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The question displayed with the ⌘ sign is irrelevant from the examination point of view and is too old. In the present context, the answer to those questions is the same, but in the current circumstances, the answer may change. They have been given a place in the compilation only because you become aware of the nature of the questions. One thing that emerges in mind about the presentation of questions before the contemporary events are what is the need to know them? We can get familiar with the nature and tendency of the exam by looking at these. After getting aware of the updated status of the questions, we can also confirm our preparation in the exact and right direction. The updated status of all the questions of the computation has been presented under the interpretation. The updated facts have been outlined so that the readers can get instant status information and reach the relevant point without wasting time. By getting the latest information, you will be able to prepare the contemporary questions at the point at which the question is most anticipated.

PREFACE

The book in hand titled "PREVIEW" is the English version of “**पूर्वावलोकन**”. “**पूर्वावलोकन**” has proved to be one of the most useful book series for Central and State Civil Services Examinations for the last 19 years. It has carved a special place for itself among **हिन्दी** Medium students for its authenticity and style of presentation.

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May this book enjoy success unprecedented!!

National Events

1. Where is Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary located?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Srinagar
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (a)

Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary is located in Goa. This sanctuary is named after Dr. Salim Moizzudin Ali, the eminent Indian ornithologist.

2. Which portal has been launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to improve the education system in India?

- (a) Ekta
- (b) Shagun
- (c) Shiksha
- (d) Gyaan
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

Portal Ekta has been launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to improve the education system in India.

3. Rupsi Airport is situated in which State of India?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Goa
- (d) Port Blair
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

Rupsi Airport is situated in the state of Assam in the Kokrajhar district. This airport would help in getting more tourists to the Dooars and Bhutan and would also make it convenient for travellers to reach Phuentsholing, the principal entry point via road to Bhutan.

4. Which State in India has enacted law to make wearing of facial mask compulsory?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (a)

Rajasthan in India has enacted a law, Rajasthan Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020, to make the wearing of facial mask compulsory.

5. Beej Bachao Andolan (Save the Seed) was started in which State?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

Beej Bachao Andolan (Save the Seed) was started in the state of Uttarakhand from Jardhagaon of Tehri district.

6. Who is the Chairman of Competition Commission of India?

- (a) Ajay Tyagi
- (b) P.K. Joshi
- (c) Ashok Kumar Gupta
- (d) Ghanendra Kumar
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

The Chairman of the Competition Commission of India is Ashok Kumar Gupta. It is a statutory body of the Government of India responsible for enforcing The Competition Act, 2002 and promoting competition throughout India. It became fully functional in May 2009 with Dhanendra Kumar as its first Chairman.

7. When is National Statistics Day celebrated in India?

- (a) 1st May
- (b) 20th April
- (c) 29th June
- (d) 20th December
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

National Statistics Day is celebrated in India on 29th June. The date has been chosen to commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor PC Mahalanobis.

8. Which country has Sister-State Relationship with Ahmedabad?

- (a) USA
- (b) UK
- (c) China
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (d)

A Letter of Intent (LoI) was exchanged between Ahmedabad and Kobe, the city of Japan, for a sister city partnership in November, 2016.

9. In December 2020, which two cities of Madhya Pradesh have been included in the 'World Heritage' cities list of UNESCO under its 'landscape city programme'?

- (a) Indore, Gwalior
- (b) Orchha, Gwalior
- (c) Bhopal, Rewa
- (d) Bhopal, Indore

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

The historical fort cities of Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh have been included in the list of UNESCO's world heritage cities under its urban landscape city programme.

10. Which Ship of Indian Navy had reached Nha Rong Port of Ho Chi Minh City under Mission Sagar-III with 15 tonnes of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Stores for flood-affected people of Central Vietnam in December, 2020?

- (a) INS Kalvari
- (b) INS Shankul
- (c) INS Kiltan
- (d) INS Gharial

66th B.P.S.C. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

The Indian Navy and Vietnamese Navy undertook the naval passage exercise PASSEX in the south China Sea. Indian Naval ship Kiltan arrived at Vietnam's Nha Rong Port in Ho Chi Minh City, carrying humanitarian assistance to deliver 15 tonnes of relief material for flood-affected people under Mission Sagar-III. This mission of INS-Kiltan is part of India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) assistance to Friendly Foreign Countries during the covid pandemic.

11. Which Union Ministry has launched the Second Edition of the 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'?

- (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (d) The Ministry of Rural Development
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (c)

On 25th April 2018, the Ministry of Human Resource Development launched the second edition of the 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' under which students from 750 higher educational institutions from across the country will adopt the villages and visit them to get acquainted with the lifestyle of people there and problems faced by them.

12. Which Union Ministry collaboration with Google India has launched a 360° Virtual Reality (VR) video on 'Incredible India'?

- (a) The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- (c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (d) The Ministry of Tourism
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

In April 2018, the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with Google India, launched a 360° Virtual Reality (VR) experience video on 'Incredible India'.

13. Which city hosted India's first ever nationwide food archaeology conference 'ArchaeoBroma'?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Indore
- (d) Surat
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (a)

India's first-ever nationwide conference on the archaeology, anthropology and sociology of food was held in Mumbai in May 2019. The conference titled 'ArchaeoBroma' is being touted as India's first-ever national meet on Food as Culture. It was organised by the India Study Centre Trust and the Centre for Extra-Mural Studies of the University of Mumbai.

14. What is India's rank in the 2018 World Press Freedom Index (WPFI)?

- (a) 136th
- (b) 138th
- (c) 135th
- (d) 137th
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

The Press Freedom Index is an annual ranking of countries. Published by Reporters Without Borders since 2002 based upon the organisation's own assessment of the countries press freedom records in the previous year. In 2018, India ranked 138th in this index. In the year 2020, India ranked 142 out of 180 countries. Norway is ranked top in the index for the fourth consecutive year, followed by Finland and Denmark.

15. Which State has topped the list of States with most number of beggars, as per data released by the Union Ministry of Social Justice?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (a)

As per data released by the Union Ministry of Social Justice, a total number of 4,13,670 beggars are residing in India, including 2,21,673 males and 1,91,997 females beggars in the country. The data based on the 2011 census, revealed that West Bengal (81,224) had topped the list, followed by Uttar Pradesh (65,835), Andhra Pradesh (30,218) and Bihar (29,723). While Lakshadweep has only two people begging for their livelihood.

16. Which district has become the India's first district to have 100% solar-powered health centres?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Surat
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

In March 2018, Surat became India's first district to have 100% solar powered Primary Health Centres (PHC). All 52 PHCs in the district are powered by a solar system.

17. Which State Government has signed a pact with Airport Authority of India (AAI) to develop villages in Kamrup?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Assam
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has signed an MoU with Assam Government under its Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) initiative for sustainable development of human settlements at villages in Kamrup district. The AAI would provide financial assistance under its CSR initiative of Rs. 4.58 cr. for the district as per the estimates prepared by the UNDP to improve the resilience of communities around Guwahati Airport.

