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1. Which country was designated as a nodal centre for preparing flash-flood forecasts by the World Meteorological Organization?

- a) **India**
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Singapore
- d) Nepal

2. The Startup India Yatra was launched in which state on July 30?

- a) Telangana
- b) Jharkhand
- c) **Chhattisgarh**
- d) Odisha

3. Which Indian state has become the first one to implement biofuel policy?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) **Rajasthan**
- d) Uttarakhand

4. The tiger population in the reputed Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) doubled to 60 from 30. Where is the reserve located?

- a) Karnataka
- b) **Tamil Nadu**
- c) Odisha
- d) Andhra Pradesh

5. The Health Ministry signed MoU with the Ministry of Electronics recently to boost which Mission?

- a) Swachh Bharat Mission
- b) Startup Mission
- c) **Ayushman Bharat Mission**
- d) All of the above

6. Which institution recently ruled that Assam-NRC Draft cannot be basis of any action?

- a) Prime Minister
- b) Election Commission
- c) President
- d) Supreme Court**

7. Which body on July 31, 2018 passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2018?

- a) Rajya Sabha
- b) Lok Sabha**
- c) Parliament
- d) President

8. Which state government has approved a proposal to remove mandatory linking of Aadhaar with bank accounts to avail social welfare benefits?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Delhi**

9. 'Bandicoot', the robotic scavenger tasked with cleaning the sewers of a temple town in Tamil Nadu, is a product of a start-up based in which state?

- a) Kerala**
- b) Karnataka
- c) Telangana
- d) Goa

10. Which Indian city, known as the walled city, has been proposed for UNESCO World Heritage tag?

- a) Lucknow
- b) Jaipur**
- c) Delhi
- d) Mathura MQ NTRE

11. Which country's cabinet has approved a law that provides for death penalty for those involved in piracy at sea?

- a) India**
- b) Japan
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Maldives

12. Which country has launched the high-resolution earth observation satellite- Gaofen-11?

- a) Japan
- b) India
- c) South Korea
- d) China**

13. Which nation has launched an amnesty programme to assist foreign visa violators?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Qatar
- c) Oman
- d) UAE**

14. India has signed an agreement with which nation for cooperation in sustainable urban development?

- a) Germany**
- b) Japan
- c) Malaysia
- d) France

15. Who has held ban on women's entry in Kerala's Sabarimala temple as unconstitutional?

- a) Supreme Court
- b) Kerala Government
- c) Kerala High Court**
- d) Delhi High Court

16. Which state will observe Independence Day as Shahid Samman Divas to honour martyrs?

- a) Madhya Pradesh**
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

17. Which state government will set up 'iHub' for research and scientific learning?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Telangana

c) Odisha

d) Tamil Nadu

18. Which Ministry is celebrating Swachhta Pakhwada to make its properties 'Plastic Free Zones'?

a) Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation

b) Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

c) Ministry of Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation

d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

19. India imposed a 25 percent duty on solar cell imports on which developing countries?

a) France and Indonesia

b) Indonesia and China

c) China and Malaysia

d) Malaysia and France

20. Where was the first 'Nepal-India Think Tank' Summit held recently?

a) Kathmandu

b) New Delhi

c) Pokhara

d) Solan

21. What is the tagline for Geographical Indication (GI) certified products?

a) Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India

b) Inaccessible Treasures of Incredible India

c) Incredible Treasures of Incredible India

d) Involatile Treasures of Incredible India

22. The National Highways Authority of India recently signed MoU with which Bank for Long Term Unsecured Loan?

a) IDBI Bank

b) State Bank of India

- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Union Bank of India

23. Emmerson Mnangagwa won the Presidential elections in which country?

- a) Nigeria
- b) Libya
- c) Zimbabwe**
- d) Serbia

24. Which state approved the Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestam, an unemployment allowance scheme to provide Rs 1000 per month to unemployed youth in state?

- a) Kerala
- b) Odisha
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh**

25. The Union Government recently achieved its target of providing 5 crore free LPG connections to poor families under which scheme?

