

## GK Digest - February Month

### International Affairs

#### John Hennessy appointed as Alphabet's New Board Chairman

- Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as the new board chairman of the company. Hennessy has been on the board since 2004 and Lead Independent Director since 2007.
- He replaced Eric Schmidt.
- Schmidt will remain as a "technical advisor" to Alphabet.
- Hennessy is a former president of Stanford University and has had an extensive career in the tech industry.

#### Jerome H Powell Sworn In As 16th Chairman Of Federal Reserve

- Jerome H Powell was sworn in as the 16th Chairman of the Federal Reserve for a four-year term.

- He succeeded Janet Yellen, the first woman to lead the US central bank in its 100-year history.
- Powell was nominated for the post in November 2017 by President Donald Trump.
- The oath was administered by Vice Chairman Randal K. Quarles in the Boardroom.

## Sweden Commits Record \$370m Of Aid To UN World Food Programme

- Sweden and the United Nations World Food Programme signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement committing an unprecedented \$370 million dollars to WFP over the next four years.
- The contribution for the period 2018-2021 is the biggest ever made by a donor within a WFP Strategic Partnership Agreement.

## Bermuda Becomes first Country In World To Abolish Same-Sex Marriage

- Bermuda becomes the first country to legalize and then repeal same-sex marriage. Bermuda's governor John Rankin approved a bill reversing the right of gay couples to marry, despite a supreme court ruling last year authorizing same-sex marriage.

## China to reopen Nathula pass for Mansarovar yatris in India

- China agreed to reopen the Nathu La pass for Indian pilgrims to undertake the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh informed the Lok Sabha.
- China had closed the route last year citing "unfavourable conditions", at a time when India and China were engaged in a military standoff at Doklam.
- The four-month travel period to the Kailash Mansarovar yatra starts from June.

## Saudi Arabia temporarily bans poultry imports from India over bird flu

- Saudi Arabia has temporarily banned imports of live birds, hatching eggs and chicks from India after a form of bird flu that is highly lethal for poultry was found in the south Asian country.
- In January, India had reported an outbreak of a highly contagious bird flu virus near Bengaluru in the southern state of Karnataka.

## Thailand most traffic congested country and Los Angeles most congested city of 2017

- According to a global traffic scorecard published annually by Inrix, a company that aggregates and analyzes traffic data collected from vehicles and highway infrastructure, the top 10 most congested cities in the world, 2017 are: 1. Los Angeles 2. New York City (tie) 2. Moscow (tie) 4. Sao Paulo, Brazil 5. San Francisco 6. Bogotá 7. London 8. Atlanta 9. Paris 10. Miami The most congested country in the world is Thailand, with drivers spending an average of 56 hours in peak-hour congestion.
- The top 10 most congested countries, 2017 are: 1. Thailand 2. Indonesia 3. Colombia 4. Venezuela 5. United States (tie) 5. Russia (tie) 7. Brazil (tie) 7. South Africa (tie) 9. Turkey 10. United Kingdom.

## Jacob Zuma Resigns As South Africa's President

- South Africa's embattled President Jacob Zuma. He announced the decision in a televised address to the nation after the ruling African National Congress (ANC) party threatened to eject him from office via a parliamentary vote of no confidence.

- The 75-year-old, who was the country's President for the last 9 years, has been under increasing pressure to give way to Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, ANC's new leader. Mr. Zuma's resignation followed weeks of intense public pressure to step down amid long-standing corruption allegations.

## World's First Autonomous Pods Unveiled In Dubai

- Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) launched the first tests of the world's first autonomous pods at the World Government Summit.
- The autonomous pods are launched in cooperation with Next Future Transportation (US-Based) and are designed to travel short and medium distances in dedicated lanes.
- They can be coupled together in as little 15 seconds or detached depending on the riders' destination in five seconds.

## Amazon Launches Its 1st Food Retail Service In India

- Amazon becomes the first foreign e-commerce firm to start its own food retail venture in India called Amazon Retail, piloting its services in Pune.
- It will reportedly be available on Amazon India platform and sell locally made and packaged food to the consumers directly.
- Amazon also launched Amazon Now app, which connects retailers with customers for sale of groceries.

