

D.Income Tax Department

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Archaeological Survey of India

Explanation :

Delhi based Archaeological Survey of India technical core committee chairman GC Mitra resigned from his post. Mitra is put on preservation work of Jagamohan, the chamber facing the sanctum sanctorum of Sri Jagannath Temple in Puri Odisha.

India Test fires indigenously built _____ interceptor missile successfully from the launch complex of Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

A.Advanced Indian Navy

B.Advanced Air Force

C.Advanced Air Controller

D.Advanced Air Defence

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Advanced Air Defence

Explanation :

Indigenously built Advanced Air Defence (AAD) interceptor missile successfully test fired from the launch complex of Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

According to EY report, India ranks which position in the category of Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index basis on renewable energy projects?

A.1st

B.2nd

C.3rd

D.4th

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.3rd

Explanation :

India ranks at third position after the United States and China in the category of Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index reported by EY.

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India signed along with five nations pact on which sector in order to deal with issues related to that and develop the new tools?

- A.Coal
- B.Tax
- C.Trade
- D.All of the above

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Tax

Explanation :

Six Nations signed pact on tax information sharing in order deal with issues related to taxes – Canada, Iceland, India, Israel, New Zealand and the People's Republic of China

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Whose name added in the Forbes' list of 40 of the most powerful people in the financial world?

- A.Udayavani Kotak
- B.Uday Kotak
- C.Udaya Kotak
- D.Uppal Kotak

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Uday Kotak

Explanation :

Uday Kotak is ranked 33rd in the Forbes list of 'Money Masters: The Most Powerful People in the Financial World'. He uses to control the flow of trillions of dollars around the global economy.

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Which two countries on cooperation in an Inter-Governmental Agreement approved by the Union Cabinet Chaired by PM Narendra Modi?

- A.India and Mauritius

B.India and Sri Lanka

C.India and Bangladesh

D.India and China

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.India and Mauritius

Explanation :

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved for signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between India and Mauritius on cooperation in cooperatives and related fields.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved signing of a pact SEBI between markets regulator SEBI and Financial Services Regulatory Authority, for mutual co-operation and technical assistance in which city?

A.New York

B.Abu Dhabi

C.London

D.Kathmandu

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Abu Dhabi

Explanation :

Abu Dhabi is the Capital of the United Arab Emirates. The Market regulator's move will promote further development of economic links and cooperation between the two signatories and will help create conditions for development of securities markets in the two countries.

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Which is framed by National Development Agenda (NDA) to replace 5-year plans with 15 year vision document?

A.National Development Council

B.Finance Commission

C.NITI Aayog

D.Five Year Plan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.NITI Aayog

Explanation :

'Transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development', also called the Sustainable Development Goals, will be coordinated and simulated into action by the NITI Aayog over a 15-year period.

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The _____ nations composing the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) are assembled.

A.five

B.eight

C.nine

D.ten

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.eight

Explanation :

The purpose is to set strategies and agree on commitments to ensure the protection and security of the children of the region. The 4th Ministerial Meeting carries forward the collective inter governmental ownership of SAIEVAC, which is reflected in its Governing Body composed of official members, representing each of the eight governments. The eight nations are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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Election Commission will be sending out 'Meghdoot' postcards to three lakh voters inviting them to cast their votes in the May 16 Assembly polls in _____.

A.Gujarat

B.Goa

C.Puducherry

D.Arunachal Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Puducherry

Explanation :

Joint Chief Electoral Officer Rudra Goud handed the cards to 30 postmen at the Head Post office of the Union Territory to ensure that voters turn up in overwhelming numbers. In the drive cards carry a message that visually challenged voters will also have the Braille voting system also assistance would also be provided to orthopedically and physically challenged persons to cast their ballots.

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U.N. Secretary General _____ submitted report on May 09, 2016 regarding Fight against AIDS.

A.Javier Pérez de Cuéllar

B.Boutros Boutros-Ghali

C.Kofi Annan

D.Ban Ki Moon

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Ban Ki Moon

Explanation :

To Fight against AIDS threatened by lack of money and leadership. Global progress fighting AIDS could be lost because prevention programs are suffering from a lack of leadership, accountability and funding. Track to end the AIDS epidemic reveals that the extraordinary acceleration of progress made over the past 15 years. To ensure that the global AIDS epidemic is ended as a public health threat by 2030.

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_____ based National Aluminium Company has signed an MoU with Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, for research and development cooperation in the fields of mutual interest.

A.Chennai

B.Shimla

C.Bhubaneswar

D.Kolkata

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Bhubaneswar

Explanation :

The pact was signed by BK Satpathy, Executive Director of NALCO and Jagtap, Director of BARC. It will be NALCO's first R&D project with BARC for R&D projects like Extraction of Gallium from Bayer

liquor, Extraction of rare earth elements from Red Mud and Development of Reference Standards would be taken up.

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Recently who among the following is appointed as the secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I & B) ?

A.Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

B.Ajay Mittal

C.Arjun Sinha

D.Mihir Kumar Singh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Ajay Mittal

Explanation

Shri Ajay Mittal, IAS (Himachal Pradesh: 1982) assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on superannuation of Shri Sunil Arora IAS on 30.04.2016. Prior to his appointment, Shri Mittal was Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

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Who has elected as FIFA's first female Secretary General with zero experience on Soccer to run the day to day administration?

A.Gianni Infantino

B.Margaret Chan

C.Fatma Samoura

D.None of the above

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Fatma Samoura

Explanation :

Senegal Based Fatma Samoura has been elected as FIFA's first Female Secretary General as she has no experience in Soccer administration. Announced By: FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

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Railways sets up directorate to generate funds via advertisements

i. Union Rail Ministry led by Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu mulling to set up a dedicated wing with the mandate to focus on non-fare case revenue. Many of the world railway systems generate 10-20 per cent of their revenue from these type of sources.

ii. The Special wing will be headed by a Director-NFR-Finance and all its officers will report to the chairman of the Rail Board. The board of executives will draw officers from engineering, traffic-commercial and finance departments.

iii. The board will utilize the railway assets viz advertisements at stations, commercial exploitation of vacant land and space rights over station buildings, including station redevelopment, advertisements on coaches and locos, sponsorship of uniforms for railway personnel, hoardings on land alongside tracks, etc..

Parliament Passes Bill On Potable Alcohol

Parliament on 10 May 2016 passed the Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 which seeks to transfer the control over industries engaged in the production of potable alcohol from the Centre to states with Lok Sabha approving some technical amendments suggested by the Rajya Sabha.

Gujarat Government announced its "Agri Business Policy 2016"

The State Government of Gujarat announced officially its "Agri Business Policy" in order promotes food processing and agriculture waste management during the festival of 2016 Krishi Mahotsav

Announced by: Chief Minister Chief Minister Anandiben Patel

Venue: Anand Town, Kheda District

Emphasis of Policy:

- i. Promoting Food Processing Industry
- ii. Applying new technique to convert agriculture waste into valuable products
- iii. Developing the entire value of chain of exporting locally grown farm produces

The Act relates to regulation of real estate comes into force with effect from 1st May after 8 year long efforts to make operational Rules, Setting up regulatory authorities and Appellate tribunals. What is the name of the Act?

A.Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016

B.Real Estate (Rules and Regulation) Act, 2016

C.Real Estate (Rules and Development) Act, 2016

D.Real Estate (Regulation and Policy) Act, 2016

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016

Explanation :

Real Estate Act comes into force with effect from 1st May after 8 year long efforts to make operational Rules, Setting up regulatory authorities and Appellate tribunals. Time Frame to Set Up: Operational Rules within 6 months and Authorities and Tribunals within 1 year.