- a) Ujjwala Yojana**
- b) Saubhagya Scheme
- c) UDAY Yojana
- d) LaQshya Scheme

26. Kadaknath chicken meat recently got the GI tag in which state?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh**
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

27. The Ministry of Railways has approved a new promotion policy for which category of employees?

- a) Railway Sportspersons**
- b) Group D Employees
- c) Group B Employees

d) Group A Employees

28. The US Congress has passed a bill to slash which nation's defence aid to USD 150 million?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Israel
- c) Palestine
- d) India**

29. Which state government has got a new tool to identify criminals?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Telangana**
- c) Kerala
- d) Haryana

30. Noted ghazal singer Umbayee passed away on August 1. Which state did he hail from?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala**
- c) Telangana
- d) Maharashtra

31. Blood platelets have been found to be the first line of defence against which infectious human disease?

- a) Malaria**
- b) Tuberculosis
- c) Cancer
- d) Dengue

32. Which sports team has been added to India's Asian Games contingent after Delhi HC order?

- a) Fencing Team
- b) Basketball Team
- c) Beach Volleyball Team
- d) Boat Racing Team**

33. Who has held ban on women's entry in Kerala's Sabarimala temple as unconstitutional?

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34. Which institution recently ruled that Assam-NRC Draft cannot be basis of any action?

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- d) Supreme Court**

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- b) Indonesia and China
- c) China and Malaysia**
- d) Malaysia and France

36. The Union Government launched the National Viral Hepatitis Control programme to combat the disease by which year?

- a) 2020
- b) 2025
- c) 2030**
- d) 2035

37. Which party emerged out to be as the single largest party as per the Pakistan Elections Results 2018?

- a) Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf**
- b) Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz
- c) Pakistan Peoples party
- d) Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal Pakistan

38. Which state government has left out 40.07 lakh people from its final draft of National Register of Citizens?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tripura
- c) West Bengal

d) Assam

39. Imran Khan will be sworn-in as Prime Minister of Pakistan. He is a leader of which Political Party?

- a) Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf**
- b) Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz
- c) Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians
- d) Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal Pakistan

40. Which country's cabinet has approved a law that provides for death penalty for those involved in piracy at sea?

- a) India**
- b) Japan
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Maldives

41. The Union Government has approved 122 research projects for funding under which scheme?

- a) IMPRINT-2**
- b) SAMPRITI
- c) PMMY
- d) PMRPY

42. Which country has announced a new organ donation plan to address Indian-origin shortages?

- a) US
- b) France
- c) UK**
- d) India

43. Which hosted the International Conference on Sustainable Growth through Material Recycling?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Pune
- c) New Delhi**
- d) Bengaluru

44. On August 6, 2018, Japan marked the 73rd anniversary atomic bombing on this city.

- a) Nagasaki

- b) Fukushima
- c) Osaka
- d) Hiroshima**

45. Researchers belonging to which nation have created world's first single-chromosome yeast?

- a) Japan
- b) China**
- c) Sweden
- d) India

46. Which Indian think tank launched 'Move Hack', a global mobility hackathon ?

- a) NITI Aayog**
- b) Institute of Economic Growth
- c) Institute for Studies in Industrial Development
- d) Observer Research Foundation

47. Which Indian railway station was renamed as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction?

- a) Mughalsarai Junction**
- b) Lucknow Junction
- c) Dadar Junction
- d) Raipur Junction

48. Which medical institute has been upgraded to AIIMS level?

- a) Christian Medical College & Hospital (CMCH), Vellore
- b) Institute of Medical Sciences (IMS) - Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh**
- c) Kasturba Medical College (Manipal and Mangalore)
- d) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Medical College, Gujarat

49. Defence India Startup Challenge was launched in which city?

- a) Kanpur
- b) Delhi
- c) Bengaluru**
- d) Mumbai

50. Joint Military exercise 'Maitree 2018' will be conducted between India and which country?

- a) Myanmar

- b) Malaysia
- c) Nepal
- d) Thailand**

51. Which Indian American among the following is soon going to step down as Pepsico CEO after 12 years of helming the post?

- a) Indra Nooyi**
- b) Satya Nadella
- c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- d) Sundar Pichai

52. Which state government has launched life insurance scheme worth Rs 5 lakh for farmers?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Telangana**
- d) Madhya Pradesh

53. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has freezed its trade ties with which nation?