## Singapore To Impose Carbon Tax From 2019

- Singapore will impose a 'carbon tax' from 2019 to cut its greenhouse gas emissions and make companies more competitive as global agreements on climate change take effect.
- Finance minister Heng Swee Keat stated that the tax would be levied on all facilities producing 25,000 tonnes or more of greenhouse gas emissions a year.
- The tax, to be applied to all sectors, will be Sg\$5.0 (\$3.8) per tonne of greenhouse gas emissions from 2019 to 2023.

## India Ranks 81st In Global Corruption Perception Index

- India ranked 81st in the global corruption perception index for 2017, released by Transparency International, which named the country among the "worst offenders" in terms of graft and press freedom in the Asia Pacific region.
- The index ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption. In the 2016 India was in the 79th place among 176 countries.
- The index uses a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 is highly corrupt and 100 is very clean.
- In the latest ranking New Zealand and Denmark were placed the highest, with scores of 89 and 88, respectively.
- On the other hand, Syria, Sudan and Somalia were ranked lowest with scores of 14, 12 and 9, respectively.

### National Affairs

## Arunachal Pradesh nods to much awaited Advertisement Policy 2018

- Arunachal Pradesh gave a nod to much awaited "Arunachal Pradesh Advertisement Policy 2018."

- State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved Arunachal Pradesh Advertisement Policy 2018 which will enable the government to make payment of government advertisement bills to media houses on a timely basis.
- In another decision, the Cabinet approved the release of gratuitous relief of Rs 2,000 for all contingency and casual workers serving under Arunachal Government. Apart from approving the creation of 25 posts of Assistant Professors for government colleges of the state under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the Cabinet also approved enhancement of salary of teachers working under SSA and RMSA on contractual basis up to 22% with effect from April 1, 2018.
- The Cabinet directed the education department to ensure that salaries are disbursed by the first week of the subsequent month through the Aadhaar-based DBT through PFMS method.

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurated Investors Summit In Assam

- One hundred and sixty MoUs with investment proposals of over 64,000 crore rupees were



signed on the opening day of the first ever global investors summit at Guwahati in Assam.

- The summit hosted by the Assam government is a new beginning and will open a new chapter in boosting the relationship with ASEAN countries.
- The MoUs were signed by hundreds of industry leaders for investment in the state.

## Uttar Pradesh Government In Association With UNICEF Launches DASTAK Campaign

- Uttar Pradesh State government in association with UNICEF launched massive door to door campaign DASTAK to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) disease in the state.
- The war cry of DASTAK is 'Darwaja Khatkhatao, AES aur JE ko bhagao'. In DASTAK campaign, whole state machinery with the help of UNICEF will now literally go door to door in 38 JES and AE affected districts which mostly fall in the Tarai region.

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address elections rallies at Sonamura & Kailashahar in Tripura

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address rallies at Sonamura in Sipahijala district and Kailashahar in Unakoti district.
- Assam Chief Minister and BJP leader Sarbananda Sonowal addressed public meetings in Teliamura and Majlishpur yesterday.
- Assam's former Chief Minister and Congress leader Tarun Gogoi campaigned in Balurghat constituency.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar addressed rallies in Kumar ghat and Kailashahar of Unakoti district. The state will go to polls on the 18th of this month to elect a new assembly.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be addressing rallies in Sonamura of Sepahijala and Kailashahar of Kailashahar districts. In view of PM's rally, the security arrangement has been beefed up in the state.
- Also, yesterday addressing a rally in Teliamura, Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to develop each and every state of the country.

## South Central Railway Becomes 1st Rail Zone With 100% LED Lighting At Stations

- The South Central Railway (SCR) become the first railway zone in the country to complete 100% LED lighting at all the stations under its jurisdiction.
- The SCR has been on the forefront of adopting energy conservation measures.
- It has attained the status of becoming the first zone in the Indian Railways to complete 100% LED lighting in all the 733 stations under its jurisdiction.

## NHAI to start Pilot Project named Pay As You Use tolling system on Delhi to Mumbai National Highways

- Pay as You Use' tolling on the Delhi-Mumbai Highway, for which bids are expected to be submitted by February 26.
- The pilot project involves implementing a satellite based electronic toll collection system running on GPS/GSM technology for around 500 commercial

vehicles on the Delhi-Mumbai National Highway. The project will run for one year.