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Which Naval ship of India arrived at Brunei and would take part in the ASEAN Defence Minister's meeting plus exercise on Maritime security and counter terrorism?

A.Aryavart

B.Airavat

C.Dhruv

D.Agni

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Airavat

Explanation :

In a bid to India's Act east policy and Indian Navy's regular endeavour to enhance maritime security in the Indo-Pacific regions. During the course of the exercise the Indian Navy would engage with participating navies.

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Who has not been awarded with Fellows of the Royal society, a premier scientific academy of the UK and the Commonwealth?

A.Sriram Ramaswamy

B.Ramanujam Hegde

C.Lakshminaraynan Mahadevan

D.Sindhan Mahendiran

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Sindhan Mahendiran

Explanation :

Three Eminent Indian Born Scientists listed in the fifty scientists elected as fellows of the Royal Society, a premier scientific academy of the UK and the Commonwealth.

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Government Launches _____ Initiative for upgradation of Tourism Sector in India.

A.MEET

B.MICE

C.MISE

D.MITE

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.MICE

Explanation :

Union Government has launched an initiative named MICE which is based on meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions for the upgradation of Tourism sector in India.

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Who has won the Bronze in the Women category 50m rifle prone competition conducted by ISSF Junior world cup in Germany?

A.Gaayathri Nithyanandam

B.Sonika

C.Ayushi Podder

D.Rita Singh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Gaayathri Nithyanandam

Explanation :

Indian Shooters made a historical victory by bagging three Gold medals and a Bronze on the inaugural day of the ISSF Junior World Cup.

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Memorandum of Understanding has signed between which Government and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi to set up Indian Institute of Technology in the state?

A.Telangana

B.Jammu & Kashmir

C.Nagaland

D.Andhra Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation :

J & K has signed MoU with Delhi IIT to establish IIT in J & K. Regular classes will commence from the current session in the temporary campus.

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Andhara Pradesh Chief Minister launched the Chandranna Bima Yoja for which sector of people in Vijayawada with Investment of Rs. 132 crore?

A.Working Woman

B.Unorganised working

C.Pregnant Working

D.All Woking class

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.All Working class

Explanation :

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated an insurance scheme – Chandranna Bima Yojana for the working class people on May Day.

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World Press Freedom is celebrated every year on _____ to mark the international community that freedom of the press and expression?

A.May 2nd

B.May 3rd

C.May 1st

D.May 4th

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.May 3rd

Explanation :

This year Theme is: Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms – This Is Your Right. The Day was established by the General Assembly of the UN Nations in 1993 as an outgrowth of the Seminar on Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic African Press.

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Who has placed in the top position of the MRF Tyres powered ICC Test Team Rankings following annual update with results from 2012-13?

A.South Africa

B.India

C.Australia

D.West Indies

Answer & Explanation

Answer –C.Australia

Explanation :

Australia placed at the top of the MRF Tyres ICC Test Team Rankings following the annual update with the results from 2012-13 and outcomes from the 2014-15 series weightage given at 50%.

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Who has been appointed as India's Goodwill Ambassador in addition to Shooter Abhinav Bindra to represent Indian at Rio Olympics?

A.Yuvraj Singh

B.Mary Kom

C.PT Usha

D.Sachin-Tendulkar

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Sachin Tendulkar

Explanation :

The Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar has accepted India's Olympic Association's invitation to become the Goodwill Ambassador for the 2016 Rio Olympics. Earlier the IOA named Beijing Games gold medalist shooter Abhinav Bindra as another Goodwill Ambassador.

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An Indian born American Sikh woman Harmeet Kaur Dhillon has been selected for the key position in which committee at the National Level?

- A. Republican National Committee
- B. Democratic National Committee
- C. Republican People Committee
- D. Democratic People Committee

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A. Republican National Committee

Explanation :

An Indian based American Sikh woman Harmeet Kaur Dhillon from California has been selected to a major position in the Republican Party at the National Level. Elected as the newest national Committee of the Republican National Committee.

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Railway ministry signed with which are the states for plantation of trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary?

- A. Punjab and Rajasthan
- B. Punjab and Gujarat
- C. Punjab and Haryana
- D. Haryana and Rajasthan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. Punjab and Haryana

Explanation :

In order to save the environment, Haryana & Punjab Forest Department inked MoU with Ministry of Railways to plant the trees alongside Railway Track on Railway Land Boundary.

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Who has been appointed as National Stock Exchange chairman after obtaining approval from Securities Exchange Board of India?

A.Vinod Chawla

B.Ashok Kumar

C.S.B. Mathur

D.Ashok Chawla

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Ashok Chawla

Explanation :

Mumbai based India's biggest exchange, NSE, had nominated Ashok Chawla as its new chairman after obtaining a clearance from the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India. He is set fill the shoes of previous holder S.B. Mathur.

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Which government notified the Backward Classes (Reservation in Services and Admission in Educational Institutions) Act, 2016?

A.Bihar

B.Odisha

C.Chattisgarh

D.None of the above

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.None of the above

Explanation :

The bill moved by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was passed by voice vote. Under this act Haryana government is entitled to provide reservation in services and admission in educational institutions to persons belonging to backward classes in the State.

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Which Dictionary added 19 Singaporean terms and 13 Hong Kong terms and also includes about 500 new words and phrases from around the world?

- A.Oxford English Dictionary
- B.Cambridge English Dictionary
- C.English Encyclopedia
- D.Duke English Dictionary

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Oxford English Dictionary

Explanation :

The (OED) added 19 Singaporean terms and 13 Hong Kong terms in its latest update. The update styles itself as the definitive record of the English language, includes about 500 new words and phrases from around the world.

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Who took over as interim Brazil President whereas the present president was suspended from office for 180 days over an impeachment?

- A.Michel Temer
- B.Dilma Rousseff
- C.Brasilia Hume
- D.Disou Sezhwan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Michel Temer

Explanation :

Brazil's interim president Michel Temer set to remain in office till 2019. He took over the presidency from Brazil's first female President Dilma Rousseff, who was suspended from office for 180 days over an impeachment.

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India Fifth Largest Producer of E-waste

"India emerged as the fifth largest producer of e-waste in the world, but the second largest mobile market with 1.03 billion subscribers as per the ASSOCHAM-KPMG joint study that was published on 25 May 2016. The study has highlighted the concern of rising levels of e-waste generation in India in recent years. India discards roughly 18.5 lakh metric tonnes of electronic waste each year with telecom equipment alone accounting for 12 percent of the e-waste. Over 100 million handsets have been manufactured last year. The unorganised sector in India is estimated to handle around 95 percent of the e-waste produced in the country. In the last 15 months alone, operators have invested over 30 percent of the cumulative investment made in 20 years prior."

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Railway launches week-long drive to showcase achievements

Ministry of Railways launches "RAIL HAMSAFAR SAPTAAH" – a Week Long Celebration to showcase Railway Achievements during 2014 – 2016.

i. Each day of the week will focus on a particular theme: i. Swachhta Diwas, ii. Satkar Diwas, iii. Sewa Diwas, iv. Satarkata Diwas, v. Saamanjasya Diwas, vi. Sanyojan Diwas, vii. Sanchar Diwas

ii. Held during 26th May to 1st June, 2016

iii. Purpose: To highlight the Initiatives and Significant achievements by Indian Railways in the areas of responsiveness, accessibility and improvement of passenger amenities.