- a) US
- b) UAE
- c) Canada**
- d) Kuwait

54. According to UN Report, which nation has not stopped its nuclear and missile programmes?

- a) North Korea**
- b) Iran
- c) Syria
- d) Pakistan

55. Who has been sworn in as the third sitting judge of the Supreme Court of India?

- a) Indira Banerjee**
- b) Gita Mittal

- c) Sunita Agarwal
- d) Hima Kohli

56. Which country successfully test-launched its first hypersonic aircraft?

- a) India
- b) China**
- c) Russia
- d) US

57. Which state's High Court recently banned the commercial use of elephants?

- a) Uttarakhand**
- b) Gujarat
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Goa

58. Which space agency recently introduced the crew of nine astronauts for first manned space launch since 2011?

- a) European space agency
- b) NASA**
- c) SpaceX
- d) China Manned Space Agency

59. The Article 35A of the Indian Constitution pertains to which state?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Jammu and Kashmir**
- d) Sikkim

60. The Union Government recently constituted a four-member Group of Ministers (GoM) to decide on RCEP talks. The group will be headed by whom?

- a) Piyush Goyal
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Hardeep Puri
- d) Suresh Prabhu**

61. Which state recently launched the Mukhyamantri Kanya Utthan Yojana for girl child?

- a) Bihar**
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Odisha

62. Which country was elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD)?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bhutan
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) India**

63. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India integrated its mobile apps namely DND 2.0 and MyCall with which platform?

- a) BHIM App
- b) UPI
- c) UMANG**
- d) SASHAKT

64. Which high court recently decriminalised begging in the state?

- a) Mumbai High Court
- b) Madras High Court
- c) Uttarakhand High Court
- d) Delhi High Court**

65. Saudi Arabia recently announced to cut its diplomatic and trade ties with which country?

- a) Canada**
- b) USA
- c) Israel
- d) Iran

66. Which state observed the 'Festival of Democracy' recently?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala**

- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Telangana

67. Who has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court?

- a) Shripathi Ravindra Bhat**
- b) Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani
- c) Ramesh Ranganathan
- d) R. Subhash Reddy

68. Which nation held a coordination meet with India on August 8 to discuss border security?

- a) China
- b) Nepal**
- c) Myanmar
- d) Bangladesh

69. Which state government has announced a special assistance of Rs 500 crores for the OBC community?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Telangana
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra**

70. Which country's minister has announced that a games period will be made compulsory in all schools starting from 2019?

- a) India**
- b) France
- c) UK
- d) Japan

71. According to a new study, which planet is heading towards an irreversible "hothouse" state?

- a) Mars
- b) Venus
- c) Mercury
- d) Earth**

72. Which state's government has decided to appoint interns named as 'Lok Kalyan Mitra' in every block of the state for publicity of government's welfare schemes?

- a) Bihar
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttar Pradesh**
- d) Maharashtra

73. Union Minister Suresh Prabhu recently launched which mobile app that provides wide range of information of international trade?

- a) Sashakt
- b) Maitree
- c) DND 2.0
- d) Niryat Mitra**

74. When is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed across the world?

- a) August 9**
- b) August 8
- c) August 7
- d) August 6

75. The Supreme Court recently approved the draft Constitution of the BCCI after modifying few recommendations of which committee?

- a) Mukul Mudgal Committee
- b) R.M. Lodha Committee**
- c) Bimal Jalan Committee
- d) Sushil Modi Committee

76. Which of the following games recently announced to have a facial recognition system that uses artificial intelligence?

- a) Tokyo Olympics**
- b) Cricket World Cup
- c) FIFA
- d) Commonwealth Games

77. Which institution has urged all citizens not to use national flag made up of plastic?

- a) Supreme Court

b) Union Government

- c) President
- d) Prime Minister

78. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Escorts Group?