18. Which State has the highest number of fully covered tribal habitations with the safe drinking water?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Jharkhand
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (a)

As per the information given by the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Jastwantsinh Bhabor, in March 2018, Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 55770 fully covered tribal habitations with safe drinking water in the country, followed by Odisha 52427, Jharkhand 53476 number of habitations.

19. ISRO has successfully launched GSAT-6A satellite from which rocket vehicle?

- (a) GSLV-F07
- (b) GSLV-F09
- (c) GSLV-F05
- (d) GSLV-F08
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F08) successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-6A into Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) on March 29, 2018. The launch of GSLV was its twelfth and took place from the second launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. In its oval-shaped GTO, GSAT-6A is orbiting the Earth with the perigee (nearest point to Earth) of 1694 km and an apogee (farthest point of Earth) of 36,692.5 km with an orbital inclination of 20.64 degrees with respect to the Equator.

20. What is the theme of the 2018 International Day of Forests?

- (a) Forests and Water
- (b) Forests and Energy
- (c) Forests and Sustainable Cities
- (d) Forests and Life
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (c)

Every year on 21st March, International Day of Forests or World Forestry Day is celebrated worldwide to increase awareness about the importance of forests, woodlands and trees in our lives. The theme of the 2018 International Day of Forests was 'Forests and Sustainable Cities'. The theme of the 2020 International Day of Forests is 'Forest Restoration : a path to recovery and well-being'.

21. According to recent data released by Indian Cellular Association (ICA), India has acquired what position in the world in producing mobile phones?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

As per information shared by the Indian Cellular Association (ICA) with the Government of India, India is the second-largest mobile phone producer in the world after China. According to the data, the annual production of mobile phones in India increased from 3 million units in 2014 to 11 million units in 2017.

22. Which State Government has rolled out 'Rupashree Scheme' for marriage of poor girls?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Odisha
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Assam
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (c)

The West Bengal government has rolled out a new scheme, 'Rupashree' from April 2018 to provide marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families. Under the scheme, it is proposed to extend one-time financial assistance worth Rs. 25,000 to the family of the girl whose annual income is up to Rs. 1.5 lakh.

23. NITI Aayog has launched the 'Atal New India Challenge' that will provide grants of up to how much amount to innovative products and solutions?

- (a) Rs. 2 crore
- (b) Rs. 1 crore
- (c) Rs. 1.5 crore
- (d) Rs. 2.5 crore
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of the NITI Aayog has launched the Atal New India Challenge, which aims to support innovators to create products/solutions based on advanced technologies in areas of national importance and social relevance through a grant based mechanism. Under this challenge, grants of up to Rs. 1 crore and mentorship will be given to the winning ideas, AIM will invite prospective innovators MSME and start-ups to design market-ready products.

24. Who chaired the first meeting of the think tank on the Framework for National Policy on E-commerce?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Arun Jaitley
- (c) Suresh Prabhu
- (d) Smriti Irani
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (c)

Suresh Prabhu, the then Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, chaired the first meeting of the think tank on the Framework for National Policy on E-commerce in New Delhi in April 2018. The think tank on the framework for National Policy on E-commerce has been established by the Department of Commerce.

25. The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has signed MoU with TIFAC for supporting forest-based communities. Where is the headquarters of ICFRE located?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Allahabad
- (d) Dehradun
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has signed an MoU with Technology Information, Forecasting & Assessment Council (TIFAC) to provide livelihood opportunities and augment the income of the forest based communities. With this collaboration, TIFAC would help ICFRE to refine and up-scale the technologies developed, take technologies to the end-users including, farmers. The headquarters of ICFRE is located in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

26. Which State Government has recently signed MoU with South Korea to enhance tourism cooperation?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

In December 2017, the Uttar Pradesh Government signed an MoU with South Korea to enhance cooperation in the field of tourism, skill development and farming. Earlier in 2000, an agreement was signed to develop Ayodhya and Gimhe as sister cities, following which a memorial was constructed in Ayodhya.

27. The Union Cabinet has approved MoU between India and SACEP for cooperation on oil and chemical pollution in the South Asian seas region. What does SACEP stand for?

- (a) South Asia Compatibility Environment Programme
- (b) South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme
- (c) South Asia Connectivity Environment Programme
- (d) South Asia Coercive Environment Programme
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

63rd B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU between India and South Asian Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) for cooperation on the response to oil and chemical pollution in the South Asian Seas Region. The MoU intends to promote closer cooperation between India and other maritime nations comprising of Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Pakistan for the protection and preservation of the marine environment in the region.

28. Who is named as the Chairman of Governing Council of Film and Television Institute of India in September, 2020?

- (a) Smriti Irani (b) Amresh Chakraborty
(c) Shekhar Kapoor (d) Prakash Jawadekar

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Mains) 2016

Ans. (c)

Shekhar Kapoor was appointed President of the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII) Society & Chairman of the Institute's Governing Council in September 2020. FTII is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting of the Government of India.

29. What was the theme of the 'World Tourism Day, 2020' celebrated in September, 2020?

- (a) Tourism and Rural Development
(b) Tourism and Jobs
(c) Tourism and Digital Transformation
(d) Accessible Tourism

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Mains) 2016

Ans. (a)

'World Tourism Day, 2020' was celebrated on 27th September, 2020 with the theme, 'Tourism & Rural Development'. 27th September has been celebrated as World Tourism Day by United Nations World Tourism Organisation every year since 1980. It is celebrated to foster awareness of tourism's social, cultural, political & economic value & the contribution the sector can make in reaching sustainable development goals.

30. The countries which participated in the Malabar Naval Exercise in November, 2020 are:

- (a) India and United States of America
(b) India, U.S.A., Japan and Australia
(c) India U.S.A. and Japan
(d) India U.S.A. Japan and Sri Lanka

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Mains) 2016

Ans. (b)

Phase 1 of the Malabar Naval exercise was conducted in the Bay of Bengal in November, 2020. Navy of India, USA, Japan & Australia participated in this exercise.

31. On October 31st, 2020 the first sea-plane has been operated in India at which of the following places?

- (a) Mumabai (b) Kolkata
(c) Ahmedabad (d) Panjim

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Mains) 2016

Ans. (c)

India's first sea-plane service was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Gujarat (Ahmedabad) on 31st October, 2020. This service will connect world's tallest statue, a 182-metre statue of India's first Deputy PM, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, in Kevadia colony to Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad.

32. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the code given below the lists.