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U.S. House For Greater Defence Ties with India

"The U.S. House of Representatives has passed amendments to the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA)-2017, seeking to enhance the country's defence cooperation with India. The bill seeks to bring India at par with US's NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) allies for technology and equipment sale. It also seeks to open a special office in the Pentagon dedicated exclusively to the US-India Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI). Once it gets assent of President, these provisions will liberalise the sale of a wide range of defence technologies to India, bypassing legislative approvals."

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Government sets up panel to relook defence expenditure

i. Union government has appointed the 11-member committee led by Lt Gen D B Shekatkar(retd) to relook defence expenditure

ii. Aim : To ensure India's combat capabilities and potential are enhanced, with a better teeth-to-tail combat ratio, within budgetary constraints.

Committee Work:

Shekatkar committee will recommend measures to enhance the combat capabilities of the over 13-lakh strong armed forces and "Re-balance" the overall defence expenditure in view of the escalating salary and pension bills.

Keys:

♦ Rs 2.58 lakh crore allocated for defence in 2016-17 Budget

♦ Defence Minister : Manohar Parrikar

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Kiran Bedi Appointed as Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry

Former IPS officer Kiran Bedi was on 22 May appointed Lieutenant Governor (LG) to Puducherry by President Pranab Mukherjee, a post which was under the additional charge of Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Island for nearly two years. She will take over charge from Lt Gen (retd) Ajay Kumar Singh who has held the post since July 2014. Bedi will be the 24th Lt Governor of the Union Territory.

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6,000 Gujarat villages become open defecation free, says government

i. Gujarat Government announced that totally 6,000 villages in the state becomes open defecation free under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

ii. This announcement comes from the government when the BJP led government is celebrating its second anniversary in the office.

iii. The state have built more than 12.50 lakh toilets across Gujarat in the last two years. As of now, 30 talukas in the state now have 100 per cent toilet facility.

iv. Union government sets targets to achieve 100 % target by 2019 as the time of celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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India, Iran and Afghanistan Signed Historic Land Transit Trade Agreement

India, Iran and Afghanistan sign historic three-way land transit agreement on Iran's strategic southern port of Chabahar. It was on 23 May signed by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani in Teheran, Iran. Under the agreement, India will invest up to 500 million dollars in a deal to develop a strategic port in Iran. Chabahar port is strategically located in the Sistan-Balochistan Province on the energy-rich Persian Gulf nation's southern coast. It lies outside the Persian Gulf and is easily accessed from India's western coast, by passing Pakistan.

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Dr Jitendra Singh lays foundation stone of Ujjain bridge in J&K

i. Union Minister of State in PMO with IC of North Eastern States and Youth Services and Sports, Dr Jitendra Singh has laid the foundation stone of bridge at Ujh Bridge in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir.

ii. For the construction off the bridge Rs 44 crore has been earmarked that will have 1020 metre length to be constructed over river Ujh

iii. The bridge will be completed in two years by Border Roads Organization that would benefit over three lakh people in this border belt.

Jammu & Kashmir

♦ Capital: Jammu (October–March) Srinagar (March–October)

♦ Governor: Narinder Nath Vohra

♦ Chief Minister: Mehbooba Mufti

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Who has been elected as 2016 Texas Elementary Teacher of the year and awarded in White House by US president?

A. Banumathi Balakrishnan

B. Revathi Balakrishnan

C. Manju Balakrishnan

D. Maithili Balakrishnan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B. Revathi Balakrishnan

Explanation :

Indian Born American woman Elementary teacher Revathi Balakrishnan honoured by US President Barack Obama for her contribution work in the Education.

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Which city host the three day Vichar Mahakum International conference to discover the solutions to various national and global problems?

A. Ujjain, MP

B. Kochi, Kerala

C. Anand, Gujarat

D. Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Ujjain, MP

Explanation :

RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat inaugurated the three 3-day Vichar Mahakum international conference, during Simhastha Kumbh is underway in Ujjain, MP.

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The Major Banker ICICI launched the country's 1st contactless credit card for which sector in association with Jet Airways?

A.Farmer

B.Women

C.Small, Medium Enterprise

D.Small Industries

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Small, Medium Enterprise

Explanation :

India largest private sector bank ICICI in association with Jet Airways launched the country's first 'contactless' credit cards for small and mid-sized enterprises and their employees.

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Congress Leader and Rajya Sabha MP passed away when he is 76 aged recently due to massive heart attack. Who is he?

A.Praveen Rashtrapal

B.Jerveen Rashtrapal

C.Mahodev Rashtrapal

D.Rohit Rashtrapal

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Praveen Rashtrapal

Explanation :

Gujarat Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Praveen Rashtrapal died after suffering a massive heart attack. He was an elected to the 13th Lok Sabha from 1999 to 2004. He was a member from the Upper House from April 2006 to April 2012.

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Which State Government approved the bicycle highway to promote Eco-Tourism that will surround the various historical and Tourism Spots?

- A.Uttar Pradesh
- B.Madhya Pradesh
- C.Maharashtra
- D.Andhra Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Uttar Pradesh

Explanation :

State Government has approved the 200 Km Long bicycle highway from Agra to the Lion Safari in Etawah to promote Eco-Tourism in the surroundings of the Taj Mahal. Inaugurated by: Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav

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Indian High Commissioner K. Navtej Sarna launched a book to remembrance the lives of 21 Param Vir Chakra winners written by whom?

- A.Manju Kumar
- B.Manju Lodha
- C.Manju Nath
- D.Manju Mehta

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Manju Lodha

Explanation :

Param Vir Diary by Manju Lodha covers a total of 21 instances of bravery recounted by the friends and families of Param Vir Chakra awardees.

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Which country has declared state of emergency as protestor reached the cabinet headquarters inside the Green Zone of the Cabinet building?

- A.Iran
- B.Syria

C.Iraq

D.Pakistan

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Iraq

Explanation :

Iraq government has declared a state of emergency after supporters of Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr stormed parliament.

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Prime Minister launched Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia for which purpose over the next three years?

A.Cooking Oil

B.Cooking Kerosene

C.Cooking Gas

D.All the above

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Cooking Gas

Explanation :

Prime Minister launches Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana at Ballia to provide 5 crore Cooking gas connections to below-poverty-line beneficiaries in three years.

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Union Government Announced 2nd batch of 13 Smart Cities

The Union Government on 24 May announced the 2nd batch of 13 smart cities that will be developed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Smart City Mission. These cities were shortlisted based on scores obtained in Fast Track competition conducted for 23 cities from as many States and Union Territories. This competition list was topped by Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh and was followed by Warangal in Telangana and Dharmashala in Himachal Pradesh. In the Fast Track competition, 23 cities had participated from which these 13 were selected. 13 shortlisted smart cities (Rank wise) are — Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh). Warangal (Telanagana). Shimla (Himachal Pradesh). Chandigarh (UT of Chandigarh). Raipur (Chattisgarh). New Town Kolkata (West Bengal). Bhagalpur (Bihar). Panaji (Goa). Port Blair (UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands). Imphal (Manipur). Ranchi (Jharkhand). Agartala (Tripura). Faridabad (Haryana). The first batch of 20 smart cities was announced on 28 January 2016.

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Odisha Official Language (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 promulgated

i. Odisha Governor SC Jamir promulgated Odisha Official Language (Amendment) Ordinance, 2016 for use of Odia language as a tool for communication in official matters.

ii. As per the promulgation the state government to formulate laws to implement the Odisha Official Language Act 1954.

iii. Council of ministers meeting chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has directed it to the ministers also emphasized that Rules are in advanced stage of formulation for use of Odia in official business.

iv. In the side-lines the state government also announced to set up a University of Odia language and literature to facilitate teaching and research on the same.