- a) Rajan Kapoor
- b) Prashant Verma

c) Nikhil Nanda

- d) Sushil Modi

79. August 9, 2018 was observed as the 76th anniversary of which Indian freedom movement?

a) Quit India movement

- b) Dandi March
- c) Non Violence Movement
- d) Civil Disobedience Movement

80. The Indian Railways announced how many exam special trains?

a) 11

- b) 8
- c) 7
- d) 5

81. Astronomers belonging to which nation have discovered a lithium-rich giant star, which is even bigger than the sun?

- a) India
- b) South Korea

c) China

- d) Japan

82. Which state has launched its own new app-based taxi service?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu

d) Goa

83. Ivan Duque was sworn-in as the President of which country?

- a) Cambodia
- b) Libya
- c) Colombia**
- d) Liberia

84. When is the National Handloom Day celebrated in India?

- a) August 7**
- b) August 8
- c) August 9
- d) August 10

85. TK Viswanathan Committee recently recommended which organisation to tap phone calls?

- a) RBI
- b) CBI
- c) TRAI
- d) SEBI**

86. The world's first-ever thermal battery plant was inaugurated in which state?

- a) Andhra Pradesh**
- b) Telangana
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

87. When was the 76th anniversary of Quit India movement observed?

- a) August 9**
- b) August 7
- c) August 8
- d) August 5

88. Harivansh Narayan Singh has been elected as the new deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha. Which party does he belong to?

- a) RJD
- b) BJP
- c) JDU**
- d) INC

89. Which nation's former President has been nominated to be the next

UN human rights chief?

- a) Venezuela
- b) Canada
- c) Colombia
- d) Chile**

90. India was ranked at which position in the Global Innovation Index 2018?

- a) 60
- b) 57**
- c) 66
- d) 51

91. Which country topped the Global Innovation Index for the eighth consecutive year in 2018?

- a) Switzerland**
- b) Sweden
- c) Netherlands
- d) Singapore

92. Veteran Politician, RK Dhawan passed away at the age of 81 on August 6. Which party did he belong to?

- a) BJP
- b) RJD
- c) BSP
- d) INC**

93. Name the former Lok Sabha speaker and the 10-time MP of the Lok Sabha who passed away recently?

- a) M Karunanidhi
- b) Huluvadi G Ramesh
- c) Somnath Chatterjee**
- d) Jyoti Basu

94. Name the Indian who won the Hindu Playwright Award 2018?

- a) Pathak Shah
- b) Ratna Puri
- c) Siddharth Bose
- d) Annie Zaidi**

95. Which bank recently introduced Iris Scan Authentication for Aadhaar-

based transactions through micro ATMs?

- a) **Axis Bank**
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) IDBI Bank
- d) UCO Bank

96. Which Day is observed on August 12 every year?

- a) International Water Day
- b) **International Youth Day**
- c) International Food Day
- d) International Literacy Day

97. NASA has launches Parker probe to touch which star?

- a) Tau Ceti
- b) Scholz's Star
- c) HIP 85605
- d) **Sun**

98. Who will be getting 50 per cent reservation in the upcoming Railway Protection Force recruitment process?

- a) **Women**
- b) OBCs
- c) ST/SC
- d) LBGTQ

99. The Union Government has decided to allot funds worth how many crores to increase country's forest cover?

- a) Rs 1000 crore
- b) Rs 50000 crore
- c) **Rs 66,000 crore**
- d) Rs 36000 crore

100. An individual farmer can now avail a loan waiver worth Rs 1.50 lakh in which state?

- a) Karnataka
- b) **Maharashtra**
- c) Telangana
- d) Madhya Pradesh

101. When was World Elephant Day observed?

- a) August 9

- b) August 10
- c) August 11
- d) August 12**

102. When was International Youth Day observed?

- a) August 12**
- b) August 13
- c) August 14
- d) August 15

103. Which state observed Shaheed Saman Diwas on August 14, 2018?

- a) Haryana
- b) Delhi
- c) Madhya Pradesh**
- d) Uttar Pradesh

104. Which nation is planning to create a Space Force by 2020?

- a) China
- b) US**
- c) India
- d) Russia

105. Which country has unveiled its new short-range ballistic missile?

- a) Iran**
- b) China
- c) Iraq
- d) North Korea

106. The Civil Aviation Ministry approved a proposal for setting up of water aerodrome at which place?

- a) Chilka Lake in Odisha
- b) Gujarat's Sardar Sarovar Dam
- c) Sabarmati River Front
- d) All of the above**