## Central Government approves construction of over 1.86 lakh more houses under PMAY Urban

- The central government has approved the construction of over 1.86 lakh more houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) scheme, taking the total number of affordable houses sanctioned to over 39.25 lakhs.
- The latest approvals under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, PMAY (Urban), entailed an investment of Rs 11,169 crores, with central assistance of Rs 2,797 crores.
- Haryana sanctioned the maximum number of 53,290 houses in this round of approval, followed by Tamil Nadu 40,623 houses, Karnataka 32,656 houses and Gujarat 15,584 houses.

## Union Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurated First Of Its Kind Spoken Sanskrit Centre

- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the Centre for learning the Sanskrit language in Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.

- The center will offer a six-month course for people on how to speak the language.
- The coordinator of the course, Atul Ungar stated it was possibly the first such course launched in India.

## Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Released India's 1st Ever Highway Capacity Manual

- The Minister of Road Transport & Highways Mr Nitin Gadkari released India's first ever Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) in New Delhi.
- The manual is also known as Indo-HCM and it has been developed by CSIR – CRRI on the basis of an extensive, country-wide study of the traffic characteristics on different categories of roads like a single lane, two-lane, multi-lane urban roads, and the associated intersections on these roads.

## Mumbai To Have India's First Artificial Intelligence Centre

- In a first in the country, the Maharashtra government will be setting up an institute for artificial intelligence (AI) in Mumbai.

- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will unveil the plan for the institute during the Magnetic Maharashtra Summit and at the Global Economic Conference in Canada in March 2018.

## Union Minister Nitin Gadkari pitches for innovation to develop sustainable management of water resources

- It is necessary to study advanced technology and adopt them for the betterment of our country Union Minister for Water Resources Nitin Gadkari while addressing the 37th Annual General Meeting of the National Institute of Hydrology Society.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari called on research organizations to innovate in the area of water conservation and sustainable management of water resources.
- He has stressed upon the need to study advanced technologies and procedures like cloud bursting and water accounting being used in other parts of the world, and adopt those that are feasible for our country.
- The Minister further said that a lot of people and organizations are doing very good work in this field, and we need to network them on a single platform.

- Many departments are doing the same kind of work to achieve the same objective, but there is a lack of proper coordination and information sharing among them.
- Taking note of this he suggested that a website should be created for sharing available resources, information and best practices available in different parts of the country.

## India to host first International Solar Alliance summit

- India is going to host first International Solar Alliance (ISA) summit in March 2018 in New Delhi.
- It will be hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and attended by leaders from over 50 member countries.
- It will include French President Emmanuel Macron, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, and Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid.
- During the summit, two new programmes – on scaling solar e-mobility.

## Jaipur Gandhinagar Railway Station Becomes Fully Women Operated Station

- Gandhi Nagar railway station in Jaipur, Rajasthan became railway station to be fully-managed by women.
- Gandhi Nagar is an important railway station in Jaipur situated on the Jaipur-Delhi rail route.
- The station has a footfall of more than 7,000 passengers every day.
- There are 40 women staff at the station beside women personnel of the railway protection force have been deployed at the station.

## India To Host 1st International Solar Alliance In March 2018

- India will host the first International Solar Alliance (ISA) summit on 11th March 2018. It will be attended by French President Emmanuel Macron and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.
- The summit will be held in Delhi. The ISA aims to launch 121 projects during the summit.
- During the summit, two new programmes will be inaugurated on- Scaling Solar E-Mobility and Storage, and Rooftop Solar.



## Avani Chaturvedi Became 1st Indian Woman To Fly Fighter Aircraft Solo

- Flying officer Avani Chaturvedi scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo.
- She flew a MiG-21 bison in her first solo flight from Jamnagar base of Indian Air Force (IAF) in Gujarat.

### Business

## Commerce Minister Kicks Off Consultations On The New Industrial Policy

- Commerce and Industries Minister Mr. Suresh Prabhu set off a series of nation-wide consultations with the industry on the proposed new Industrial Policy.
- The first consultation was held at Guwahati in February 2018. The event, organized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in partnership with Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), was attended by more than 120 industrialists from the North East in addition to government officials from the North Eastern States.

## Google and NCERT Join Hands To Teach Students Digital Safety

- Google and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed a pact to integrate a course on 'Digital Citizenship and Safety' in information and communication technology curriculum.
- It was signed on the occasion of Safer Internet Day (06th February).
- The curriculum developed by NCERT in collaboration with Google will be used to train students from class I - class XII across 1.4 million schools in India where they will learn how to become good and responsible digital citizens. The curriculum is spread into four themes - being smart, being safe, being a digital citizen and being future ready.

