

### **GK Digest - January Month**

#### International Affairs

#### Saudi Arabia and UAE Introduce VAT for First Time

- Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
   introduced value-added tax (VAT). These are the first
   two countries in the Gulf which have introduced the VAT
   system.
- The 5% levy is being applied to the majority of goods and services.
- The UAE estimates that in the first year, VAT income will be around 12 billion dirhams. Petrol and diesel, food, clothes, utility bills and hotel rooms all now have VAT applied.
- But some outgoings have been made exempt from the tax, or given a zero-tax rating, including medical treatment, financial services and public transport.

#### Israel Withdraws from UNESCO

 Israel filed notice to withdraw from the UNESCO alongside the United States. Israel has blasted UNESCO in recent years over the organization's criticism of Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem and its decision to grant full membership to Palestine in 2011.











- Israel was the member of UNESCO since 1949.
- Both Israel and the US have filed its own withdrawal notice in October 2017.

#### Turkey on the path to make relations stronger with Germany

 Turkey expressed pleasure to make relationships with Germany rockier. Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu called for a fresh start in his country's rocky relationship with Germany, holding out the prospect of closer economic cooperation, particularly in transport and energy.

### Iceland Became first country to Legalise Equal Pay

- Iceland became the first country in the world to legalize equal pay between men and women.
- In Iceland now it will be illegal to pay men more than women for the work. Under the new rules, companies and government agencies employing at least 25 people will have to obtain government certification of their equal-pay policies.

#### **Nepal Bans Solo Climbing on Mount Everest**

- Nepal banned solo climbers from scaling its mountains, including Mount Everest, in a bid to reduce accidents.
- The new safety regulations also prohibit double amputee and blind climbers from attempting to reach the summit











- of the world's highest peak without a valid medical certificate.
- The law had been revised to make mountaineering safer and to decrease deaths.

# Pakistan released 147 Indian fishermen on humanitarian grounds

- Pakistan released 147 Indian fishermen from Malir Jail in Karachi as a goodwill gesture. As per the list was given to the Indian High Commission by the Pakistani government, 457 Indian prisoners including 399 fishermen and 58 civil prisoners are in Pakistani jails.
- The fishermen were arrested for fishing illegally within the marine border limits of Pakistan and have completed their prison term.
- The Edhi Foundation provided them with clothes and Rs 5,000 each. Fishermen from India and Pakistan are frequently detained for illegally fishing in each other's territorial waters since the Arabian Sea does not have a clearly defined marine border and the wooden boats lack the technology to avoid being drifting away.

Saudi Arabia gives green signal to India's proposal to revive sea route for Haj pilgrimage











- Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi Saudi Arabia gave green signal to India's proposal to revive option of Haj pilgrimage through sea route. It will be a revolutionary, pro-poor, pilgrim-friendly decision.
- Haj pilgrims through ships will help cut down travel expenses significantly. Mr Naqvi said, officials from both countries will discuss all formalities and technicalities so that Haj through sea route can be re-started in coming years.
- The practice of ferrying Haj pilgrims between Mumbai and Jeddah by waterways was stopped in 1995. Saudi Arabia Haj Minister Dr. Mohamed Bentin and Mr. Naqvi, who is on a Saudi Arabia visit, have signed bilateral annual Haj 2018 agreement in Makkah. For the first time, Muslim women from India will go to Hajj without Mahram, male companion.

## Germany denies achieving climate change goal till 2020

- The goal to cut the carbon emission by 2020 may be missed by Germany as the chancellor Angela Merkel and her party has denied achieving the goal in next two years.
- To achieve the target of lowering the emissions by 40 percent by 2020 from 1990 levels by about five percentage points is on low chances. Despite











- a booming renewable sector, Germany still gets 39% of its power from coal.
- A cross-party commission has been established to create a phase-out plan for the dirty fuel, but it remains a politically charged subject, with utilities and mining unions playing for more time to transition. Germany likes to champion itself as a climate leader.