107. Who has become the first woman chief justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court?

a) Justice Gita Mittal

- b) Justice VK Tahilramani
- c) Justice Ranjana Desai
- d) Justice Sudha Mishra

108. Balramji Das Tandon recently passed away. He was the Governor of which state?

a) Jharkhand

b) Chhattisgarh

- c) Bihar
- d) Odisha

109. Which station was ranked as the cleanest in A1 Category as per Report on Station Cleanliness?

a) Jodhpur

- b) Jaipur
- c) Thane
- d) Tirupati

110. Which station was ranked as the cleanest in A Category as per Report on Station Cleanliness?

- a) Phulera
- b) Warangal
- c) Marwar**
- d) Mumbai

111. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2018 announced the launch of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana Abhiyan in which month this year?

- a) August
- b) September**
- c) October
- d) November

112. This former Indian cricket captain, who led team India to their first overseas Test wins in England and the West Indies in 1971, passed away

on August 15, 2018.

a) Ajit Wadekar

- b) Lala Amarnath
- c) Vijay Samuel Hazare
- d) Vinoo Mankad

113. What was Delhi's rank in the Global Liveability Index 2018?

- a) 52
- b) 78
- c) 99
- d) 112**

114. Which city topped the Global Liveability Index 2018?

- a) Vienna**
- b) Melbourne
- c) Toronto
- d) Tokyo

115. India's first-ever women's bank- Bharatiya Mahila Bank was merged with which bank?

- a) SBI**
- b) RBI
- c) BOI
- d) BOB

116. Where was the 24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) held?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bhutan
- c) China**
- d) Sri Lanka

117. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of road safety campaign in India?

- a) Akshay Kumar**
- b) Sharukh Khan

- c) Aamir Khan
- d) Salman Khan

118. Which state will observe September as the 'month of nutrition'?

- a) Haryana
- b) Rajasthan**
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra

119. Mario Abdo Benitez was sworn in as the new President of which nation?

- a) Colombia
- b) Mexico
- c) Paraguay**
- d) Venezuela

120. Who was India's first ODI captain?

- a) M A K Pataudi
- b) Lala Amarnath
- c) Nari Contractor
- d) Ajit Wadekar**

121. Who has been appointed as the head coach of women's cricket team?

- a) Anil Kumble
- b) Ramesh Powar**
- c) Virender Sehwag
- d) V V S Laxman

122. The naval forces of India and which nation will conduct joint exercises next month to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their maritime bilateral relations?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Japan
- c) Singapore**
- d) Australia

123. Which city hosted the 24th World Congress of Philosophy 2018?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Seoul
- c) Beijing**
- d) Kathmandu

124. Which committee was constituted by the Central government to coordinate the discharge of floodwaters from Kerala-Tamil Nadu inter-State projects?

- a) Sushil Modi committee
- b) Sunil Mehta committee
- c) Bikram Dutta committee
- d) Narendra Kumar committee**

125. Which telecom company launched a VOIP based phone service 'WINGS'?

- a) BSNL**
- b) MTNL
- c) Airtel
- d) Jio

126. Which organisation was ranked as India's most patriotic brand, as per survey conducted by UK-based YouGov?

- a) Maruti Suzuki
- b) State Bank of India**
- c) Patanjali
- d) Reliance Jio

127. The 18-time Grammy Award winning singer Aretha Franklin passed away recently at the age of 76. Which nation did she belong to?

- a) United States**
- b) United Kingdom
- c) Germany
- d) Argentina

128. Which country has formed 'Iran Action Group' for post-nuclear deal policy?

- a) France
- b) Russia
- c) Japan

d) United States

129. The Supreme Court has directed which state's NRC coordinator to submit district-wise percentage of the population excluded from the NRC draft?

a) Jammu and Kashmir

b) Assam

c) West Bengal

d) Sikkim

130. Which country has unveiled Chang'e 4 lunar rover to explore the far side of the moon by year end?

a) Japan

b) Russia

c) China

d) US

131. The Supreme Court has directed which state to reduce water level at Mullaperiyar dam by three feet?

a) Karnataka

b) Kerala

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Andhra Pradesh

132. The world's oldest cheese was discovered from a tomb in which nation?

a) Peru

b) Belgium

c) Italy

d) Egypt

133. FSSAI recently constituted which committee to look into draft food labelling?

a) B Sesikeran

b) Pawan Kumar Agarwal

c) Nikhil Tandon

d) Hemalatha

134. Which Anti-Tank Guided Missile was recently flight-tested on a

helicopter?