## India Retains Top Spot As Source Market For Dubai In 2017

- Dubai witnessed 15% growth in tourist arrivals from India in 2017, hosting 2.1 million visitors, retaining top spot as the source market.

- It also became the first country to cross the 2 million mark in a single year, according to the latest data published by Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism).
- The growth is mainly due to the success of Dubai Tourism's ongoing collaboration with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in the 'BeMyGuest' campaign.

## 12th International Conference On CSR Held In Bengaluru

- The Institute Of Directors organized it's 12th International Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- In the conference, the Prestigious Golden Peacock Award 2017 were presented.
- The leadership award for philanthropy and social change was presented to Mr. Vineet Nayar, Founder Chairman, Sampark Foundation.

## World's Tallest Hotel 'Gevora' Opens In Dubai

- The Gevora Hotel in Dubai, developed by the Al Attar Group now become the “world’s tallest hotel”. It stands 356 meters and 53 centimeters tall.
- It is one meter taller than the previous holder of the title, the JW Marriott Marquis, in the same city.
- The title has been confirmed by Guinness Book of World Records.

## Agreements and MoU

### India And Iran Signed Agreement For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation

- India and Iran signed an Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation (DTAA) and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income.
- The Agreement is on similar lines as entered into by India with other countries.
- The Agreement will stimulate the flow of investment, technology and personnel from India to Iran & vice versa, and will prevent double taxation.

- It will improve transparency in tax matters and will help curb tax evasion and tax avoidance.

## PhonePe Partners With IOCL For Deployment Of PoS Terminals

- Digital payments entity PhonePe partnered with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for the adoption of its indigenously-designed Point of Sale (POS) device at IOCL retail outlets.
- As part of this partnership, customers can pay using UPI, credit and debit cards, PhonePe wallet and other external wallets like Jio Money & Freecharge for their fuel purchases, through the PoS device at 30 IOCL retail outlets in Bengaluru.

## UK and India Launched Joint Research Projects On Clean Water & Energy

- The UK- India Joint research projects on Water Quality Research and Energy Demand Reduction in Built Environment were launched in New Delhi.
- The Water Quality Research programme has eight projects and Energy Demand Reduction in Built

Environment programme has four projects, with a total joint investment of up to 15 million British Pound.

## PNB Arm, IFC Tie Up To Raise \$800 Mn For Affordable Housing

- PNB Housing Finance Ltd tied up with International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the World Bank Group, to raise \$800 million for green and affordable housing in India.
- IFC is in negotiations with two other housing finance firms to invest another \$150 million, as well as with property developers to assist the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) from both the demand and supply sides.
- Under PMAY, the government offers interest subsidy of 6.5% to economically weaker sections on their home loans.
- The scheme is for people with an annual income up to Rs 3 lakh.

## Telangana, Taiwan Sign MoU For Better Technology Partnership

- The Telangana Government signed an MOU with Taoyuan City of Taiwan for better technology

partnership in the state. The agreement was signed after the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) 2018 in Hyderabad.

- IT Minister K T Rama Rao and principal secretary Jayesh Ranjan signed the agreement with Robert Huang, Director of the Board of Taiwan company at World IT Congress 2018.

## India Won U-19 World Cup 2018

- India defeated Australia to lift the Under 19 World cup for the fourth time.
- The Men in Blue defeated the three-time champions Australia at Bay Oval, New Zealand.
- The Australian team had set the target of 214 runs and was chased down easily by India.
- Manjot Kalra was the Hero of the match with his brilliant century

## India Open 2018- Complete List Of Winners

- India Open is a badminton event held annually at the Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi.
- In women's singles Defending champion P V Sindhu was defeated by American Beiwen Zhang to finish runner-up at the India Open Super 500 tournament.

- 1. Men's Singles - Shi Yuqi (China) 2. Women's Singles Beiwen Zhang (America) 3. Men's Doubles Marcus Fernaldi Gideon (Indonesia) 4. Women's Doubles Greysia Polii (Indonesia) Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia) Jongkolphan Kititharakul (Thailand) and Rawinda Prajongjai (Thailand) 5. Mixed Doubles - Mathias Christiansen (Denmark) Christinna Pedersen (Denmark).