List (Event)	List-II (Place)
A. 105 th Indian Science Congress	1. Bangalore
B. 106 th Indian Science Congress	2. Pune
C. 107 th Indian Science Congress	3. Imphal
D. 108 th Indian Science Congress	4. Jalandhar

Code :

A	B	C	D
(a) 1	2	3	4
(b) 2	3	1	4
(c) 3	4	2	1
(d) 3	4	1	2

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Mains) 2016

Ans. (d)

Following are the matches -

105th Indian Science Congress – Imphal
106th Indian Science Congress – Jalandhar
107th Indian Science Congress – Bangalore
108th Indian Science Congress – Pune

33. Given below are two statements, one labelled as the Assertion (A) and other as Reason (R):

Assertion (A): Lucknow's Defence Expo 2020 was the Asia's biggest Expo of defence products.

Reason (R): The Expo was organised to portrait India as emerging defence manufacturing hub.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Codes:

- (a) Both (A) and (R) true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
(b) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
(c) (A) is true but (R) is false
(d) (A) is false but (R) is true

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

During 5th-9th February, 2020, Asia's biggest defence Expo was organised at Lucknow (UP), in which almost 1000 companies took part. The objective was to promote India's manufactured Defence products.

34. India's first semi high-speed train 'Vande Bharat' runs between

- (a) Varanasi to New Delhi
(b) New Delhi to Jammu
(c) New Delhi to Mumbai
(d) New Delhi to Lucknow

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

PM Modi inaugurated India's first semi high-speed train "Vande Bharat" on 15th February, 2019. It is operated between Varanasi & New Delhi. Its commercial operation was started on 17th February, 2019. Vande Bharat Express, also known as Train-18 was manufactured by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.

35. Match the following Defence Expo and their venues in different years.

Years	Venue
A. 2016	I. Chennai
B. 2018	II. South Goa
C. 2019	III. Lucknow
D. 2020	IV. Hyderabad

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Codes :

A	B	C	D
(a) I	II	IV	III
(b) II	I	IV	III
(c) IV	III	I	II
(d) II	IV	I	III

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Ans. (*)

Following are the matches for Defence Expo -

Year – Place
 2016 – South Goa
 2018 – Chennai
 2020 – Lucknow

In 2019 Aero Def India Expo was organised at Hyderabad, which is different from the biennial Defence Expo. So, this question has an error. However, UPPSC has accepted (b) as the right answer.

36. Regarding Ram Mandir Trust formed in February, 2020, match the List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from the codes given below.

List-I (Name)	List-II (Position)
A. Mahant Nitya Gopal Das	1. Head of the Temple Construction Committee
B. Swami Govind Deve Giri	2. General Secretary of Trust
C. Shri Champat Rai	3. Treasurer of the Trust
D. Shri Nripendra Mishra	4. President of Ram Mandir Trust

Codes :

A	B	C	D
(a) 1	2	3	4
(b) 4	3	2	1
(c) 2	4	1	3
(d) 3	2	4	1

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (b)

Ram Mandir Trust was formed in February, 2020. The followings are matches regarding the trust :

List-I (Name)	List-II (Position)
Mahant Nitya Gopal Das	President of Ram Mandir Trust
Swami Govind Deve Giri	Treasurer of the Trust
Shri Champat Rai	General Secretary of Trust
Shri Nripendra Mishra	Head of the Temple Construction Committee

37. First intercity electric bus service of the country under public-private partnership model in February, 2020 have been started by the State

- (a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka
 (c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

On 14th February, 2020, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Mr. Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first Inter-city electric bus service between Mumbai & Pune. This is a Public-Private Partnership scheme in which a 43-seater capacity luxury electric bus will be operated between two cities. The bus has a range of 300 km on a single charge.

38. 'Sankalp Parva' celebrated by Government of India during June-July 2020 is related to:

- (a) Tree plantation
 (b) COVID lockdown
 (c) Dedication towards army
 (d) Online education

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has celebrated 'Sankalp Parv' to plant trees from 28th June to 12th July, 2020. Ministry of Culture has recommended planting five trees which represent the herbal heritage of country & also were mentioned by PM in his speech. These trees are : Bargad, Awla, Peepal, Ashok & Bel.

39. Which one of the following was the theme of Statistics Day celebrated on 29th June, 2020?

- (a) Statistics in Trade
 (b) COVID-19
 (c) Statistics in Governance
 (d) Sustainable Development Goals

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (d)

14th Statistics Day was celebrated on 29th June 2020 by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. Its theme was 'SDG-3' (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) & SDG-5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls). It is celebrated to honour great statistician Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis. The theme of 2019 Statistics Day was 'Sustainable Development Goals', while in 2020 theme was SDG-3 & SDG-5. Hence this question has the error.

40. International Mother Language Day is celebrated on

- (a) March 20
- (b) January 25
- (c) February 21
- (d) December 21

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (c)

International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on 21st February. It is an initiative of Bangladesh & was first announced by UNESCO on 17th November 1999. It is celebrated to promote awareness of linguistic & cultural diversity & to promote multilingualism. The theme of 2020, International Mother Language Day was 'Languages without Borders'.

41. "Operation Vanilla" launched by Indian Navy in January 2020, is related to which one of the following?

- (a) Disaster Management
- (b) Oil Exploration
- (c) Anti-Terrorist Operation
- (d) Coral Reef Conservation

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

On 29th January, 2020, the Indian Navy launched "Operation Vanilla" to provide humanitarian assistance & disaster relief in Madagascar. It was launched post devastation caused by Cyclone Diane in Madagascar. Indian Navy diverted its ship INS Airavat carrying clothing, medicines & other relief material towards Madagascar during this operation.

42. Joint Military training exercise "Ajeya Warrior, 2020" was carried out between which of the following countries?

- (a) India and United Kingdom
- (b) India and Israel
- (c) India and France
- (d) India and United States of America

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

The 5th edition of Joint Military training exercise "Ajeya Warrior, 2020" was conducted at Salisbury Plains, U.K. from 13th February to 26th February, 2020. Soldiers of Indian Army & United Kingdom army took part in the operation.

43. With reference to 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. This campaign was carried from 10th to 28th February, 2020.
2. The objective is to promote the spirit of National Integration through various cultural activities.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

Codes :

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) both 1 and 2
- (d) neither 1 nor 2

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (c)

"Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" was celebrated between 10th-28th February 2020, throughout the country. During the celebration, rich culture & heritage, food, handicrafts & customs of all States/UTs were shown. The objective of this programme is to foster coordination between the people of different states by bridging cultural differences.

44. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National School of Drama recently?

- (a) Mahesh Bhatt
- (b) Akshay Kumar
- (c) Anupam Kher
- (d) Paresh Rawal
- (e) None of the above/ More than one of the above

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Ans. (d)

Famous Actor & former Parliament member Shri Paresh Rawal is the current Chairperson of the National School of Drama. He was appointed to the post in 2020.

45. Who is the Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organization?

- (a) Surjeet Singh Deswal
- (b) Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy
- (c) Arvind Saxena
- (d) Charanjit Singh Attra
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy is the Chairman of DRDO. He is also Secretary of Department of Defence R&D. He has a Phd. from JNTU Hyderabad.