Odisha:

♦ Capital: Bhubaneswar

♦ Governor: S.C. Jamir

♦ Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

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Union Cabinet Approves MoU between ISRO and UAE Space Agency

The Union Cabinet on 25 May approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United Arab Emirates Space Agency (UAESA) for cooperation in the exploration and user of outer space for peaceful purposes. The decision to sign the memorandum of understanding was taken by the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will help in for cooperation in the exploration of outer space for peaceful purposes, especially in the field to study Mars.

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Women and Child Development Ministry released Draft Model Rules under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015

Women and Child Development Ministry Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi released Draft Model Rules under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

♦ Provisions for children who commit offences in the age group of 16-18 years.

♦ Mandatory registration of all Child Care Institutions with punishment in case of non-compliance.

Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi also inaugurated the e-Archive website and the e-Learning portal of WCD Ministry.

She also launched Common Application Software and ICT enabled Real Time Monitoring System of ICDS.

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MP Tourism Won Best Indian Destination For Wildlife Award

Madhya Pradesh Tourism (MPT) received the Best Indian Destination for Wildlife Award. The award was presented by the Lonely Planet Group. The award was handed over to MPT at a function in Mumbai by actress Amy Jackson. Madhya Pradesh has 25 wild life sanctuaries including nine National Parks. Among them Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Pench are ideal habitat for tigers. Madhya Pradesh has launched number of programmes for the conservation of flora and fauna because of which Kanha and Pench were regarded as the most beautiful national parks in Asia while Bandhavgarh and Pench are known world over because of tiger reserves.

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Parliament passes bill on potable alcohol

- i. Parliament has passed the Industries (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2015 with Lok Sabha approving some technical amendments.
- ii. The bill seeks to transfer from the Centre to states the control over industries engaged in the production of potable alcohol.
- iii. The bill was introduced by Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha. It was earlier approved by the Rajya Sabha last month and certain changes were adopted by the Lower House.
- iv. The bill envisages central government would continue to be responsible for formulating policy and regulating foreign collaboration for all products of fermentation industries, including industrial and potable alcohol.

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Indian Air Force's E-Maintenance System Launched

Indian Air Force has launched its Electronic Maintenance Management System (e-MMS) Project, an automated military maintenance system. It was on 12 May inaugurated by the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha at the Air Force Station in Pune, Maharashtra. The e-MMS project is one of the largest Maintenance Repair Overhaul (MRO) IT implementation in the world. The project has been designed and developed by the Indian IT giant Wipro. IAF had signed the contract for the project e-MMS with Wipro as a System Integrator (SI) in 2013. The e-MMS system has a central console that will help IAF to get rid of paper works and heavy logbooks.

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Rajya Sabha passes the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill 2016

- i. The Rajya Sabha has passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 as it is the biggest economic reform that will make easier to do business.

- ii. A majority of the parties in both Houses supported this legislation after all the amendments proposed by a joint parliamentary committee were accepted by the government.
- iii. Once the President gives assent to the legislation the new bankruptcy law that will ensure time-bound settlement of insolvency and create a database of serial defaulters.
- iv. The bill is to promote entrepreneurship, availability of credit as it is comprehensive and systemic reform, which will give a quantum leap to the functioning of the credit market.

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Food Safety Standards Authority of India banned which Cancer causing Chemical compound was added in bread?

- A. Potassium Bromate
- B. Potassium Glucomate
- C. Potassium Sulphate
- D. All the Above

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A. Potassium Bromate

Explanation :

Union government is mulling to ban potassium bromate as a food additive in bread products on behalf the recommendations from a scientific panel under the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

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United Nations Environment Programme released Actions on Air Quality Report and reported how many percentage of Air pollution range was increased?

- A. 10
- B. 9
- C. 8
- D. 7

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C. 8

Explanation :

Air Pollution range increased by 8% and affect the Air Quality, Report on Air Quality released by United Nations Environment Programme Solutions to tackle -Priority on renewable source, Clean Cooking fuels and Stoves, Fuel sulphur content and public transport.

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Cabinet gives ex-post facto approval to Amendments in Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 and added new community in the Puducherry. Name the community?

A.Bhuyan

B.Boro

C.Irular

D.Kachari

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Irular

Explanation :

Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given its approval for introduction of two Bills in the Parliament for certain amendments in the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950.

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International Buddha Poornima Day is being celebrated on which date to commemorate the Buddha Birthday?

A.20th May

B.21st May

C.22nd May

D.24th May

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.21st May

Explanation :

International Buddha Poornima diwas 2016 is being celebrated on 21.05.16 to commemorate the Buddha Birthday on the auspicious full moon day. Blessed day of Buddha: Birth, Sambodhiprapti and Mahaparinirvana

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Ex Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal has been appointed as Principal Adviser of which Commission by the Department of Personnel and Training?

A.Finance Commission

B.NITI Aayog

C.Law Commission

D.Pay Commission

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.NITI Aayog

Explanation :

Former Finance Secretary, Ratan P Watal has been appointed as Principle Adviser for social sector in Niti Aayog. He has been appointed to the post for three years by the Department of Personnel and Training.

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Mumbai Based Mukesh Ambani Chairman of RIL has been honored with which medal for Entrepreneurial Leadership?

A.Othmer Gold Medal

B.Otto Gold Medal

C.National Medal of Science

D.None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Othmer Gold Medal

Explanation :

United Based Chemical Heritage Foundation honored the Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani with prestigious Othmer Gold Medal for his entrepreneurial leadership

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Which Government has decided to prohibit the manufacture and distribution of any type of Gutka and Pan masala for a period of one year?

A.Odisha

B.Bihar

C.Jharkhand

D.Delhi

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Bihar

Explanation :

Bihar government has decided to prohibit the distribution, manufacture, storage, consumption, transportation, display or the sale of any type of 'gutka' and pan masala for a period of one year with effect from 21st May 2016 announced by RK Mahajan, commissioner Of Food Safety, Bihar.

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Which one among is released Census 2011 data on Households by religion, Sex of head of household and household size?

A.RBI

B.IMG

C.RGI

D.WHO

Answer & Explanation

Answer –

Explanation :

Registrar General and Census Commissioner (RGI) released the Census Data 2011 on Households by religion, sex of head of household and household size depicts the percentage of households to total households in main six religious communities.

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The world's oldest Olympic champion, Sandor Tarics, has died at the age of 102 in San Francisco. He related to which sport?

A.Swimming

B.Cricket

C.Volleyball

D.Water Polo

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Water Polo

Explanation :

He was the team member of the Hungarian waterpolo team that gave triumph to its side in the Berlin Olympics in 1936, pushing Germany into second place.

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World Biodiversity day is being celebrated on which day to emphasize people's livelihoods and sustainable development in across the domain of activity?

A.22nd May

B.23rd May

C.21st May

D.24th May

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.22nd May

Explanation :

International Day for Biological Diversity also called World Biodiversity Day was created in 1993 by the United Nations for the promotion of biodiversity issues.

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Who has been appointed as Lt Governor of Puducherry for two years after the successor of Lt General Ajay Singh?

A.Virendra Kataria

B.Kiran Bedi

C.Rangarajan

D.None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Kiran Bedi

Explanation :

The BJP government has named former IPS officer and BJP leader Kiran Bedi as the lieutenant-governor of Puducherry for nearly two years. The country's first woman to serve as IPS was put under the additional charge of Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

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Pench Tiger Reserve is situated in _____

A.Kerala

B.Gujarat

C.Madhya Pradesh

D.Rajasthan

Answer & Explanation

Answer –C.Madhya Pradesh

Explanation :

Pench National Park, situated in Seoni and Chhindwara districts of Madhya Pradesh in India is one of the most popular national parks visiting in India.