- a) **HELINA**
- b) SAAW
- c) NAG
- d) BARAK

135. When is the World Humanitarian Day observed globally?

- a) 18 August
- b) **19 August**
- c) 20 August
- d) 21 August

136. The Barak 8 missile defence system is a joint venture of India and which country?

- a) Russia
- b) Japan
- c) **Israel**
- d) Russia

137. Which state hosted the 2018 International Conference on Recent Advances in Food Processing Technology (iCRAFPT)?

- a) Odisha
- b) Karnataka
- c) Telangana
- d) **Tamil Nadu**

138. Which state declared to observe September as Month of Nutrition?

- a) Haryana
- b) **Rajasthan**
- c) Bihar
- d) Punjab

139. Around 180 families, separated by which war, were temporarily reunited on August 20?

- a) **Korean War**

- b) Indo-Pak War
- c) World War I
- d) World War II

140. Which nation is hosting the 2018 Asian Games?

- a) Vietnam
- b) India
- c) Indonesia**
- d) Malaysia

141. Which country hosted the 11th World Hindi Conference?

- a) Maldives
- b) Indonesia
- c) India
- d) Mauritius**

142. Who was appointed to lead a UN commission to investigate Myanmar's Rohingya crisis in September 2016?

- a) Antonio Guterres
- b) Kofi Annan**
- c) Nikki Haley
- d) Ban Ki-moon

143. Who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win a gold medal at the Asian Games?

- a) Geeta Phogat
- b) Vinesh Phogat**
- c) Sakshi Malik
- d) Pooja Dhanda

144. Which court has ordered the CBSE to publicise 'no homework, no bag' rule for Class I & II?

- a) Delhi HC
- b) Supreme Court
- c) Madras HC**
- d) Allahabad HC

145. Which Indian technology institute will be mentoring engineering colleges to improve quality of engineering education?

- a) **IIT**
- b) AMU
- c) MIT
- d) BITS Pilani

146. The northern states will be setting up a joint secretariat to tackle which issue?

- a) Women's safety
- b) **Drug menace**
- c) Air Pollution
- d) Human Trafficking

147. Esow Alben created history by claiming India's first ever silver medal at the UCI Junior World Championships in Aigle, Switzerland in which sport?

- a) Swimming
- b) Scuba Diving
- c) **Track Cycling**
- d) Tennis

148. Who was conferred with the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award?

- a) Najma A Heptulla
- b) Meira Kumar
- c) Pranab Mukherjee
- d) **Gopalkrishna Gandhi**

149. India is going to jointly work on a project in the area of Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV) and robotics with which nation?

- a) Germany
- b) **Japan**
- c) China
- d) Switzerland

150. Researchers from the City University of Hong Kong (CityU) have developed world's first-ever 4D printing that can be used on which mechanically robust material?

- a) Ceramic**
- b) Iron
- c) Steel
- d) Glass

151. Satya Pal Malik was appointed as the Governor of which state by President Ram Nath Kovind?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir**
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Sikkim
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- b) Baby Rani Maurya**
- c) Kaptan Singh Solanki
- d) Ganga Prasad

153. The data of which spacecraft proved the presence of ice on the Moon?

- a) Juno
- b) Mission to Moon
- c) Chandrayaan-I**
- d) TESS

154. Who was appointed as Governor of Sikkim recently?

- a) Lalji Tandon
- b) Satya Pal Malik
- c) Tathagata Roy
- d) Ganga Prasad**

155. Which Indian personality was conferred with the WHO World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award?