### **Jhulan Goswami 1st Woman In The World To Take 200 ODI Wickets**

- Indian women's cricket team pacer Jhulan Goswami become the first woman in the world to take 200 wickets in ODI cricket.
- Goswami achieved the feat playing in her 166th ODI against South Africa.
- Goswami had become the leading wicket-taker in women's ODI in May 2017, overtaking former Australian pacer Cathryn Fitzpatrick's record of 180 wickets.

### **Haryana emerges as first champion of Khelo India School Games with 38 gold medals**

- Haryana youngsters outclassed others by achieving the highest number of medal tally in the inaugural edition of the Khelo India School Games.
- The competition concluded in New Delhi.



- The sports powerhouse won 102 medals including 38 gold medals, 26 silver medals, 38 Bronze medals. Maharashtra (110) finished second overall while Delhi (94) came third.
- Punjab and Kerala won the boys' and girls' gold medals respectively in Basketball competition.
- On the final day, Haryana emerged with the best haul of five medals, including one gold, two silver, and two bronze medals.
- Haryana archers showed impressive performance and won one gold medal on the final day. It clinched two silver and two bronze medals from Archery on the same day.

### Indian para cyclists win one silver, two bronze at Asian Championships

- The Indian contingent won a silver medal and two bronze medals at the Asian Para-Cycling Championships held in Naypyidaw, Myanmar.
- Last year's silver medallist Divij Shah repeated his silver-winning performance while BSF soldier Harinder Singh won bronze adding to his bronze from the last year. New entrant Madhu Bagri become the first para cyclist to win an international medal in hand cycling.

## Intel sets a Guinness world record with 1,218 drones at 2018 Winter Olympic Games

- The opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games 2018 saw a record-setting performance of 1,218 drones (unmanned aerial vehicles), flying in sync to create huge formations of various Olympic sports and the iconic Olympic rings.
- This record was set by Intel.
- The drones set a world record for the 'most unmanned aerial vehicles airborne simultaneously,' which was previously held by 500 drones during a 2016 performance in Germany.

## Sharmila Nicollet first Indian Golfer To Qualify For China LPGA Tour

- Sharmila Nicollet become the first Indian golfer to qualify for the China Ladies PGA Tour.
- The 26-year-old Bengaluru golfer fought her way back into the tournament in the last two rounds to earn a card for the Tour.
- Sharmila, who played on the Ladies European Tour before losing her full card, played her three

rounds in the CLPGA Tour Qualifying School to finish in tied 21st and pick one of the 30 cards available in the 88-player field.

## India To Host 8th Theatre Olympics

- In an effort to put India firmly among the top nations in the world theatre map, the country will play host to the 8th Theatre Olympics, the greatest carnival of the pianist.
- The 51-day theatre extravaganza which will be inaugurated at Red Fort will see 450 shows including 65 shows by international artists, 600 ambient performances, and 250 youth forum shows.

## Kishan Gangoli Wins 13th Edition Of National Chess Championship For Blind

- Karnataka's Kishan Gangoli won the 13th edition of the National 'A' Chess Championship for the blind in Mumbai.
- The championship was organized by All India Chess Federation for the Blind (AICFB).

- At the end of the 13th round, Asian Championship winner, Gangoli became the champion for the fifth consecutive time with 10.5 points.
- Gujarat's Ashwin Makwana stood second with 9.5 points, Soundarya Kumar Pradhan of Orissa with 9 points came third.

### Sports Ministry to introduce ranking system for national sports federations

- The Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs is planning to introduce a ranking system for National Sports Federations (NSFs).
- This will be for the first time the Sports Ministry will have a system by which sports federations will be ranked or rated according to set parameters Key.
- The rankings will be based on federations' administrative capability, transparency, talent-spotting ability, and medal count of athletes.

## Cricket Canada Unveils ICC-Approved T20 League

- Canada's own first franchise-based Twenty20 league "Global T20 Canada", was announced in New Delhi.
- The Global T20 Canada League will begin functioning from July 2018 at three venues in Toronto.
- It is conceptualized, designed, developed and managed by Mercuri Group with Cricket Canada.
- Global T20 Canada League has received official sanction of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Cricket Canada become the first Associate member of the ICC to start a Twenty20 franchise league in the North America market.

## Mary Kom steps into finals Strandja Memorial Tournament

- In Boxing, MC Mary Kom stormed into the Finals of the Strandja Memorial Tournament at Sofia in Bulgaria while Vikas Krishan and two other male boxers entered the semifinals.
- In the Women's 48 kg category, five-time world champion and Olympic bronze medallist Mary Kom, targeting her third successive international gold medal, defeated China's Ye Jiali to make the summit clash.