46. In which State, 'Ghar Tak Fiber' Scheme has been launched on 21st September, 2020 through a video conference?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

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Ans. (c)

PM Modi inaugurated the 'Ghar Tak Fiber' Scheme on 21st September, 2020 in the state of Bihar. The Scheme aims to connect all 45,945 villages of Bihar with high-speed internet by 31st March, 2021.

47. 'Operation My Saheli' launched in September, 2020 aims

- (a) To encourage self-defence education among girls
- (b) To boost the security of women passengers in trains
- (c) To explore new job opportunities for women
- (d) To boost awareness against girl child labour
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

'Operation My Saheli' was launched by South Eastern Railway in September 2020 to boost the security of women passengers in trains during the entire journey. It aims to give security to women passengers from the originating point to the destination.

48. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Fit India Movement, who gave the Mantra, 'Fitness Ki Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz (Fitness Dose, Half an Hour Daily)?

- (a) Prime Minister, Narendra Modi
- (b) Union Home Minister, Amit Shah
- (c) Union Health Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (d) Yoga Guru, Baba Ramdev
- (e) None of the above/ More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (a)

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the Fit India Movement (24th September 2020), PM Modi addressed Fit India Dialogue through video conferencing. During the dialogue, he gave the Mantra of 'Fitness Ki Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz'.

49. On the one hundredth birth anniversary of Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a:

- (a) Fifty rupees coin
- (b) Fifty rupees note
- (c) One hundred rupees coin
- (d) One hundred rupees note
- (e) None of the above/ More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative Rs. 100 coin on 12th October, 2020 to celebrate the hundredth birth anniversary of Rajmata Vijay Raje Scindia. 'Rajmata' was the mother of former Rajasthan CM, Vasundhara Raje Scindia.

50. At the international airport of which city, India launched its first COVID-19 testing facility?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

India launched its first COVID-19 testing facility at an international airport in New Delhi. Indira Gandhi International Airport on 12th September, 2020.

51. Rafale fighter aircraft has been formally inducted into the Indian Air Force at which Air Force Station?

- (a) Hindon
- (b) Sarsawa
- (c) Ambala
- (d) Amritsar
- (e) None of the above/ More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

The Squadron of Rafale fighter aircraft were inducted at the Air Force Station, Ambala of the Indian Air Force. They will be a part of 17th squadron, the "Golden Arrows", which was resurrected on 10th September, 2019.

52. Who won the bid to construct the new Parliament building recently?

- (a) L & T Limited
- (b) Reliance Projects Limited
- (c) Tata Projects Limited
- (d) The National Highways Authority of India
- (e) None of the above /More than one of the above

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Ans. (c)

Tata Projects Limited has won the contract for building India's New Parliament building which is part of the government's Central Vista redevelopment plan.

53. Who is the Head of the National Commission for Women at present?

- (a) Mamta Sharma
- (b) Lalitha Kumaramangalam
- (c) Rekha Sharma
- (d) Smriti Irani
- (e) None of the above/ More than one of the above

66th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

Mrs. Rekha Sharma is the Head of the National Commission for Women. She assumed the charge on August 7, 2018. She has been associated with the commission as a member since August, 2015 & also held the additional charge as Chairperson NCW from September 29th, 2017.

54. Which of the following Indian States/Union Territories launched Electric Vehicle Policy on 7th August, 2020?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Tamil Nadu

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

Delhi government has launched the 'Electric Vehicle Policy' on 7th August 2020. The policy waives registration fee, road tax and provides an incentive of upto Rs. 1.5 lakh for new cars. The new EV policy aims to constitute 25% of electric vehicles by 2024, which is currently just 0.29% in the national capital.

55. Which of the following State Governments has started 'Pashu-Kisan Credit Card' Scheme in the year 2020?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Rajasthan

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

The first Pashu Kisan Credit Card in India were distributed to 101 animal farmers in Bhiwani in Haryana on December 6, 2019. The programme facilitates credit for livestock farmers to increase the Animal Husbandry business across the country. This is a major step toward the goal of 'Doubling of farmer's income by 2022'.

56. On 27th July, 2020, Prime Minister of India virtually inaugurated three new Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) high-end testing laboratories for COVID-19 test at which of the following places?

- (a) New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai
- (b) Kolkata, Noida, Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai
- (d) Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

On 27th July, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three high throughput COVID-19 testing facilities at the National Institutes of Indian Council of Medical Research at Kolkata, Mumbai and Noida. These facilities have the capacity of almost 10,000 daily tests. Apart from COVID-19 testing, the facilities will also be able to test for Hepatitis B and C, HIV, Dengue and several other diseases.

57. A two-day Workshop-cum-Exhibition on "Bamboo-A Wonder Grass" was held on January 11th-12th, 2020, at which of the following cities of India?

- (a) Agartala
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Jammu
- (d) Imphal

U.P.B.E.O. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (c)

A workshop-cum-exhibition on "Bamboo-A wonder grass" was held at Convention Centre in Jammu on January 11th-12th, 2020. The exhibition focussed on the commercial exploitation of bamboo to scale up economic development and job opportunities in the region.

58. In which of the following States of India the first-ever E-Lok Adalat was started during the COVID-19 period?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Bihar

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

Chhattisgarh government has organised the first e-Lok Adalat of India amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The e-Lok Adalat was organised by the High Court and Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority. Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms; it is a forum where disputes/cases pending in the court of law or at the pre-litigation stage are settled/compromised amicably. Lok Adalats have been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

59. The first 'Kisan Rail' of India started its journey on 8th August, 2020 between which of the following two stations?

- (a) Ghaziabad and Howrah
- (b) Devlali (Maharashtra) and Danapur (Bihar)
- (c) Nasik and New Delhi
- (d) Nasik and Ahmedabad

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (b)

The first Kisan Rail of India was flagged off on 7th August, 2020 between Devlali (Maharashtra) and Danapur (Bihar). The announcement to set up Kisan Rail was made in the Union Budget 2020-21 to build a seamless national cold supply chain for perishables, including of milk, meat and fish.

60. In August, 2020 Railway Museum in India was dedicated to the nation at which of the following places?

- (a) Hubballi
- (b) Mysore
- (c) Silvasa
- (d) Chittaranjan

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (a)

On 9th August, 2020, Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Prahlad Joshi, dedicated a Railway Museum at Hubballi in Karnataka. The Rail Museum is the first of its kind in North Karnataka and second in South Western Railway after the historic Rail Museum at Mysuru.