## Saudi Arabia allows women to attend men football match for 1st time

- Saudi Arabia allowed women to attend a men's football match for the first time from a sports stadium. This comes after Saudi women were allowed in a stadium for National Day celebrations in a one-off event in September last year.
- A hashtag, translated as "the people welcome the entry of women into stadiums", was used tens of thousands of times in two hours as the match took place.

### China builds World's Biggest Air Purifier

 China constructed a 330-foot tall air purifying tower dubbed the "world's biggest air purifier".











- The tower, which is being tested by researchers, produced more than 10 million cubic meters of clean air since it was launched.
- The air purification system works through greenhouses covering about half the size of a soccer field around the base of the tower.

# Donald Trump awarded bravery medal for scolding Pakistan over terrorism

- Afghanistan residents awarded Donald Trump a bravery medal for rebuking Pakistan over its failure in curbing terrorist havens.
- As per local media reports, the medal has been forged using funds collected by Afghans from the Logar province worth 45,000 Afghanis (\$645) and consists of 15 grams of gold.
- The US Ambassador in Kabul John R Bass promised that he will soon hand over the medal to the US President.

# Israel PM Addresses India-Israel Business Summit in Mumbai

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited
 Mumbai during the final leg of his visit to India.











- He addressed the India-Israel Business Summit at the iconic Taj Mahal hotel in south Mumbai.
- Later in the day, Mr. Netanyahu will attend the 'Shalom Bollywood' event at the Taj hotel.
- A monthly magazine titled 'Namaste Shalom' will also be launched to mark Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Mumbai visit.
- The magazine is planned to carry forward the great initiative of Mr. Modi and Mr. Netanyahu to strengthen India-Israel relations.

## Sri Lanka bans import of non-airbag equipped vehicles from July 1

- Sri Lanka restricted the import of the vehicles which do not carry airbags for driver and front seat passenger, Anti-Locking Braking System standards (ABS) and three-point seat belts for driver and passengers traveling front and rear seats.
- This decision after considering the representations made by motor vehicle importers and manufacturers for a lead time to make required adjustments to comply with the proposed emission standards and safety measures.
- Accordingly, the importation of motor vehicles, which are below emission standards of the Euro IV or its











equivalent and not complied with the following safety standards, will totally be prohibited effective from 1st July 2018.

#### **National Affairs**

### Women & Child Development Ministry Inaugurated Online Portal NARI

- Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated an online portal NARI in New Delhi for the empowerment of women.
- The portal will provide women with easy access to information on government schemes and initiatives for women.
- The portal summarises over 350 government schemes and other important information. It provides links to the Ministries, Departments and autonomous bodies offering these schemes as well as easy access to online applications and grievance redressal.

### Union Cabinet approves establishment of new AIIMS at Bilaspur

- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- The new AIIMS will be completed in a period of 48 months.











- It will consist of a hospital with a capacity of 750 beds and trauma center facilities. It will also have a Medical college with an intake of 100 MBBS students per year.
- Under this scheme, AIIMS have been established in Bhubaneshwar (Odisha), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Rishikesh and Patna (Bihar) while work of AIIMS Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh) is in progress.

## Indian Railways to Equip All 8,500 Stations With Free Public Wi-Fi Facility

- All railway station nearly 8,500 across the country, including those in rural and remote areas will be equipped with Wi-Fi facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 700 crore (\$110 million).
- As part of the government's ambitious Digital India initiative, the national transporter has currently commissioned Wi-Fi services at 216 major stations enabling about seven million rail passengers to log on to the free Internet facility. 1,200 stations have been identified for this facility to primarily cater to rail passengers, about 7,300 stations have been earmarked to not only serve passengers but also local people in rural and remote areas.











- Railway stations in rural areas will have kiosks with Wi-Fi that will become digital hot spots offering services like digital banking,
- Aadhaar generation, issuing government certificates, including birth and death certificates, and filing taxes and paying bills, among others.