- However, former world and Asian champion L Sarita Devi bowed out in the 60 kg section with a bronze medal. Meena Kumari Devi in 54 kg also settled for a Bronze.
- In the Men's draw, former Asian Games gold-medallist Vikas Krishan in 75 kg, Asian Games bronze medallist Satish Kumar in +91 kg and Gaurav Solanki in 52 kg advanced to the semi-finals to assure themselves of medals.
- Earlier, Amit Panghal in 49 kgs had also made it to the last-4.
- It was a significant victory for Vikas, who is returning to action after recovering from a hand injury, which forced him out of the national championships as well as the India Open.

## Important Quiz Questions - Monthly

1) Which country Successfully Test-Fires Agni-II Missile ?

- a) India
- b) Pakistan
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) North America

2) From which year Andhra Pradesh gears up for attract investments for innovation ?

- a) 2020
  - b) 2018
  - c) 2035
  - d) 2019
- 3) Which city to Impose Carbon Tax From 2019 ?
- a) Chennai
  - b) New York
  - c) France
  - d) Singapore
- 4) Which state Government To Launch Asmita Yojana To Provide Cheap Sanitary Pads?
- a) Kerala
  - b) West bengal
  - c) Maharashtra
  - d) Bihar
- 5) Who Partners With IOCL For Deployment Of PoS Terminals ?
- a) Paytm
  - b) Phone pe
  - c) Payzapp
  - d) BHIM app
- 6) Which country allows women to start business without male permission ?
- a) Saudi Arabia
  - b) Pakistan
  - c) Denmark

d) Indonesia

7) Which country Signed Agreement with India For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation ?

- a) Iraq
- b) Pakistan
- c) Indonesia
- d) Iran

8) Who inks MoU with UK's Natural History Museum recently ?

- a) Agri Horticultural Society of India
- b) Botanical Survey of India
- c) Government Botanical Gardens
- d) Lloyd's Botanical Garden

9) Who Inaugurated 6th India Region CPA Conference recently ?

- a) Smt Lakshmi menon
- b) Smt Sushma Swaraj
- c) Smt Sumitra Mahajan
- d) Smt Devi Swaraj

10) Who is named as EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2017 ?

- a) Naresh singh
- b) Sanjiv Bajaj
- c) Anil Ambani
- d) Mukesh raj



11) Who Launches Rs 1,918 Crore Area Development Plan For Punjab ?

- a) NABARD
- b) Ashok Leyland
- c) ONGC
- d) Reliance Communications

12) Who Recognised As 'Startup Of The Year' 2017?

- a) Milkbasket
- b) BI Graphics
- c) SutraHR
- d) SXSW Accelerator program

13) Which state Makes Vaccination Compulsory For School Admissions ?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

14) Which city Becomes Fully Women Operated Station ?

- a) Jaipur
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Chennai
- d) Hyderabad

15) Which state Government Signs Pact With Amazon India For Khadi Products Sale ?

- a) Bihar

- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Tamil nadu
- d) Kerala

16) Which country Becomes first Country In World To Abolish Same-Sex Marriage ?

- a) Russia
- b) Bermuda
- c) Kenya
- d) South Africa

17) Which state Chief Minister Lays Foundation Stone For Rhododendron Park ?

- a) Bihar
- b) Kerala
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

18) Who launched the first ever Chat Based Job Search App recently ?

- a) Empzilla
- b) Naukiri.com
- c) Amazon.com
- d) Times Job.com

19) Under which scheme CCEA approves enhancement of target?

- a) Suraksha Savings Scheme

- b) National Pension Scheme
- c) National Health Scheme
- d) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

20) Which state emerges as first champion of Khelo India School Games with 38 gold medals ?

- a) Haryana
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Bihar

21) Who is appointed as SBI Card MD & CEO ?

- a) Suresh menon
- b) Naresh iyer
- c) Vignesh Krishnan
- d) Hardayal Prasad

22) Which country obtained 44th In Global Intellectual Property Index?

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

23) Which railway Become 1st Rail Zone With 100% LED Lighting At Stations ?

- a) Northern railway
- b) Eastern railway
- c) Western railway

d) South Central Railway

24) Who is the First Woman In The World To Take 200 ODI Wickets ?