61. Which of the following was the main theme of Raisina Dialogue which was held during 14th-16th January, 2020?

- (a) Fluid Partnerships
- (b) Multilateralism and multipolarity
- (c) Navigating the Alpha Century
- (d) None of the above

U.P.B.E.O. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (c)

The main theme of Raisina Dialogue 2020 was Navigating the Alpha Century. Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference to address the most challenging issues of the global community. The dialogue is hosted in New Delhi by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

62. Indian Navy has launched 'Operation Vanila' in January, 2020 in which of the following countries?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Madagascar
- (d) Oman

U.P.B.E.O. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (c)

Indian Navy has launched 'Operation Vanila' in Madagascar. Whilst mission, Indian Navy ship Airavat provided humanitarian assistance to the affected population of Madagascar post devastation caused by Cyclone Diane.

63. Which State of India ranked top in the Good Governance Index among big States group in the country in the year 2019?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

U.P.B.E.O. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (b)

Tamil Nadu has been ranked top among the Big States in the 2019 Good Governance Index. Himachal Pradesh has been adjudged first among the North-East & Hill states, while Pondicherry secured top rank among Union Territories. Good Governance Index is a uniform tool across states to assess the status of Governance and the impact of various interventions taken up by the State Government and UTs. The Index is launched by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.

64. Which one of the following is NOT among those four Refurbished Heritage Buildings in Kolkata that were dedicated to the nation in January, 2020?

- (a) Old Currency Building
- (b) The Metcalfe House
- (c) Victoria Memorial Hall
- (d) Writer's Building

U.P.B.E.O. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (d)

On 11th January, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated four Refurbished Heritage Buildings to the Nation in Kolkata (West Bengal). The four iconic building include Old Currency Building, Belvedere House, Victoria Memorial Hall and Metcalfe House.

65. First ever containership from Kolkata Port to Agartala was sent through which one of the following Ports of Bangladesh in July, 2020?

- (a) Benapole
- (b) Maloti
- (c) Payra
- (d) Chattogram (Chittagong)

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (d)

The first-ever container ship from Kolkata to Agartala was sent through Chattogram (Chittagong) Port of Bangladesh. This big breakthrough in the development and North East India will reduce time and logistics cost for cargo movement.

66. With reference to the 'HAUSLA-2018', which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- 1. 'HAUSLA-2018' was organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- 2. It was National Festival for Children of Child Care Institution.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

Codes :

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (c)

Hausla 2018 was organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It was the National Festival for Children and Child Care Institution (CCI) and provides a national platform for the children from CCIs across India to showcase their talent via various events like painting competition, athletic meet, football, chess competition and speech writing. The theme of the event was 'child safety'.

67. Consider the following Chairperson of the National Women Commission:

- 1. Jayanti Patnaik
- 2. Mamta Sharma
- 3. Dr. Girija Vyas
- 4. Dr. Poornima Advani

Select the correct chronological order of their appointment from the codes given below:

Codes :

- (a) 2, 1, 3 and 4
- (b) 2, 3, 1 and 4
- (c) 1, 3, 4 and 2
- (d) 1, 4, 3, and 2

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (d)

The correct order regarding Chairperson's appointment is: Jayanti Patnaik, Dr. Poornima Advani, Dr. Grijya Vyas, Mamta Sharma. The National Commission for Women was set up as a statutory body in January 1992 under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990. The commission seeks to review the constitutional and legal safeguards for women, recommend remedial legislative measures, facilitate redressal of grievances and advise the government on all policy matters affecting women. The commission consists of a Chairperson, five Members and a Member-secretary, all nominated by the central government. Rekha Sharma is the current Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, having assumed the charge on August 7th, 2018.

68. Which of the following statement/s about 'India Ideas Summit, 2020' is/are correct?

- 1. It was organised by US-India Business Council virtually on 22nd July, 2020.
- 2. The theme of the Summit was 'Empowering India'.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

Codes :

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2020

Ans. (a)

India Ideas Summit was hosted by US-India Business Council virtually on 22nd July, 2020. The theme for the 2020 Summit was 'Building a Better Future'. The summit held discussions on areas including India-US cooperation and the future of relationships between the two countries in a post-pandemic world.

69. With reference to the Indian Culture Portal, which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- I. It has been developed by a team from I.I.T. Roorkee.
- II. It is the Government's first authorized portal where knowledge and cultural resources of various organisation of Ministry of Culture are available in public domain on a single platform.

Select the correct answer from the codes given below.

Codes :

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) None of the above

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Re-Exam) (Pre) 2016

Ans. (b)

On 10th December 2020, the Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge) Prahlad Singh Patel launched the Indian Culture web portal. The portal was envisioned by the Ministry of Culture and was developed by a team from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. It is the first government-authorized portal where knowledge and cultural resources of various organizations of the Ministry of Culture are now available in public domain on a single platform. So, option (b) is the correct answer.

70. The National Programme launched on October 10, 2019, by the Indian Government to encourage talented children to enrich their skills is –

- (a) LAKSHYA
- (b) PRATIBHA
- (c) DHRUV
- (d) PARIVARTAN

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (c)

The National Programme 'DHRUV' launched on October 10, 2019, by Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education) Government of India to identify and encourage talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge. The programme is named after a pole star called DHRUV TARA. The main objective of this program is to allow students to realize their complete potential and contribute to society. The programme aims to cover two areas namely Science & Arts. Students are selected from class 9 to class 12 all over the country.

71. What was the purpose of Inter-Creditor Agreement signed by Indian banks and financial institutions recently?

- (a) To lessen the Government of India's perennial burden of fiscal deficit and current account deficit
- (b) To support the infrastructure projects of Central and State Governments
- (c) To act as an independent regulator in case of applications for loans of Rs. 50 crore or more
- (d) To aim at faster resolution of stressed assets of Rs. 50 crore or more which are under consortium lending

Ans. (d)

Indian Banks and Financial Institutions signed an Inter-creditor Agreement (ICA) on 23rd July, 2018 to fast track the resolution of stressed assets of Rs. 50 crore or above that are under consortium lending. Consortium refers to several lending institutions that group together to jointly finance a single borrower.

72. The newly appointed Managing Director of I.M.F. is –

- (a) Kristalina Georgieva
- (b) Christine Lagarde
- (c) Raghuram Rajan
- (d) Surjit Bhalla

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (a)

The newly appointed Managing Director of IMF is Kristalina Georgieva. She was selected MD of the IMF on September 15, 2019. She assumed her position on October 1, 2019. IMF is an organization of 190 countries working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable growth, and reduce poverty around the world. Andorra is the 190th country to join the IMF on 16th October 2020. Andorra is a microstate between France & Spain.

73. Who amongst the following painters was born in 1922 in Madhya Pradesh, but lived and worked in France since 1950 and died in New Delhi in 2016?

- (a) Syed Haider Raza
- (b) M.F. Hussain
- (c) Raja Rao
- (d) N.S. Bendre

M.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (a)

Syed Haider Raza was an Indian painter who was born in 1922 in Madhya Pradesh, but lived and worked in France since 1950 and died in New Delhi in 2016. He was awarded the Padma Shri and Fellowship of the Lalit Kala Academy in 1981, Padma Bhushan in 2007, Padma Vibhushan in 2013 and the French Commandeur de la legion d' honneur in 2015.