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U R Rao To Be conferred "IAF Hall of Fame" Award

Eminent space scientist Prof U R Rao will be honoured by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) with the 2016 "IAF Hall of Fame Award" for his outstanding contribution to the progress of astronautics. The IAF award is intended to reward personalities for their contributions to the progress of astronautics and the Federation. The IAF Hall of Fame consists of a permanent gallery of these personalities, including a citation, biographical information and a picture, in a special part of the IAF web presence.

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Cabinet approves country's first Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy

Union Cabinet has approved the National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy with a view to promoting creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship.

- ◆ It aims to create awareness about economic, social and cultural benefits of IPRs among all sections of society.
- ◆ The Finance Minister Arun Jaitley also uttered that by 2017, the window for trademark registration will be brought down to one month.

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"IAF Team Concludes 'Exercise Red Flag' in Alaska"

The multilateral Red Flag Aerial combat exercises between US, NATO and allied forces and India Air Force (IAF) concluded in Alaska, US. The four-week long (from April 28 to May 13, 2016) aerial combat exercises was held at the Nellis Air Force Base, Alaska. This was the second time India had participated in such an exercise after 2008. Red Force was constituted by US F-16 fighters, while the IAF planes along with other USAF aircraft such as F-15, F-16 and F-22 and US Navy F-18, constituted the Blue Force. Objective of IAF's participation in this inter-continental exercise was to showcase its

capability in undertaking integrated air operations and gain also operational lessons. In this edition, IAF flew 10 aircraft viz. 4 Su-30MKIs, 4 Jaguars and 2 IL-78 aerial refuelling tankers and a team of over 170 personnel was part of the exercise.

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Supreme Court upholds constitutional validity of criminal defamation law

- i. The Supreme Court upholds the validity of the criminal defamation law of the 156-year-old penal laws.
- ii. The court gave its verdict on a batch of petitions filed that challenging the constitutional validity of sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code providing for criminal defamation.
- iv. A bench comprising Justices Dipak Misra and Prafulla C Pant gave eight weeks to petitioners Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Kejriwal and Mr. Swamy to challenge pending criminal defamation cases in High Courts or face trial.
- iii. The petitioners include the ones by Congress –Rahul Gandhi, Arvind Kejriwal and BJP leader Subramanian Swamy.
- v. The court observed that the right to freedom of speech is not an absolute right and further saying that Right to free speech is not absolute. It does not actually freedom to hurt another's reputation which is protected under Article 21 of the Constitution.

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China Launches Yaogan-30 Remote Sensing Satellite

China has successfully launched Yaogan-30 remote-sensing satellite into sun-synchronous orbit (SSO) using the Long March-2D rocket. The rocket was launched on 15 May from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center located in Gobi desert in northwest China's Gansu Province. It was the 227th flight of the Long March rocket series and was also the second orbital launch from the Jiuquan Satellite launch Center in 2016. The Yaogan-30 satellite was built by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST). It is part of second generation of the Yaogan series inaugurated in 2008. The first Yaogan satellite was launched in 2006.

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India third in attractiveness index of renewable energy: EY Report

India ranks at third position after the United States and China in the category of Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index reported by EY.

- ◆ India achieved the position due to strong focus of the Government stress on Renewable Energy with the implementation of Renewable energy projects.
 - ◆ Ranked on the basis of Size and Scale of renewable activity
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Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 Comes Into force

Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 came into force on 1 May 2016. In this regard, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA) had notified 69 of the total 92 sections of the Act to bring it into force from 1 May 2016. The much awaited and widely acclaimed Act sets up in motion the process of making necessary operational rules and creation of institutional infrastructure for protecting the interests of consumers. It also promotes the growth of real estate sector in an environment of trust, confidence, credible transactions and efficient and time bound execution of projects. A proposal for a law for Real Estate was first mooted at the National Conference of Housing Ministers of States and Union Territories in January 2009.

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Andhra Pradesh to become First "Open Defaction Free" State to make 100% free from Open Defaction by October 2
Andhra Pradesh is preparing to become the first state in the country to cent percent of its urban regions "Open Defecation Free" by October 2. This will be benchmarked for launch of "Swachh Bharat" mission by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Rajiv Gauba, Secretary (Urban Development) at Visakhapatnam assured to instate during a review of progress of Swachh Bharat Mission in all the 110 municipalities of States

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Railways Signed Agreement with Haryana, Punjab For Planting Trees Along Track

Indian Railways on 2 May signed an agreement with the Forest Department of Haryana and Punjab for planting of trees along the Railway track on its land boundary. The MoU was signed by Pankaj Saxena, Chief Engineer/ P&D, Northern Railway on behalf of Railways whereas it was by Dr Amrinder Kaur, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) from forest departments. It paves way for planting 5 lakh trees during this season.

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Swachh Bharat Mission funds released in Punjab to achieve clean India Mission

Union Government released the funds under various sections of Swachh Bharat Mission to enhance the quality of Sanitation of Urban areas of Punjab state

Funds Sanctioned: 16 Crore 79 Lakh Rupees

No. of Municipal Corporation City: 9 except Ludhiana Corporation

Union Government has allocated 221 Crore Rupees to achieve the mission till October, 2019

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Astronomers Discovered 3 Earth Like Planets

An international team of scientists have discovered a trio of Earth-like exoplanets using the TRAPPIST telescope at ESO's La Silla Observatory. These planets were found orbiting an ultra-cool dwarf star just 40 light-years from Earth and are likely comparable in size and temperature to Earth and Venus. Scientists have named the ultra-cool dwarf star 2MASS J23062928-0502285 (also known as TRAPPIST-1). It is located in the constellation of Aquarius (The Water Carrier). TRAPPIST-1 is about one eighth the size of the Sun (barely larger than Jupiter) and significantly cooler. The three planets were found to orbit very close to their host dwarf star. Two of the planets have orbital periods of about 1.5 days and 2.4 days respectively, and the third planet has a less well-determined orbital period in the range 4.5 to 73 days. The inner two planets only receive four times and twice the amount of radiation received by the Earth respectively.

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Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project launched in Telangana and Spices Park to be setup in Nizamabad

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Reddy performed the Bhoomi Puja for the Kaleshwaram Project

Aim: Connecting the Godavari River through a series of barrages, reservoirs and enhanced irrigation schemes.

i. CM stated that new formed Telangana state will get water from both Krishna and Godavari rivers as per allocations done

ii. The Spices park will be set up in Padigal in Nizamabad district with investment of Rs. 31 Crore

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Anti-Hijacking Bill, 2014 Passed in Rajya Sabha

The Rajya Sabha on 4 May 2016 passed the Anti-Hijacking Bill, 2014, which provides for the death penalty even if ground handling staff and airport personnel are killed during such acts. In the earlier Bill, hijackers could be tried for the death penalty only in the event of death of hostages, such as flight crew, passengers and security personnel. Besides broadening the definition of hijacking, it also provides for an enhanced punishment to the perpetrators as well as the area of jurisdiction.

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Sunil Lanba Appointed as Chief of the Naval Staff

"Vice Admiral Sunil Lanba, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of Western Naval Command, has been appointed as the new Chief of Naval Staff on 5 May 2016. He will be 23rd chief of Indian Navy and 21st as an Indian. He will assume the charge on 31 May 2016 and shall have full three-year-term in office till 31 May 2019. He will succeed present Navy Chief Admiral Robin K. Dhowan, who will superannuate from the post on 31 May 2016."