- a) SK Arora**
- b) Manish Sisodia

- c) Arvind Kejriwal
- d) Kailash Kumar

156. Which former Indian Army chief was awarded the United States (US) 'Legion of Merit'?

- a) Bipin Rawat
- b) Dalbir Singh Suhag**
- c) Bikram Singh
- d) Vijay Kumar Singh

157. Which state is going to rename its new capital as Atal Nagar?

- a) Chhattisgarh**
- b) Jharkhand
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- a) Manu Baker
- b) Rahi Sarnobat**
- c) Anjum Moudgil
- d) Heena Sidhu

159. Which city will host the "International Buddhist Conclave 2018"?

- a) Bodh Gaya
- b) New Delhi**
- c) Tokyo
- d) Singapore

160. Asian Games gold medalist Hakam Singh passed away on August 14 due to liver and kidney ailments. Singh had won the gold in 1978 Asiad in which track event?

- a) 200 metres
- b) Discus throw
- c) Javelin throw
- d) Race walk**

161. The UIDAI has asked enrolment agencies of which state to provide free e-Aadhaar printouts?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Odisha

- c) Kerala**
d) Tamil Nadu

162. Which city is soon going to have a cyclone warning centre?

- a) Bhubaneswar
b) Mumbai
c) Thiruvananthapuram
d) Kochi

163. Which organisation topped the Fortune's 'Change the World' list 2018?

- a) Alibaba
b) Amazon
c) Reliance Jio
d) Bank of America

164. Union Government recently allowed private chemists to sell which drug?

- a) Methaqualone
b) Phenacetin
c) Nialamide
d) Oxytocin

165. President Ram Nath Kovind on August 23, 2018 reassigned which portfolios to Union Minister Arun Jaitley?

- a) Ministries of Finance; and Corporate Affairs**
b) Ministries of Finance; and Economy, Trade and Industry
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d) All of the above

166. Who was appointed as the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)?

- a) Tathagata Roy
b) Satya Pal Malik
c) Ganga Prasad
d) Kaptan Singh Solanki

167. Who has become the youngest shooter to win silver in the men's

double trap event in Asian Games 2018?

- a) Deepak Kumar
- b) Lakshay Sheoran
- c) Shardul Vihan**
- d) Sanjeev Rajput

168. The cabinet of which state has approved life imprisonment for sacrilege of religious text?

- a) Punjab**
- b) Gujarat
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Jharkhand

169. Researchers from which International institute have developed an 'in-body GPS' system to track tumours?

- a) Stanford University
- b) University of Cambridge
- c) National University of Singapore
- d) Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

170. Who has become the only second Indian woman after Sania Mirza to win a medal in the tennis singles event at the Asian Games?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) Ankita Raina**
- c) Rahi Sarnobat
- d) Rahi Sarnobat

171. Which Indian team has entered their third successive finals at the Asian Games?

- a) Indian women's badminton team
- b) Indian men's swimming team
- c) Indian women's kabaddi team**
- d) Indian wushu team

172. Which social media platform has deleted 652 fake accounts targeting world politics?

- a) Instagram
- b) Facebook**
- c) Google
- d) Twitter

173. The Jawaharlal Nehru University recently announced to rename its School of Management and Entrepreneurship after which personality?

- a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee**
- b) Deendayal Upadhaya
- c) N Karunanidhi
- d) BR Ambedkar

174. Which state is hosting the International Colour Festival?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Jharkhand**
- c) Telangana
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175. Which two Indian players won gold in the tennis men's doubles finals at Asian Games 2018?

- a) Rohan Bopanna and Yuki Bhambri
- b) Ramkumar Ramanathan and Divij Sharan
- c) Divij Sharan and Rohan Bopanna**
- d) Somdev Devvarman and Ramkumar Ramanathan

176. Which nation won gold in the women's Kabaddi final at Asian Games 2018?

- a) Iran**
- b) Afghanistan
- c) India
- d) South Korea

177. Which country has launched a 'feminist foreign policy' manual?

- a) Indian
- b) UK
- c) Sweden**
- d) Germany

178. Which country has imposed retaliatory 25 per cent taxes on US products worth 16 billion dollars?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) Germany
- d) China**

179. Which city will host 4th summit of Heads of State of BIMSTEC 2018 ?

- a) Kathmandu**
- b) Mumbai
- c) Thimpu
- d) New Delhi

180. Which country launched its first state-of-the-art domestic fighter jet "Kowsar"?

- a) Israel
- b) Iran**
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Iraq

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- d) Heena Sidhu

189. FSSAI recently constituted which committee to look into draft food labelling?

- a) B Sesikeran**
- b) Pawan Kumar Agarwal
- c) Nikhil Tandon
- d) Hemalatha

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191. The Defence Ministry has cleared procurement of how many naval helicopters at a cost of over Rs 21000 crore?