74. The Chief Guest of the Republic Day celebration in 2019 in New Delhi was –

- (a) President of America, Donald Trump
- (b) President of Russia, Vladimir Putin
- (c) King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- (d) President of South Africa, Cyril Ramphosa

M.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (d)

The Chief Guest of the 2019 Republic Day celebration in New Delhi was President of South Africa, Cyril Ramphosa. 2020 Republic Day's Chief Guest was Brazilian President, Jair Bolsonaro. In 2021, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson (United Kingdom) was invited but the visit was cancelled due to the worsening COVID-19 situation in his country.

75. Who was the special guest at 3rd International Dhamma Dharma Conference held in Indore in 2015?

- (a) Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Sri Lanka
- (b) Mr. Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, Bhutan
- (c) Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Nepal
- (d) Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar

M.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (b)

Bhutan's Foreign Minister, Lyonpo Damcho Dorji, was the special guest at the 3rd International Dhamma Dharma Conference held in Indore in 2015. The theme of this conference was - Harmony of Religions - Welfare of Humankind". The 5th International Dharma-Dhamma conference was held at Rajgir (Bihar) in July 2019. Sri Lanka's Home Minister Gamini Jayawickrama Perera, Bhutan's Home and Culture Minister Lyonpo Sherub Gyeltshen and Juna Akhada's Awadeshnanda Giriji Maharaj were the Guests of Honour of the event.

76. The headquarters of IAAF is situated in –

- (a) Switzerland
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Germany
- (d) Monaco

M.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (d)

The headquarters of IAAF is situated in Monaco. IAAF stands for International Association of Athletics Federations. It is the worldwide governing body for professional-level athletics and track and field. The IAAF was officially renamed as World Athletics in November 2019.

77. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer from codes given below the lists:

- | List-I | List-II |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. Thomas Cook | 1. Recipient of Bharat-Bharati Award |
| B. Greta Thunberg | 2. Hong Kong Leader |
| C. Dr. Usha Kiran | 3. Environmental Activist |
| D. Carrie Lam | 4. British Tour and Travel Company |

Code :

A B C D

- (a) 1 2 3 4
- (b) 4 2 3 1
- (c) 1 3 4 2
- (d) 4 3 1 2

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (d)

The correct answer of the above given list are :

- | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Thomas Cook | – | British Tour and Travel Company |
| Greta Thunberg | – | Environmental Activist |
| Dr. Usha Kiran | – | Recipient of Bharat-Bharti Award |
| Carrie Lam | – | Hong Kong Leader |

78. Rural Sanitation Strategy launched by Ministry of Jal Shakti in September 2019 relates to which of the following periods?

- (a) 2019-2035
- (b) 2019-2029
- (c) 2019-2022
- (d) 2019-2024

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (b)

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 10-year Rural Sanitation Strategy starting from 2019 up to 2029. The strategy has been prepared by DDWS (Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation) in consultation with the State Governments and other stakeholders. The strategy aims to sustain the gains of the Swachh Bharat Mission- Grameen, ensuring sustained access to safely managed sanitation for all rural Indians and achieve a clean living environment through solid and liquid waste management.

79. Which of the following statement(s) about India's largest Charkha is/are true?

- 1. It was inaugurated in Noida.
- 2. It is made of used plastic waste.

Select the correct answer from codes given below:

Codes:

- (a) Only 1
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (c)

India's largest 'Charkha' (spinning wheel) made of used plastic waste was inaugurated in Noida on 1st October 2019 (i.e. the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary) by Union Minister, Smriti Irani. The 'Charkha' which symbolises Gandhi's dream of Swadeshi (Self Sufficing and self-reliance) measures 14 ft × 20 ft × 8ft and is made of 1250 kg of used plastic.

80. The first showroom in India of the retail furniture giant 'Ikea' was opened in which city in 2018?

- (a) Bengaluru (b) Hyderabad
- (c) New Delhi (d) Mumbai
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

65th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (b)

The first showroom in India of the Swedish retail furniture giant 'Ikea' was opened in Hyderabad city. This outlet is the first of 25 stores the world's largest furniture retailer plans to open in India. The second IKEA store was opened in Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra) in December 2020.

81. Who succeeded Manohar Parrikar as the Chief Minister of Goa on his death recently?

- (a) Sudin Dhavalikar (b) Nilesh Cabral
- (c) Pramod Sawant (d) Rohan Khaunte
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

65th B.P.S.C. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (c)

Goa Assembly Speaker, Pramod Sawant was named as the Chief Minister of Goa to succeed the late Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar on March 19, 2019. Sawant represents Sanquelim assembly constituency.

82. Who was the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court who administered the oath of office to Mr. Phagu Chauhan as the Governor of Bihar in July 2019?

- (a) Hon. Mukesh Shah (b) Hon. A.P. Sahi
- (c) Rekha Manharlal Doshit (d) Hon. Dipak Misra
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

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Ans. (b)

Phagu Chauhan was sworn in as the 40th Governor of the State of Bihar on 29th July, 2019, replacing Lalji Tandon. Phagu Chauhan was administered the Oath of Office by Chief Justice of Patna High Court, Amreshwar Pratap Shahi at the Raj Bhavan of Patna.

83. Which edition of the Indian Sign Language Dictionary was released by the Government in March 2019?

- (a) First (b) Second
- (c) Third (d) Fourth
- (e) None of the above/More than one of the above

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Ans. (b)

The Second edition of the Indian Sign Language Dictionary was released by the Government on 27th February 2019. The Dictionary includes 6,000 words under the categories of academic, legal, medical, technical and everyday terms.

84. Chakradhar Samaroh is organised in which city?

- (a) Khairagarh (b) Deogarh
- (c) Raigarh (d) Rajnandgaon

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Ans. (c)

Chakradhar Samaroh is organised in the city of Raigarh. Before independence, Raigarh was a princely state, where cultural and literary activities were widespread. Renowned musician Kumar Gandharva and the first Hindi poet Madhukar Pandey were from Raigarh. Raja Chakradhar of Raigarh was the first King to sign for the merger of a princely state in India, with the efforts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Raja Chakradhar was a skilled Tabla player and also proficient in music and dance. As a result of his efforts and encouragement, a new style of music and dance developed here.

85. Who is appointed as first Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh?

- (a) Girish Chandra Marmu
- (b) Radha Krishna Mathur
- (c) Satya Pal Malik
- (d) N.N. Vohra

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Ans. (b)

First Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh is Radha Krishna Mathur, since 31st October, 2019.

86. "Bilama dance" is performed by which tribe?

- (a) Baiga (b) Oraon
- (c) Madia (d) Kamar

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Ans. (a)

Bilama Dance is performed by the Baiga tribe. Baiga tribe is one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) that mainly lives in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Traditionally, they lived a semi-nomadic life and practised slash and burn cultivation. Now, they are dependent on minor forest produce for their livelihood. Tattooing is an integral part of the Baiga tribe with every age and body part has a specific tattoo reserved for the occasion.