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Memorandum of Cooperation to be signed between Ministry of Women & Child Development and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

- i. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) between Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF).
- ii. In accordance with the cooperation in Information and Communication Technology enabled Real Time Monitoring (ICT-RTM) of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). It also deals with other technical matter.

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Arunachal's Pakke Tiger Reserve Won 2016 India Biodiversity Award

Pakke Tiger Reserve in East Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh has received the 'India Biodiversity Award 2016' for their initiative to save the endangered species of Northeast. The Hornbill Nest Adoption Programme of the Pakke Tiger Reserve was awarded the prize under the category 'conservation of threatened species.'

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Manohar Parrikar releases booklet on defence production works in 2 yrs

- i. Union Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar released a booklet that underlining the efforts made by of Defence Production in the last two years in New Delhi.
- ii. The booklet is drawing together all achievements in the field of indigenous production of weapon systems and policy initiatives undertaken in last couple of years also about 119 industrial licenses have been issued it reveals.
- iii. The booklet also talks about a relaxation in FDI Policy and liberalizing licensing policy and streamlining defence offset guidelines. It also reveals that all naval ships and submarines on order are being constructed in Indian shipyards.
- iv. The capital expenditure on procurement from foreign players has decreased from about 35 thousand crore rupees to nearly Rs 22,400 crore.

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Lakshadweep becomes First UT To Sign 24x7 'Power for All' Document

Lakshadweep became first Union Territory (UT) in the country to sign 24x7 Power for All document. The document was signed by representative of Union Government and administration of Lakshadweep. At present, 10 inhabited islands of Lakshadweep are mostly fed by diesel.

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Retirement Age for Government Doctors Will be 65, Says PM Modi

- i. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced raising of retirement of government doctors age to 65 years will be increased from the current 62 to 65 at a rally in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur district.
- ii. The PM observed that there is a need for more doctors across India but it was not possible to fill the gap in two years of his government.

iii. The decision will have ambit of all government doctors whether serving under states or the central dispensation. The cabinet will give its nod in a week time.

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The G7 Finance summit began at _____ to balance the growth of the global economy amid the slowing down of the China Economy and other emerging countries.

A.Tokyo in Japan

B.Sendai in Japan

C.Beijing in China

D.Shanghai in China

Answer & Explanation

Answer – B.Sendai in Japan

Explanation :

The G7 finance summit begins at Sendai in Japan to give fillip for balancing the growth of the global economy amid the slowing down of the Chinese economy and those of other emerging countries.

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Which State Government launched artificial propagation programme of mahseer fish for conservation and rehabilitation?

A.Arunachal Pradesh

B.Andhra Pradesh

C.Himachal Pradesh

D.Madhya Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Himachal Pradesh

Explanation :

Himachal Pradesh government in a bid to prompt the fisheries department asked to make an artificial propagation programme for its rehabilitation and conservation.

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Which Codenamed Cyclone has battered the coast of southern Bangladesh that kills 23 people in floods and rain-triggered landslides?

A.Roanu

B.Akoni

C.Ema

D.Damrey

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Roanu

Explanation :

With a wind speed of up to 88 kilometres per hour while heading east-northeastward, the cyclone hit the Barisal- Chittagong region, producing impacts across the nation. Earlier the country was hit by the cyclone Aila in 2009 killed 300 people while in 2007 Cyclone Sidra claimed 4,000 lives.

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Who has been honored with “Yug Kavi Sidhicharan award” given by the Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma for his contributions towards promoting Nepali Literature in India?

A.Pawan Chamling

B.Mamta Banerjee

C.J Jayalalitha

D.Chandra Babu Naidu

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Pawan Chamling

Explanation :

Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling was honoured with “Yug Kavi Siddhicharan Award” and the award is given by the Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma.

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Which day is considered to be the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula was observed worldwide to raise awareness about obstetric fistula?

A.20 June 2016

B.24 May 2016

C.23 April 2016

D.23 May 2016

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.23 May 2016

Explanation :

The Day was observed for the first time in 2013. This year with the theme of End fistula within a generation. UNFPA launched a global Campaign in 2003 along with its members, to End Fistula in line with international targets to improve maternal health and with the goal of scale down the number of obstetric fistula patients, especially across the world.

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Which INS joined in the Indian Navy for deployment of coastal Patrol and Surveillance operations along the East Coast of India?

A.INS Garuda

B.INS Rajali

C.INS Niravi

D.None of the above

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.None of the above

Explanation :

The Indian Navy commissioned indigenously built Fast Attack Craft INS Tarmugli for deployment of coastal patrol and surveillance operations along the East Coast of India. This is the first Follow-on WaterJet Fast Attack Craft.

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Who was killed in a US drone airstrike attack in a remote area of south-west Pakistan, near the Afghan border for the Terrorist activities?

A.Memon Ibrahim

B.Zaki ur Rehman Lakhvi

C.Mullah Akhtar Mansour

D.Mohammed Omar

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Mullah Akhtar Mansour

Explanation :

According to the Afghan reliable sources, he is like Taliban supremo. He assumed the leadership in July last year filling the shoes of Taliban founder and spiritual head Mullah Mohammad Omar. The UN reports claiming that he had an active role in drug trafficking.

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National Green Tribunal has banned light and heavy diesel vehicles, which are passed more than 10 years old, in six major cities in which State?

A.Maharashtra

B.Goa

C.Tamilnadu

D.Kerala

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Kerala

Explanation :

The tribunal also directed the state government not to register any diesel vehicle in the capacity of 2000 CC and more, except public transport and local authority vehicles.

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What are the institutes climb positions on Financial Terms Executive Education rankings in Custom and Open Categories for 2016?

A.IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Bangalore

B.IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Calicut

C.IIM Bangalore and IIM Bombay

D.IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Bombay

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Bangalore

Explanation :

Institutes: Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) and Bangalore (IIMB). They improved their positions on the Financial Times global rankings for Executive Education programs in custom and Open categories for 2016.

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Who has been elected as the Chief Minister of the Assam and maiden victory of BJP in Legislative Assembly in Assam?

A.Sarbananda Sonowal

B.Tarun Gogoi

C.Manohar Parikkar

D.Rajender Sarkar

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Sarbananda Sonowal

Explanation :

BJP government formed the Legislative Assembly and Sarbananda Sonowal took charge as the Chief Minister of the state along with 11 ministers. BJP Government has won 60 seats out of 126 seats

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Union IT & Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad informed that India Posts payments bank will start functioning from which date?

A.March 2017

B.April 2017

C.January 2017

D.October 2016

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.March 2017

Explanation :

The minister stated that the proposal to start the Payments will be kept before the cabinet and postal payments bank will become operational from March 2017.

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Where is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon inaugurated the first world humanitarian summit?

A.Delhi

B.Berlin

C.Sharjah

D.Istanbul

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Istanbul

Explanation :

The purpose of world leaders to be committed to improving the humanitarian responses to crises.
The Features of the Summit: World leaders to align themselves with the five core responsibilities.
Preventing and ending conflicts. Respecting the rules of war

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Discus Thrower Seema Punia Qualifies For Rio 2016 Olympics

Discus thrower Seema Punia on 29 May qualified for the Rio Olympics with a 62.62m effort at the Pat Young's Throwers Classic 2016 at Salinas in the United States. Punia crossed the Rio Games qualification standard of 61.00m at the Hartnell College Throwers Complex. She is the 19th Indian track and field athlete to qualify for Rio Olympics. This will be Seema's third Olympic Games appearance having taken part in 2004 and 2012 where she failed to get past the qualification round on both the occasions.