### India's Second FTII to be Set up in Arunachal Pradesh

- Minister of State (I/C) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region Jitendra Singh announced that Arunachal Pradesh would get its first Film and Television Institute, being set up by the Union Government as part of tapping the potential of the Northeastern region.
- This would be the second such one in the country. The first Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) was set up in Pune.
- FTII is an autonomous institute operating under the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

## Union Government to launch e-Sansad and e-Vidhan in Parliament and State

The Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
 (MoPA) proposed rolling out of e-Sansad in
 Parliament and e-Vidhan in State Legislatures to
 digitize and make their functioning paperless.











- It was announced by Parliamentary Affairs
   Minister Ananth Kumar after inaugurating 18th All
   India Whips' Conference in Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- They are mission mode projects of Union Government under Digital India to make the functioning of Parliament and State Legislatures paperless.
- These projects will make the functioning of Parliament and State Legislatures participative, responsive, transparent, productive and more accountable.

# Haryana Becomes First State to Launch High Risk Pregnancy Portal

- Haryana becomes the first state in the country to launch High-Risk Pregnancy (HRP) Portal. This portal not only helps in early identification of high-risk pregnant cases up to the grass-roots level but also ensures their timely referral to the civil hospitals for further management and delivery by specialists.
- This innovative web application has been designed to track every high-risk pregnant woman till 42 days after delivery so that she receives adequate treatment during the antenatal period for the healthy outcome of pregnancy.











## Mumbai to get 40 electronic buses announcement by CM Fadnavis

- Pollution is hitting hard on people and in order to curb this situation, the officials are trying hard to take out ways to get away from this problem.
- Electric buses and train working on solar energy have garnered the much need attention and is appreciated by the people for this unique move of the authorities and officials.
- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis approved and tweeted to let 40 electronic buses run on the streets of Mumbai.
- This concept was coined by three members Armaan Jain, Murtuza Kothawala and Shyam Dyate working under the CM Fellowship program.
- With the aim of contributing their share, they came up with the idea of providing Mumbai with electronic buses. The BEST issued tender of buying new buses in order to put this idea into action.

### India to Host 16th International Energy Forum Meet

 The 16th International Energy Forum (IEF)
 Ministerial meeting will be held in New Delhi in April 2018.











- According to the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan, the meeting will be hosted by Government of India in New Delhi and co-hosted by the Government of China and South Korea.
- Representatives from 92 countries will be participating in the conference, including 72 member countries of IEF and 20 guest countries.

### Agreements and MoU

# IICA, IPPB Sign MoU to Provide Training on Payment Banking

- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) signed an agreement for the training of employees of the latter in the area of payment banking.
- Under the agreement, IICA has been entrusted with the key responsibility of capacity building of IPPB through training of its officials/employees besides providing research support by instituting Research Chairs in the emerging area of payment banking.









## Indian Railways HRD and S&T Ministry ink MoU on Technology Mission for Indian Railways

- Three Ministries namely Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) and Ministry of Science & Technology have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for joint funding of Technology Mission for Indian Railways (TMIR).
- The MoU aims to facilitate co-financing of (TMIR) by investment sharing for identified railway projects for applied research.
- Indian Railways will be benefited with the availability of world-class indigenized technologies at very reasonable cost through this consortium approach.

### Indian Navy Signed MoU with Cochin Port Trust

- The Indian Navy inked a MoU with the Cochin Port Trust (CPT), Kerala towards leasing of 228 meters of berths at Mattancherry Wharf for a period of five years.
- The MoU has been concluded to cater for the futuristic requirements of the Navy with the sizeable increase in its fleet scheduled in the near future. This is the first time such an agreement has been signed between the Navy and CPT.











## South Korea and GCCI Sign MoU for Business Cooperation

- An official delegation from South Korea and the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) signed a MoU for co-operation between industries in Gujarat and the East Asian country, with a focus on automobile, defense and textiles sectors.
- The main objective of the MoU is to help Gujarat-based small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to explore opportunities through joint ventures with South Korean firms, especially in areas of automobile, defense, and textiles

# India and Canada soon to sign MoU for cooperation in field of Science and Technology

- India and Canada will soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the cooperation in the field of Science and Technology. That will provide a mechanism and help to foster scientific cooperation between R&D and academic institutions of the two countries.
- Notably, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime
   Minister Narendra Modi has approved a MoU with











- Canada for cooperation in the field of Science and Technology.
- Under the MoU, an innovative model of R&D cooperation between India and Canada will be implemented under a MoU concluded by the Department of Science and Technology with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada.
- Under this MoU, the India-Canada Centre for Innovative Multidisciplinary Partnership to Accelerate Community Transformation and Sustainability (IC-IMPACTS) programme will be supported to promote India-Canada multidisciplinary research partnerships.
- The R&D projects will be aimed at accelerating social transformation by providing solutions through application of science and technology.