87. In 'Ease of Doing Business Report' published by World Bank on 31st October, 2017, India has been placed at which rank?

- (a) 130 (b) 120
(c) 110 (d) 100

U.P.P.S.C. (GIC) 2017

Ans. (a)

In 'Ease of Doing Business Report' published by World Bank on 31st October, 2017, India has been placed at 130th position among the 190 countries. This report was introduced in 2003. In the Ease of Doing Business 2020 Report, India has been ranked 63rd.

88. Which of the following is a stimulant crop?

- (a) Wheat (b) Maize
(c) Arhar (d) Tea

U.P.P.S.C. (GIC) 2017

Ans. (d)

Tea is a stimulant crop. A stimulant is a drug that increases bodily activity, often increasing the heart rate. Other stimulant crops are coffee and cocoa.

89. Which of the following statements is incorrect about the Project Elephant started by the Indian Government?

- (a) It was started in 1991-92.
(b) It works on the confrontation between elephants and humans.
(c) It focuses only on the welfare of wild elephants
(d) It has been started as a centrally sponsored scheme.

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Mains) 2017

Ans. (c)

Project Elephant, a centrally sponsored scheme was launched in February 1992, by the Government of India, for the following purposes –

1. To protect elephants, their habitats & corridors
2. To prevent the man-wildlife conflicts and
3. Welfare of captive elephants

90. After the appointment of Justice Indu Malhotra, the number of female judges in the Supreme Court became two. The second female judge is?

- (a) Justice Ruma Pal
(b) Justice R. Banumathi
(c) Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra
(d) Justice Sangeeta Prakash

R.A.S./R.T.S. (Pre) 2018

Ans. (b)

After the appointment of Justice Indu Malhotra, the number of female judges in the Supreme Court became two. The second female judge was Justice R. Banumathi. Now, as of the year 2021, there are again two female judges (Indu Malhotra & Indira Banerjee) in the Supreme Court after the retirement of Justice R. Bhanumati in July 2020.

91. "Women Power Line - 1090 Programme" started on –

- (a) 12-12-2012 (b) 15-11-2012
(c) 16-11-2013 (d) 20-11-2014

U.P.P.C.S. (Mains) 2017

Ans. (b)

Women Power Line 1090 has been established by the Uttar Pradesh government to prevent/redress incidents of female harassment strictly. Since 15th November 2012 the service is in continuation. To make the Women Power Line service more effective, the 'Women Security App 1090' service had also been started in 2014.

92. Which of the following is the largest rural employment programme in India?

- (a) MNREGA
(b) TRYSEM
(c) Work for food
(d) Skill Development Programme

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2018

Ans. (a)

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) was first started in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh on February 2, 2006 and initially covered 200 of the most impoverished districts across India, to which the President has approved on 5th September, 2005. The Act was then carried out in phases, 130 districts were added from 2007 - 2008 that gradually spread to over 708 districts across the country (except Jammu & Kashmir, the then state with its constitution, now it is applicable as it is a Union Territory and integral part of India). The name of NREGA was changed to MGNREGA, i.e. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, on October 2nd, 2009. MGNREGA is an employment Scheme that provides social security by guaranteeing a minimum of 100 days of paid work per year to rural households; this is what makes it unique as compared to other schemes. It has become the most employment provider scheme.

TRYSEM- Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment was launched on 15th August 1979, as an allied scheme of the Integrated Rural Development Program (IRDP). In this, preferences was given to Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes (atleast 50% coverage). It was merged with Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana in April, 1999.

National Food for Work Programme (NFWP) – 2004, was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development on November 14, 2004, in 150 of the most backward districts of India to generate supplementary wage employment. The programme is open for all Indian poor people who are ready to do manual unskilled labour work & need wage employment. At present, NFWP is subsumed with the MGNREGA.

Skill Development Programme - To impart skill training education, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister, has launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana on 15th July 2015 with an allocation of 1500 crores rupees. With this Scheme, 24 lakh youth were aimed to get trained in the next one year. After the effective implementation of scheme for one year, it was extended for 4 years (2016-20) by the Ministry and also it was declared to allocate 12000 crore rupees with the aim to train 1 crore youths.

93. Tribes of which division celebrate "Goncha" festival?

- (a) Sarguja (b) Bastar
(c) Durg (d) Raipur

Chhattisgarh P.C.S. (Pre) 2019

Ans. (b)

The Goncha festival is Rath Yatra Festival of Lord Jagannath, similar to Puri Rathayatra. The word Goncha is derived from the word Gundicha Jatra in Puri. This annual festival is celebrated on Ashad Shukla Dwitiya. It is one of the major festival celebrations in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.

94. Which district of Bihar established a record by constructing 11244 toilets in 100 hours?

- (a) Sivan (b) Gopalganj
(c) Chhapra (d) Muzaffarpur

U.P.R.O./A.R.O. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

In February 2018, 11244 toilets were constructed in 100 hours, breaking all records under the special campaign of the Gopalganj district administration of Bihar. Earlier this, record of constructing 10,449 toilets in 100 hrs was on the name Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh.

95. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding Smart India Hackathon 2017?

1. It is centrally sponsored scheme for developing every city of our country into smart cities in a decade.
2. It is an initiative to identify new digital technology innovations for solving the problems faced by our country.

3. It is a programme aimed at making all the financial transactions in our country completely digital in a decade.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only
(c) 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only

I.A.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

Smart India Hackathon (SIH) was inaugurated by Central Human Resource Development Minister, Prakash Javadekar on November 9, 2016. The initiative is aimed at reaching out to all technology institutions in India & challenge students to offer innovative solutions to the complex problems faced by our nation. Smart India Hackathon, 2017 was held non-stop for 36 hours to build products/ solutions on the problems identified by different Ministries/Departments across 26 locations in India. The SIH 2020 was jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) from 1st-4th August 2020. The theme of SIH 2020 was 'No problem is too big... No idea is too small'. Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) Pune, an autonomous organization under the Department of Defence Research & Development DRDO, won the first prize in SIH 2020.

96. Which one of the following is India's first city to have its logo?

- (a) Bengaluru (b) Mysore
(c) Mumbai (d) Indore

U.P.P.C.S. (Mains) 2017

Ans. (a)

Bengaluru is the first city in India, to have its Logo (Identity badge). This was released with the sideline of Habba street festival, Bengaluru on 24th December, 2017. The Logo was designed by the startup company named 'Nammur'. The tagline of the Logo is 'Bengaluru- Be U'. After this achievement, Bengaluru is included in the list of cities like New York, Paris and Manchester, having their identity Badge (Logo).

97. How much loan amount will be granted by the bank under "Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana" for Industry business and service under "Kishor enterprise"?