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Government cancelled all defence tenders bagged by Finmeccanica

The Union government has decided to cancel all ongoing tenders for defence equipment won by Italy's Finmeccanica.

Reason: Firm is being investigated for bribery in the Agusta Westland VVIP chopper deal.

Announced by: Defence Minister Manohar Parikkar.

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Alastair Cook Becomes Youngest Cricketer To Score 10000 Test Runs

England cricket captain Alastair Cook on 30 May became youngest Cricketer to score 10000 test runs. Cook, who is 31 years, 5 months, 5 days old, achieved the fete on the fourth day of the second test against Sri Lanka at Chester-le-Street by flicking Nuwan Pradeep to the deep mid wicket fence for a boundary. It was his 128th Test. The previous record was held by Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar who reached the landmark score against Pakistan at Eden Gardens in 2005. He achieved the same at the age of 31 years, 10 months and 20 days.

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Narayanamsamy stakes claim to form government in Puducherry

i. Congress Legislature Party's V. Narayanamsamy called on the Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi on and begged claim to proceed to form the government in the Union Territory.

ii. In the recently concluded assembly elections Congress – DMK alliance has 17 members in the 30 member Territorial Assembly. PCC President Namassivayam will accompany Narayanamsamy.

iii. He served as Rajya Sabha MP and was member of Lok Sabha from Puducherry constituency from 2009 to 2014.

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Admiral Sunil Lanba Takes Over as Chief of Naval Staff

Admiral Sunil Lanba on 31 May took over as Chief of Naval Staff. 58-year-old Lanba, a specialist in Navigation and Direction, will have the full three-year tenure as the Navy Chief. Lanba succeeded Admiral RK Dhowan. An alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, Lanba is the 21st Indian to be the Navy Chief. The first two were British.

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India tops global slavery index with 18.35 mn people enslaved

India witnessed of having the highest number of people in the world ensnared in slavery with 18.35 million according to the Global Slavery Index report, which estimated that around 46 million enslaved globally

Causes: Forced labour, Prostitution and Beggings.

Index: 2016 Global Slavery Index

Released by: Australia-based Human rights group Walk Free Foundation.

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5 Indians Posthumously Honoured with UN's Dag Hammarskjöld Medal

"The United Nations announced that four Indian peacekeepers and a civilian will be honoured along with other 124 personnel with a prestigious U.N. medal. Head Constable Shubhakaran Yadav, Rifleman Manish Malik, Havildar Amal Deka, Naik Rakesh Kumar and Gagan Punjabi will be honoured with the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal awarded posthumously. The 124 personnel will be honoured on the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. The day, observed annually on 29 May, will be commemorated this year on 19 May 2016"

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Global conference on women empowerment held in New Delhi

i. A six-day long global conference envisioned on economic empowerment of women to foster leadership and entrepreneurship was held in New Delhi.

ii. Women across many countries and all walks of life will meet to discuss social empowerment, leadership, economic, business and social issues such as innovation, start-ups, leadership, entrepreneurship, business and globalisation, diplomacy, sustainable development, peace and spirituality, social empowerment, environment and art.

iii. The Women Economic Forum is being hosted by All Ladies League with a theme of Women: Uplifting and Uniting the World.

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Nandini Bhandaru Won E-MRS Award

"Nandini Bhandaru, a PhD student at IIT-Kharagpur has won the Young Scientist Award of the European Materials Research Society's (E-MRS) for contribution to materials science. She was awarded for her outstanding contribution to material science and nano technology, particularly nano patterning of soft films and surfaces. She is working at Instability and Soft Patterning laboratory of IIT-Kharagpur. Her area of doctoral research is on nanofabrication including soft-Lithography, thin film dewetting, polymer blend films and self-assembly."

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Military tourism initiative 'Veer Yatra' launched in Pune

- i. Maharashtra Ex-servicemen's Corporation has launched the Veer Yatra, an initiative by the Military body that aims to spice up a vacation with on-locale narratives of real-life dare-devilry and heroism.
 - ii. This Yatra is for civilians provides a peek into the lives of the country's defence forces, also focusing on areas of historic importance. It also targets to provide employment to 1,000 ex-servicemen and war widows over the next year.
 - iii. This yatra includes a range of specially designed holiday packages that could take tourists to military training academies, battlefields, and high-altitude pickets, mountain passes such as Nathu La and Zoji La or border posts along the Line of Control.
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Worlds First Zika Virus Clone Developed

Scientists from The University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) have developed world's first genetically engineered clone of the Zika virus strain. The development of cDNA clone, as it is called, is expected to speed up many aspects of Zika research, including vaccine and therapeutic development. It allows researchers to make Zika virus from test tube and cells on petri dishes. The clone comprises of five fragments of complete zika viral genome which were individually cloned and assembled into the full-length Zika virus clone.

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World's largest Single Rooftop Solar Power Plant inaugurated in Amritsar

Investment: Rs 82 Crore (2012) to Rs. 10,000 Crore

Employment Potential: 12,500

- i. World's largest single rooftop stretch of 42 acre solar power plant of 11.5 Mw capacity was installed in India
- iii. Inauguration by: New & Renewable Energy Resources Minister of Punjab Bikram Singh Majithia
- iv. Project at: Beas in Punjab

v. Mandalay Bay Resort Convention Centre, Las Vegas in the United States is next biggest solar photovoltaic power station

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Kerala Assembly Election 2016 Results

"Election Commission on 19 May 2016 announced results of 2016 Legislative Assembly Election of Kerala. The coalition of Left Democratic Front (LDF) has won the 2016 Kerala Assembly Election by the absolute majority by winning 91 seats (44.94% votes) of the total 140 seats. Among the LDF, Communist Party of India (Marxist) by winning 58 seats has emerged single largest party. Other LDF allies have won

Communist Party of India – 19 seats.

Janata Dal (Secular) – 3 seats.

Nationalist Congress Party – 2 seats.

Other LDF supporters – 9 seats.

The United Democratic Front (UDF) led by outgoing Chief Minister Oommen Chandy has emerged as largest opposition front. It has won total 47 seats (45.83% votes). Party wise result is as follows

Indian National Congress: 22 seats. Indian Union Muslim League: 18 seats. Kerala Congress (M): 6 seats. Kerala Congress (Jacob): 1 seat."

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Tsai Ing-wen Sworn In As Taiwan's First Woman President

Tsai Ing-wen was sworn-in as the President of Taiwan on 20 May 2016. With this, she became the first woman to hold the post in Taiwan. She succeeds outgoing President Ma Ying-jeou. She is the leader of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) which favours independence from China. Earlier in January 2016, Tsai led the DPP had won the Parliamentary and Presidential elections. Tsai's victory was the biggest mandate ever won by a DPP President and is only the second-ever victory for the DPP since Taiwan split with China in 1949.

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Indigenously developed fecal incontinence management system 'Qora'

Programme: 'Qora'

Ministry: Ministry of State for Science & Technology

Launched by: Minister of State for Science & Technology, Shri Y.S.Chowdary

Venue: New Delhi

Main Aims:

i. To train the next generation of medical technology innovators in India

- ii. To develop innovative and affordable medical devices to augment unmet clinical needs of India

The union government will launch a hub and spoke model to set up science cities and science centres to support science and technology (S&T) incubators and create an environment

♦ Presented by: YS Chowdary, Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences

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H R Nagendra Committee On Yoga Education In Universities

"The Union Government announced that the H.R. Nagendra Committee on Yoga Education in Universities has recommended seven programmes for implementation in universities. The Union Government on 15 January 2016 had constituted a committee on yoga education in universities. The committee was headed by Professor H.R. Nagendra, Chancellor, Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana, Samsthana, Bengaluru."