# India and US join hands to enhance effectiveness of information exchange and transparency

 To enhance the effectiveness of information exchange and transparency, India and United States of America (USA) signed the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) under FATCA in 2015.











- The Notably, the two countries are committed to establishing, by January 1, 2017, rules requiring their Reporting Financial Institutions (RFID) to obtain the Tax Identity Number (TIN) of each reportable person having a reportable account as of June 30, 2014 (pre-existing account).
- The Income-tax Rules, accordingly, provide for reporting of U.S. TIN from the year 2017 onwards in respect of any pre-existing account. The US-IRS has issued guidelines through Notice 2017-46 dated 25.09.2017 providing relaxation to Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) with respect to reporting of U.S.TIN for calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

## India and Sri Lanka Sign 4 Agreements for Collaboration in ICT Sector

- India and Sri Lanka signed four agreements for collaboration in the Information and communication technology (ICT) sector, setting up of an e-office system and connecting of National Knowledge Network (NKN) for collaboration among universities and academics.
- With the move, Sri Lanka has become the first country to be connected to India's NKN through a Gigabyte optical fiber network.











 The MoU for cooperation was signed by Union minister for Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad with his Sri Lankan counterpart, during his visit to Colombo.

# India and Israel sign 9 agreements in space, defence, cybersecurity

- India and Israel have signed nine agreements to boost cooperation in the areas of space, cyber security and oil and gas between both countries.
- The agreements were signed following delegation-level talks headed by Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu in New Delhi.
- Netanyahu is first Israeli Prime Minister to visit India in the span of last 15 years and second one overall.
- Agreement on Film-co-production. Protocol on Amendments to Air Transport Agreement MoU on Cyber Security Cooperation between India and Israel Memorandum MoU between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Ministry of Energy on Cooperation in Oil and Gas Sector Lol between IOCL and Yeda Research MoU between Central Council for Research in Homeopathy and Ministry of AYUSH and Centre for Integrative Complementary Medicine,









 Shaare Zedek MoU between Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) and Technion- Israel Institute of Technology for cooperation in the field of space.

## Telangana and Tokyo Body Signed MoU for Municipal Waste Incineration

- The Telangana government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clean Authority of Tokyo in connection with municipal solid waste incineration in Hyderabad.
- The two bodies exchanged knowledge in municipal solid waste incineration facilities and make an effort to realize human resource exchanges in view of technical cooperation in the future.

# Ministry Of Road Transport & Highways Signed MoU With IL&FS For Construction Of Zojila Tunnel

 The Memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, and M/S IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd for construction of the 14.150 km long, 2-lane bi-directional Zojila Tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir.











- This would be India's longest road tunnel and the longest bi-directional tunnel in Asia.
- The construction of this tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil, and Leh.
- The total capital cost of the project is Rs 6808.69 crore.
- The construction period of the project is seven years.

#### **Sports**

#### Vidarbha Defeats Delhi to win Ranji Trophy for the First Time

- Vidarbha created history by winning the Ranji Trophy for the first time in history with a thumping nine-wicket win over Delhi at the Holkar stadium in Indore.
- Rajneesh Gurbani 6/59, including a hat-trick and a century from Akshay Wadkar, were the key moments in Vidarbha scripting a fairytale run. For Delhi, Dhruv Shorey was the star with a century and a fifty but Rishabh Pant's side came up short on the given day.