- (a) Rs. 50,000
(b) More than Rs. 50,000 and upto Rs. 1,00,000
(c) More than Rs. 1,00,000 and upto Rs. 5,00,000
(d) More than Rs. 50,000 and upto Rs. 5,00,000
(e) None of these

Chhattisgarh P.C.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (d)

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was started on 8th April 2015. Its objective is to provide loans to entrepreneurs for starting small/Micro enterprises. The types of Mudra Loans are –

- (i) Shishu : Scheme offers loans up to Rs. 50,000
- (ii) Kishor : Scheme offers loans above Rs. 50,000 and upto Rs. 5 lakhs.
- (iii) Tarun : Scheme offers loans above Rs 5 lakh and upto Rs. 10 lakhs

98. 'Stand-up India' Scheme's Purpose is –

- (a) To encourage entrepreneurship among the SC/STs and Women entrepreneurship
- (b) To encourage entrepreneurship among the entrepreneurs of the Backward Classes.
- (c) To encourage entrepreneurship only among the entrepreneurs of Scheduled Castes.
- (d) To encourage entrepreneurship only among the women entrepreneurs.

Jharkhand P.C.S. (Pre) 2016

Ans. (a)

The Stand-Up India Scheme is based on recognition of the challenges faced by SC, ST & Women entrepreneurs in setting up enterprises, obtaining loans and other support needed from time to time for succeeding in business. On 15th August, 2015, Prime Minister announced this Stand-Up India scheme. This scheme was inaugurated on the occasion of birthday of the Babu Jagjivan Ram, i.e. 5th April, 2016 and also Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's 125th Birth Anniversary, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Noida.

99. With reference to 'National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)', which of the statements given below is /are correct?

- 1. Under NSQF, a learner can acquire the certification for competency only through formal learning.
- 2. An outcome expected from the implementation of NSQF is the mobility between vocational and general education.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

I.A.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

Under NSQF, a learner can acquire the certification for competency needed at any level through formal, non-formal or informal learning. Therefore statement 1 is wrong.

Specific outcomes expected from implementation of NSQF are :

- 1. Mobility between vocational & general education by the alignment of degrees with NSQF.
- 2. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), allowing transition from non-formal to the organised job market.
- 3. The standardized, consistent, nationally acceptable outcome of training across the country through a national quality assurance framework.
- 4. Global mobility of skilled workforce from India, through international equivalence of NSQF.
- 5. Mapping of progressive pathways within sectors & cross-sectorally.
- 6. Approval of NOS/QPs (National Occupational Standards/Qualification Packs) as national standards for skill training.

100. Haryana Government has launched a 7-star Gram Panchayat Rainbow scheme to give a star ranking to its Panchayats based on Seven Social Parameters. What is the star ranking given to those panchayats that make outstanding performance in improving sex ratio?

- (a) Pink Star
- (b) Green Star
- (c) Golden Star
- (d) Silver Star

R.A.S./R.T.S. (Pre) 2018

Ans. (a)

Haryana government has launched 7 Star Gram Panchayat Rainbow Scheme to be given to its panchayats based on seven social parameters.

Various colour stars –

- 1. Pink Stars - It will be awarded to those panchayats that make outstanding performance in improving sex ratio.
- 2. Green Star- It is for protection of the environment.
- 3. White Star – For cleanliness.
- 4. Saffron Star - For crime-free Gram Panchayats and social harmony.
- 5. Golden Star - It is for good governance.
- 6. Silver Star - It will be awarded for participation in the development of the village.
- 7. Blue Star - It will be awarded to the village that will have zero school dropouts till class 8th (Education).

101. What is Dhing Express?

- (a) Train between Dhing and Kolkata
- (b) Nickname of Hima Das
- (c) Express-way between Palwal and Kundli
- (d) Popular Magazine

U.P.P.C.S. (Pre) 2018

Ans. (b)

Hima Das, nicknamed the Dhing Express, is an Indian sprinter. She had won a silver medal in 2018 Asian Games, Women's 400 m individual race. Hima Das was also part of the Indian Women's team, which won a Gold medal in women's 4 × 400 metres relay competition at 2018 Asian Games. It is noteworthy that she was born near Dhing Town of Nagaon District, Assam.

102. Consider the following statements :

The nation-wide 'Soil Health Card Scheme' aims at :

1. Expanding the cultivable area under irrigation.
2. Enabling the banks to assess the quantum of loans to be granted to farmers on the basis of soil quality.
3. Checking the overuse of fertilizers in farmlands.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

I.A.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

On February 19, 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a nationwide Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme in Suratgarh town of Ganganagar district, Rajasthan. The PM gave the Slogan - Swasth Dhara, Khet Haraa. It aims to help farmers to improve the productivity of farms by providing them with the necessary information for the use of nutrients or fertilizers. It also helps to identify the health of soil & sensitise them about the environment. Other options are not related to SHC.

103. What is the aim of the Programme 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'?

- (a) Achieving 100% literacy by promoting collaboration between voluntary organizations and government education system and local communities.
- (b) Connecting institutions of higher education with local communities to address development challenges through appropriate technologies.
- (c) Strengthening India's scientific research institutions to make India a scientific and technological power.
- (d) Developing human capital by allocating special funds for health care and education of rural and urban poor and organizing skill development programmes and vocational training for them.

I.A.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (b)

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is related to rural development. Providing rural India with professional resource support from institutes of higher education to address the development challenges through appropriate technologies. Human Resource Development, along with the Ministries of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has agreed to link all Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) with rural development processes under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA). The programme was formally launched on 11th November, 2014. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 (upgraded version) was launched on April 25th, 2018. This scheme is extended to all educational institutes; however under UBA 2.0 the selection of participating institutes is based on the fulfillment of certain criteria.

104. What is the purpose of 'Vidhyanjali Yojana'?

1. To enable the famous foreign educational institutions to open their campuses in India
2. To increase the quality of education provided in government schools by taking help from the private sector and the community.
3. To encourage voluntary monetary contributions from private individuals and organizations so as to improve the infrastructure facilities for primary and secondary schools.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below :

- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only

I.A.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (a)

Vidyanjali is a School Volunteer programme and initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education) to enhance community & private sector involvement in Government run elementary schools. Under the programme, Volunteers, including the Indian diaspora, retired persons, like teachers, government officials, defence personnel, professionals, & women who are homemakers, will offer their services for co-scholastic activities for children from class I to VIII.

105. When was 'Sagarmala Project' launched in India?

- (a) March, 2015 (b) March, 2016
(c) March, 2014 (d) December, 2015
(e) None of these

Chhattisgarh P.C.S. (Pre) 2017

Ans. (a)

The Sagarmala Project is the flagship programme of the Ministry of shipping to promote port-led development in the country by exploiting India's 7,500 km long coastline, 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways & its strategic location on key international maritime trade routes. The Union Cabinet approved the concept of Sagarmala on March 25, 2015.

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