- a) Harmanpreet Kaur
- b) Poonam Raut
- c) Jhulan Goswami
- d) Latika Kumari

25) Which company launches #SecurityCheckKiya campaign?

- a) Samsung
- b) Google
- c) Apple
- d) Twitter

26) Which Airport Becomes World's Busiest Single-Runway?

- a) Chennai
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Kolkata
- d) Mumbai

27) Which country Commits Record \$370m Of Aid To UN World Food Programme?

- a) Australia
- b) USA
- c) Sweden
- d) Russia

28) Which rocket Launches Its Most Powerful Rocket Towards Mars ?

- a) CartoSat
- b) Agni VI
- c) Aryabhata
- d) SpaceX

29) Which bank Six Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement Released ?

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

30) How many solar cities have been developed under Development of Solar Cities scheme ?

- a) 50
- b) 60
- c) 45
- d) 35

31) Which union minister Inaugurated First Of Its Kind Spoken Sanskrit Centre ?

- a) Shri Rajnath Singh
- b) Shri Arun jaitley
- c) Shri Suresh menon
- d) Shri Vijay Prakash

32) Which country Retains Top Spot As Source Market For Dubai In 2017 ?

- a) Pakistan
- b) India
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Indonesia

33) Which bank Wrote Off Bad Loans Worth Over Rs 20,000 Crore Last Fiscal ?

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

34) Which country World's Tallest Hotel 'Gevora' Opens ?

- a) North America
- b) South Africa
- c) Australia
- d) Dubai

35) Who Inaugurates International Conference Indian Power Stations 2018 In New Delhi ?

- a) Shri Vijay Prakash
- b) Shri Naresh singh
- c) Shri R.K. Singh
- d) Shri Narayana Swamy

36) What is the name of the India's 1st Online Radio Station Launched ?

- a) Radio Bharat

- b) Radio Umang
- c) Mann Ki Baat
- d) All India Radio

37) Which app launches Scheduler feature to ease hiring process?

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

38) Which state Becomes First State To Opt Out Of Modicare?

- a) Tamil nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) West bengal
- d) Andhra Pradesh

39) Which ministry to introduce ranking system for national sports federations ?

- a) Ministry of External affairs
- b) Ministry of Telecommunications
- c) Ministry of Internal Affairs
- d) Ministry of Sports

40) Which country to Host 8th Theatre Olympics recently ?

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

41) Which company Bags Rs 560 Crore Order From NTPC ?

- a) SAIL
- b) Ashok Leyland
- c) Eastern Coal field
- d) BHEL

42) Who Sworn In As New President Of South Africa ?

- a) Cyril Ramaphosa
- b) Ashraf Ghani
- c) Serzh Sargsyan
- d) Michel Temer

43) Which bank lists \$600 million MTN bond on India INX ?

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

44) Which city did India's Biggest Global Pharma Conference Begins ?

- a) Bengaluru
- b) New Delhi
- c) Patna
- d) Chennai

45) Which country launched Cargo Ship Progress MS-08 Launched ?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Russia
- c) Iran



d) Bulgaria

46) Which Metro Station to get a tech savvy remodeling with advanced mechanization and safety?

- a) Chennai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Trivandrum
- d) Kolkata

47) Who Successfully Carries Out Test Flight Of Rustom-2 Drone recently ?

- a) DRDO
- b) Indian Army
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Indian Police

48) Which city National Conference On E-Governance held recently ?

- a) Bihar
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Chennai
- d) Bengaluru

49) Who Became first Indian To Win Individual Medal At Gymnastics World Cup ?

- a) Dipa karmakar
- b) Aruna Budda Reddy
- c) Asish kumar
- d) Dinesh karthik

- 50) Who inaugurated Projects Worth 1000 Crores In Daman ?
- Shri Narendra Modi
  - Shri Arun Jaitley
  - Shri Suresh menon
  - Shri Narayana Swamy

### Answers:

1) A 2) B 3) D 4) C 5) B 6) A 7) D 8) B 9) C 10) B  
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<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>World Cancer Day</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Chinese Lantern Festival</b>
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Abraham Lincoln BirthDay</b>
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Chinese New Year</b>
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Kila Raipur Sports Festival</b>
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Konark Dance Festival</b>
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>World Day of Social Justice</b>
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>World Rotary Day</b>
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