## G Sathiyan Becomes India's Highest-Ranked Player in Latest ITTF Rankings

- G Sathiyan becomes India's highest-ranked player in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings.
- He surpasses his compatriot the legendary Sharath Kamal. The current ranking of Sathiyan is 49, pushing











Kamal to the second spot at 51. As for the women, Manika Batra is topping the world chart among Indians at 62th.

### Meghalaya signs host city contract for 39th National Games in 2022

- Meghalaya signed the Host City Contract with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for hosting the 39th National Games in 2022.
- The tripartite contract was signed between the IOA, the Meghalaya State Olympic Association, and the state government.
- Meghalaya had made the bid to host the 39th National Games after successfully co-hosting the South Asian Games in 2017.

# Union Government created a positive environment to promote entrepreneurship: Rathore

- Minister of state for youth affairs, sports and Information and Broadcasting that government created a Positive environment and ecosystem to promote entrepreneurship.
- Taking part in a panel discussion on Right Ecosystem for extraordinary Growth of MSME in Jaipur that Government is providing funding to micro, medium and small industry in large scale to create a positive environment.











 The government spent 3.7 lakh crore rupees on funding through MUDRA.

# Aditya Mehta Wins Kolkata Open 2018 International Invitation Snooker Championship

- Professional player Aditya Mehta won the Kolkata Open 2018 International Invitation Snooker Championship in the capital city of West Bengal Kolkata.
- This is his third Kolkata Open title since its inception. In the thrilling final he defeated Englishman Professional Player Alfie Burden.

# IOA Appoints Harjinder Singh as 'Chef de Mission' for Winter Olympics 2018

 The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) appointed Harjinder Singh as the Chef De Mission for the 23rd Winter Olympic Games to be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea in February 2018. Harjinder Singh is at present the General Secretary in the Ice Hockey Association of India.











## Brazilian World Cup winner Ronaldinho retires from Football

- Brazilian World Cup winner Ronaldinho formally confirmed his retirement from football, more than two years since his last appearance as professional reports in Brazil.
- The 37-year-old former Paris Saint-Germain and Barcelona star, a key member of the Brazil side which won the World Cup in 2002, last played in 2015 during a brief stint with Fluminense.
- Ronaldinho's career began with Gremio in Porto Alegre, his hometown, before he emerged as a star with French giants PSG.
- He then spent five years with Barcelona between 2003 and 2008, helping the Catalans win the Champions League in 2006, after being awarded the Ballon d'Or in 2005.











### **Important Quiz Questions - Monthly**

- 1) Which state Declared Open Defecation Free?
  - a) Arunachal Pradesh
  - b)Bihar
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Which country Hosting 10 ASEAN Leaders on Republic Day 2018 ?
  - a) Pakistan
  - b) South Africa
  - c) Iran
  - d) India
- 3) Who is appointed as Foreign Secretary to India?
  - a) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
  - b) Suresh Krishna
  - c) Naresh Iyer
  - d) Vijay Prakash
- 4) Who Wins Royal Cup at Pattaya?
  - a) Shiv Kapur
  - b) Arjun Atwal
  - c) Aditi Ashok
  - d) Ashok Kumar













- 5) Which bank Launches fourth edition of Evolve?
  - a) Axis Bank
  - b) State Bank of india
  - c) Dena bank
  - d) Canara Bank
- 6) Which bank Reduces Base Rate and Benchmark Prime Lending Rates Each by 30 bps?
  - a) Dena Bank
  - b) State Bank of India
  - c) Canara Bank
  - d) UCO Bank
- 7) How many lakh subscribers did Atal Pension Yojana reached?
  - a)80 lakh
  - b)65 lakh
  - c) 95 lakhs
  - d)45 lakhs
- 8) How many billions did Forex Reserves scale record in December 2017?
  - a)410 millions
  - b)560 millions
  - c) 650 millions
  - d)780 millions
- 9) Which expo Kicked off at Kathmandu recently?
  - a) Himalayan Hydro Expo 2018
  - b) Delhi fair Exhibition
  - c) Nagpur Hill Exhibition