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Lok Sabha passes Bankruptcy Bill

Bill passed: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill, 2016 – The Parliament, New Delhi.

Motto: The "Transformational" legislation that will help improve India's ranking in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' index.

i. Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance, the Government had "in toto" accepted the report of the Joint Committee of Parliament.

ii. Member of Parliament Jayadev Galla concerning that banks have started "tightening on promoters" and were "insisting on personal guarantees".

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Gujarat Government Accords Minority Status To Jain Community

Gujarat Government on 7 May accorded minority status to the Jain community by issuing a government resolution (GR) to this effect. The decision has nothing to do with reservations and the new status will benefit the poor among the Jain community as they can avail of various scholarships, government welfare schemes. Jain institutions will get special status like the one given to Christian and Muslim institutions in the state.

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Projects worth Rs. 2446 Crore approved under Namami Gange Programme

Initiator: Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) of the National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA).

Estimated Cost: The total estimated cost of the projects is Rs. 2446 crore

Steps taken: To improve the facilities of Ghats and crematoria for reduction of pollution load into river Ganga.

Purpose:

i. For Development of Ghats and crematoria in the stretch from Haridwar to Uttarakhand Border in Uttarakhand, Garhmukteshwar in UP, Buxar, Hajipur and Sonapur of Bihar, Sahibganj, Rajmahal and Kanhaiya Ghat of Jharkhand and Delhi .

ii. Afforestation along the banks of river Ganga.

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Madrid Open Tennis 2016 Winners

"Men's Singles :- Novac Djokovic (Serbia) on 8 May defeated Andy Murray to conquer the Mutua Madrid Open title in Madrid, Spain. It was Djokovic's fifth win in the last 6 ATP 1000 competitions. With the win, he also reached a record 29 Masters 1000 titles. Mutua Madrid Open title was Djokovic's second title on the Caja Magica clay.

Women's Singles :- Romanian tennis player Simona Halep won the women singles title of the Madrid Open. She defeated Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia in the final played at Madrid, Spain. This was the third Madrid title for World No. 6 Halep and her first title of 2016. Overall this was her 12th career title."

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Manamadurai-Rameswaram rail track to become first green corridor

Steps taken: To make rail tracks discharge free zones

Train route: Nearly 114 km route between Rameswaram and Manamadurai in Tamil Nadu by the end of this month.

i. It forecast all trains passing on that particular route would have bio- toilets which eliminate open discharge of waste on the tracks.

ii. There are about 14 stations between Rameswaram and Manamadurai.

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Union Govt Released Commemorative Coin On Maharana Pratap

A commemorative coin of Rs 100 and a circulation coin of Rs 10 were released on 9 May on occasion of 475th birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap. The coin was released by Union Tourism Minister Mahesh Sharma in New Delhi. Maharana Pratap, the ruler of Mewar is regarded as one of the greatest warriors in Indian history. The Union Ministry of Culture has been celebrating the 475th Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap during 2015-16 in association with the State Government of Rajasthan.

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Which is the first ever policy that is recently approved Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A.National Tourism Policy
- B.National Industrial Export Policy
- C.National Education Policy
- D.National Capital Goods Policy

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.National Capital Goods Policy

Explanation :

Increasing production of capital goods from Rs. 2.30 crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 7.50 crore in 2025.Raising direct and indirect employment from the current 8.4 million to 30 million. Cabinet also gives ex-post facto approval to establishment of the National Institute of Technology, Andhra Pradesh.

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Which is the world's largest student-tracking programme launched by HRD Ministry?

- A.Shala SAMITA Yojana (SSY)
- B.Shala SUMITA Yojana (ASY)
- C.Shala AASMITA Yojana (SAY)
- D.Shala ASMITA Yojana (SAY)

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Shala ASMITA Yojana (SAY)

Explanation :

Under ASMITA the government will track students through their Aadhaar numbers as almost 65 per cent of school students in the age group of 5 to 18 years have that and those who don't will be provided with a unique identity number. The proposed Scheme aims to track the educational journey of close to 25 crore school students from Class I to Class XII across 15 lakh schools in India.

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Which scheme has approved by Union Government by the revision in guidelines of the Performance to increase its credibility and effectiveness for both borrowers and banks?

- A.Profit Rating Scheme
- B.Deposit Rating Scheme

C.Credit Rating Scheme

D.Interest Rating Scheme

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Credit Rating Scheme

Explanation :

Performance and Credit Rating Scheme is implemented by Ministry of MSME through National Small Industries Corporation. Meanwhile under this Scheme only rating agencies registered by SEBI and empanelled as External Credit Assessment Institution (ECAI) by RBI would be eligible to work out rating of MSEs.

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Neeraj Chopra is related to which sports?

A.Table Tennis

B.Racing

C.Chess

D.Javelin Throw

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Javelin Throw

Explanation :

India's javelin sensation Neeraj Chopra produced his best form since the SAF Games to clinch the silver medal but still missed the Olympics qualification mark at the Zygmunta Selesta Memorial in Warsaw, Poland.

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Who is Left Democractic Front Party member and also Chief Minister of Kerala?

A.Shri KalikhoPul

B.Shri TarunGogoi

C.Shri Pinarayi Vijayan

D.Shri Nitish Kumar

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Shri Pinarayi Vijayan

Explanation :

The Cabinet of the Left Democratic Front Government comprises of 19 members including Chief Minister. Governor P. Sathasivam administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and 18 members.

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In Which state Bhasha Research and Publication Centre released the publication "Volume of the Peoples Linguistic Survey of India Series" ?

- A.Gujarat
- B.Rajasthan
- C.West Bengal
- D.Odisha

Answer & Explanation

Answer – A.Gujarat

Explanation :

It would be released by the Gujarat Governor O P Kohli and it was edited by Kanjibhai Patel and published by Orient Blackswan. The volume consolidates totally 49 languages or dialects spoken in Gujarat including the languages of coastal, tribal and nomadic societies.

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Indian Air Force team joint exercise with which country undertaking integrated air operations but also to absorb operational lessons from the exercise engagements?

- A.China
- B.UK
- C.US
- D.Germany

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.US

Explanation :

An Indian Air Force (IAF) team successfully concluded their four-week Red Flag aerial combat exercises at Alaska in the U.S. This Joint trial is to showcase the IAF's capability in undertaking integrated air ops but also to absorb operational lessons from the exercise engagements.

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Prime Minister chaired the high level meeting with Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Raghubar Das and Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje to discuss on which issue?

- A.Black Money
- B.Farmers
- C.Water Scarcity
- D.Environmental

Answer & Explanation

Answer – C.Water Scarcity

Explanation :
In a bid to discuss the Water Scarcity on the eve of drought Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the high level meeting with Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Raghubar Das and Rajasthan CM Vasundhara Raje to mitigate measures in their respective states.

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Finance Ministry announced which scheme and will remain functioning till September 2016 for filing of Declarations and payment?

- A.Income Payment Scheme
- B.Income Deposit Scheme
- C.Income Tax Scheme
- D.Income Declaration Scheme

Answer & Explanation

Answer – D.Income Declaration Scheme

Explanation :

Finance Ministry announced that the Income Declaration Scheme 2016 will remain functioning till September 30 for filing of Declarations and Payments towards taxes, surcharge and Penalty.

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GC Mitra resigned from the post of Technical Core Committee Chairman of which Department and he is put on work in Odisha?

- A.Archaeological Survey of India
- B.Central Bureau of Investigation
- C.Department of Post