th IORA Council of Ministers meeting will be held in

- a) Abu Dhabi
- b) Dhaka
- c) New Delhi
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The 19th IORA Council of Ministers meeting will be held on November 7 in Abu Dhabi with the theme of “Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean”.

3) Which virus is being studied using brain organoids to find how it affects brain development in the embryo?

- a) H1N1
- b) HIV
- c) Zika virus
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Brain organoids are used to study how the Zika virus affects brain development in the embryo.

4) Uttar Pradesh enter into the Guinness Books of World Records for lightening of record number of diyas on any occasion in the river

- a) Saryu
- b) Karnali
- c) Mahakali
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• 5.50 crore earthen lamps on the banks of Saryu River has helped Uttar Pradesh enter into the Guinness Books of World Records for lightening of record number of diyas on any occasion.

5) Which among the following is a Super Cyclone developed in Arabian Sea?

- a) Okhi
 - b) Maha
 - c) Fani
 - d) Kyarr
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Answer: d

• Cyclone 'Kyarr' intensifies to become the first Super Cyclonic storm in Arabian Sea in last 12 years after Cyclone Gonu ravaged the Oman coast in 2007

Oct 29

1) Zozo Championship 2019 will be held in Japan. It is a tournament for

- a) Table tennis
 - b) Squash
 - c) Golf
 - d) None of the above
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Answer: c

• Zozo Championship 2019 is a professional golf tournament in Inzai, Japan. It was co-sanctioned by the Japan Golf Tour and the PGA Tour.

2) Which among the following is not one among BASIC nations?

- a) Brazil
 - b) South Africa
 - c) China
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: d

• The BASIC group was formed as the result of an agreement signed by the four countries in 2009. They are a bloc of four large newly industrialized countries – Brazil, South Africa, India and China.

3) Chicago Convention deals with

- a) Migratory species
 - b) Civil Aviation
 - c) Mercury Poisoning
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: b

• Convention on International Civil Aviation (also known as Chicago Convention), was signed on 7 December 1944 by 52 States.

4) Universal Postal Union (UPU) is headquartered at

- a) Switzerland
 - b) Germany
 - c) Poland
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• Headquartered in Berne, Switzerland.

5) Shakti is a biennial joint exercise between India and France. Where is it happening in 2019?

- a) Rajasthan
 - b) Paris
 - c) New Delhi
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• The 2019 edition will be held in Rajasthan.

Oct 30

1) International Animation Day is observed on

1. It is a programme managed by the CSIR for a free mapping of whole genomes of a person.
2. The objective is to test if it's possible to reliably scan several genomes and advise people on health risks that are manifest in their gene.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- a) 28 October
- b) 18 November

- c) 15 July
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• International Animation Day (IAD) was observed on 28 October. The day marks the main global event to celebrate the art of animation.

2) Who is considered as the “Father of Yoga in the West?”

- a) Paramahansa Yogananda
 - b) Swami Vivekananda
 - c) Sreerama Pramahansa
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• Finance Minister Releases Commemorative Coin on Paramahansa Yogananda to Mark his 125th Birth Anniversary.

3) Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of the Muslim community after Hajj will be held in

- a) India
 - b) Bangladesh
 - c) Pakistan
 - d) Indonesia
-

Answer: b

• Bangladesh is to hold the first phase of Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of the Muslim community after Hajj.

4) Agreement for the Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) has been signed between India and

- a) Saudi Arabia
 - b) Iran
 - c) Russia
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• Agreement for the Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) between India and Saudi Arabia has been signed.

5) Supporting Entrepreneurs for Environment and Development (SEED) is a global partnership for action on sustainable development and the green economy. It is founded by

- a) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - c) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - d) All of the above
-

Answer: d

• Founded by the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg.

Oct 31

1) Which among the following statements not one of the Neglected Tropical Diseases?

- a) Trachoma
 - b) Lymphatic Filariasis
 - c) Dengue
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: d

• All of the above are Neglected Tropical Diseases.

2) Space scientists have discovered a new celestial body using Very Large Telescope in Chile. It is called

- a) Omuaomua
 - b) Bennu
 - c) Hygiea
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: c

• Space scientists have discovered a new celestial body Hygiea using Very Large Telescope in Chile.

3) Who was sworn in as the first Lt. Governor of Ladakh?

- a) RK Mathur
 - b) SP Malik
 - c) V S K Kaumudi
 - d) None of the above
-

Answer: a

• Ex-IAS Officer Radha Krishna Mathur took oath as the first Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. The UT of Ladakh came into being on 30 October after the centre's decision to end special status to J&K and split it into two union territories.

4) Who all are eligible for National Pension Scheme (NPS)?

- a) Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)
 - b) Non-Resident Indians
 - c) citizens of Indian
 - d) All of the above
-

Answer: d

• Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has now permitted Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) to enrol in National Pension Scheme (NPS) at par with Non-Resident Indians.

5) Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System is used in

- a) Ballistic missiles
 - b) Fighter aircraft
 - c) Aircraft carriers
 - d) Submarines
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Answer: d

• It is any technology which allows a non-nuclear submarine to operate without the need to access atmospheric oxygen (by surfacing or using a snorkel).