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- d) Travel Expo 2018
- 10) Which city World Book Fair Begins?
  - a) New Delhi
  - b) Kolkata
  - c) Chennai
  - d)Patna
- 11) Which state CM Unveils Official Emblem recently?
  - a) West Bengal
  - b)Bihar
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Tamil nadu
- 12) Which person to address conference of top police officers at MP's Tekanpur?
  - a) Shri Narendra Modi
  - b) Shri Arun Jaitley
  - c) Shri Vijay bhaskar
  - d) Shri Prakash javadekar
- 13) Which state India's Second FTII to be Set up recently?
  - a) Arunachal pradesh
  - b) Kerala
  - c) Andhra Pradesh
  - d) Madhya Pradesh
- 14) Which country signed an Mou with India on Cooperation in Oil and Gas Sector?
  - a) Israel













- b) Pakistan
- c) South Africa
- d) Albania

### 15) Which bank Bonds Scheme Being Replaced by 7.75% Savings Bonds Scheme?

- a) Dena Bank
- b) Canara Bank
- c) SBI Bank
- d) Reserve Bank of India

### 16) Who won Brisbane International title recently?

- a) Elina Svitolina
- b)LeBron James
- c) Usain Bolt
- d)Lionel Messi

#### 17) Which title won by Gilles Simon?

- a) Tata Open Title
- b) Open squash title
- c) Super Series title
- d)Laver Cup

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- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Arunachal pradesh











- 19) Who signed MoU with Cochin Port Trust recently?
  - a) Indian Navy
  - b) Indian Army
  - c) Indian Police
  - d) Indian Railways
- 20) How many railway stations did Indian Railways to Equip With Free Public Wi-Fi Facility?
  - a)8,500
  - b)9000
  - c) 5600
  - d)6500
- 21) Which country banned teaching of English language in primary schools to fight against western cultural invasion?
  - a) Iran
  - b)Pakistan
  - c) South Africa
  - d) North America
- 22) Who signs Pact with FreeCharge recently?
  - a)PhonePe
  - b)Zomato
  - c) Paytm
  - d)Zender
- 23) Who introduced Virtual ID to Strengthen Privacy and Security of Aadhaar Data?
  - a)RBI













- b)SBI
- c) NABARD
- d) UIDAI

## 24) Which country signed GCCI Sign MoU for Business Cooperation?

- a) South korea
- b) North Africa
- c) Russia
- d) Sweden

## 25) Which company planning to launch its own cryptocurrency?

- a) Reliance
- b) Ashok Leyland
- c) Larsen & Toubro
- d)Tech mahindra

## 26) How many millions did India contributed to UN Youth Envoys office?

- a)\$50,000
- b)\$40,000
- c) \$ 65,000
- d)\$85,000

## 27) Who Bags Bronze India's 1st International Medal in Skiing?

- a) Anchal Thakur
- b) Naresh iyer
- c) Vijay Sekhar
- d)Suresh narayan











- 28) Which company will have 2 million cars on roads building HD maps this year ?
  - a)Intel
  - b) Ashok Leyland
  - c) L&T
  - d) Verizon
- 29) Which state Became first to Launch High Risk Pregnancy Portal?
  - a) Haryana
  - b) Tamil Nadu
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Andhra Pradesh
- 30) Which country celebrated World's Largest Ice Festival?
- a) Pakistan
- b) Iran
- c) Australia
- d) China
- 31) Which Indian Cricketer named as Captain of ICC Test and ODI Teams of the Year?
  - a) Virat Kohli
  - b) Sachin tendulkar
  - c) Ashwin ravichandran
  - d)Parthiv Patel
- 32) How many lakhs did Google awarded for finding bugs in Pixel phone?
  - a)72













- b)85
- c) 65
- d)46

### 33) Which social network appointed its 1st African-American Member to Board?

- a) Facebook
- b) Twitter
- c) Instagram
- d)Linked In

### 34) Which social network Unveils Business App for Android?

- a) Whatsapp Messenger
- a)Facebook
- b) Twitter
- c) Instagram

## 35) Which country joined as 43rd Member of Australia Group?

- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) Albania
- d) South Africa

### 36) Which country to offer Yoga classes at World Economic Forum?

- a) India
- b) Pakistan

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- c) England
- d) South Africa

#### 37) Which naval ship Formally Affiliated to Bihar Regiment?

- a) INS Kolkata
- b) INS Mumbai
- c) INS Betwa
- d) INS Vikramaditya

#### 38) Which bank Ties up with Amplus Energy Solutions?

- a) Yes Bank
- b) Canara Bank
- c) Dena Bank
- d) State Bank of India

### 39) Who was awarded bravery medal for scolding Pakistan over terrorism?

- a) US President Donald Trump
- b) Antoine Williams
- c) Vladimir putin
- d) Hillary Clinton

#### 40) Who Unveils Book on Self-Development in Delhi?

- a) President Ram Nath Kovind
- b)Shri Naresh iyer
- c) Shri Suresh rajan
- d)Shri Naresh Iyer

#### 41) Who is appointed as CMD Of SPMCIL recently?











- a) Shri S Selvakumar
- b) Shri Naresh kumar
- c) Shri Ramesh Kumar
- d)Shri Vivek Kumar

### 42) Which small finance bank Inks MoU with LIC to Offer PMJJBY Scheme?

- a) AU Small Finance Bank
- b) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d)Yes bank

## 43) Who signed agreement MoU for Development of Logistics Sector recently?

- a)CII
- b) NIA
- c) CBI
- d)NTPC

#### 44) Which union minister launched Khelo India Anthem?

- a) Shri Rajyavardhan Rathore
- b) Shri Rajesh Sharma
- c) Shri Vikesh Sharma
- d)Shri Naresh iyer

## 45) Around how many lakh tourists India emerging as a biggest tourism hub across the globe?

- a) 19
- a)11











- b) 18
- d) 20

## 46) Which state minister got Dr. Kalam Innovation in Governance Award?

- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Tamil nadu
- d)Bihar

## 47) Who is the first 1st Oscar nominated female cinematographer recently?

- a) Rachel Morrison
- b) Mandy Walker
- c) Amy vincent
- d)Reed Morano

### 48) Which country to Host 16th International Energy Forum Meet?

- a) India
- b)Pakistan
- c) South Africa
- d) Indonesia

### 49) Who Takes Charge As Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre Director?

- a) Shri S Somanath
- b) Shri Dr S Ramakrishnan













- c) Shri Dr K Radhakrishnan.
- d)Shri M C Dathan
- 50) How many million loans did India signed agreement with World Bank to fund improved water supply in Uttarakhand?
  - a) 150
  - b) 180
  - c) 120
  - d)250

#### **Answers:**

1) B 2) A 3) D 4) A 5) A 6) B 7) A 8) A 9) A 10) A 11) A 12) A 13) A 14) A 15) D 16) A 17) A 18) D 19) A 20) A 21) A 22) A 23) A 24) A 25) A 26) A 27) A 28) A 29) A 30) D 31) A 32) A 33) A 34) A 35) A 36) A 37) D 38) A 39) A 40) A 41) A 42) A 43) A 44) A 45) B 46) B 47) A 48) A 49) A 50) D

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Free Current Affairs Quiz - November 2017	Free IBPS Clerk Exam Test	
Free Current Affairs Quiz - October 2017	Free Mock Test	
Free Current Affairs Quiz - September 2017	Free SSC CGL Exam Test	
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### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

Jan 4	World Braille day
Jan 6	World Day for War Orphans
Jan 9	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
<b>Jan 10</b>	World hindi Day
Jan 12	National Youth Day
<b>Jan 15</b>	70th Indian Army Day
<b>Jan 16</b>	Religious Freedom Day
<b>Jan 21</b>	46th Statehood Day of Three states Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura
Jan 23	120th anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose
Jan 24	11th National Girl Child Day
Jan 25	8th National Voters day
Jan 26	International Customs Day
Jan 27	International Day of commemoration in Memory
Jan 28	National Immunization Day
Jan 30	National Martyr's day

Good luck on all your endeavors..!!!