- a) 99
- b) 100
- c) 111**
- d) 89

192. Who will launch will the second phase of FAME India scheme?

- a) Narendra Modi**
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Ram Nath Kovind
- d) Venkaiah Naidu

193. Who has become the first Indian badminton player to enter the finals of Asian Games?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) PV Sindhu**
- c) Srikanth Kidambi
- d) HS Prannoy

194. Who became the only second singles player to win an Asiad bronze in badminton at the 18th Asian Games?

- a) PV Sindhu
- b) Srikanth Kidambi
- c) Saina Nehwal**
- d) Rohan Bopanna

195. Which country has banned discretionary use of state funds and first-class air travel by officials and leaders including the president and the prime minister?

- a) India
- b) Pakistan**

- c) Chile
- d) Denmark

196. Vietnam War hero John McCain passed away on August 25 after battling from brain tumour. He served as the senator and a two- time contender for presidency in which nation?

- a) United States**
- b) United Kingdom
- c) Australia
- d) Canada

197. Which state government has sought revival of cheetah reintroduction project?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Assam
- c) Odisha
- d) Madhya Pradesh**

198. India recently held its 8th joint trade committee meeting with which nation?

- a) China
- b) Malaysia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Kenya**

199. Which Indian athlete won the gold medal in men's shot put with a record-breaking performance?

- a) M. Sreeshankar
- b) Tajinder Pal Singh**
- c) Muhammed Anas
- d) Chethan Balasubramanya

200. Who won India's first medal in 20 years in a women's 100 event?

- a) Hima Das
- b) Anu Raghavan

- c) Fouaad Mirza
- d) Dutee Chand**

201. Which Minister launched an online portal for common carrier capacity booking under GAIL's pipelines?

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Suresh Prabhu
- d) Harsh Vardhan**

202. Which Ministry launched a sports policy for its Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)?

- a) Petroleum and Natural Gas
- b) Steel**
- c) Coal
- d) Power

203. Which Indian became the first badminton player to win silver in Asian Games?

- a) PV Sindhu**
- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) Srikanth Kidambi
- d) HS Prannoy

204. Who has become the first Indian javelin thrower to win an Asiad gold?

- a) Muhammed Anas
- b) Tajinder Pal Singh
- c) Dutee Chand
- d) Neeraj Chopra**

205. Dutee Chand, who grabbed the spotlight in the women's 100 m finals, finished at which position in the event?

- a) First
- b) Third
- c) Second**

d) Did Not Qualify

206. Fouaad Mirza became the first Indian to win an Asian Games individual medal since 1982 in which sporting event?

- a) Wushu
- b) Equestrian**
- c) Sepaktakraw
- d) Bridge

207. Who was appointed as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

- a) G Satheesh Reddy**
- b) Sanjay Mitra
- c) Jitendra Singh
- d) K Sivan Ramakrishnan

208. Which state government will organise youths' conclave 'ATAL' in September 2018?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Arunachal Pradesh**
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Uttar Pradesh

209. The NETA app that seeks to let Indian voters rate their elected representatives, was launched by which renowned personality?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Arvind Kejriwal
- c) Pranab Mukherjee**
- d) Rahul Gandhi

210. Which airline conducted India's first-ever test flight powered by biojet fuel?

- a) Lufthansa
- b) Vistara
- c) Indigo
- d) SpiceJet**

211. Where was the International Water Colour Festival 2018 celebrated?

- a) Ranchi**
- b) Kanpur
- c) Indore
- d) Jodhpur

212. Which city hosted the 3rd Indian Ocean Conference (IOC-2018)?

- a) Jakarta
- b) Hanoi**
- c) Melbourne
- d) Tokyo

213. The 8th Session of the India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee meeting was held in which city?

- a) Delhi
- b) Nairobi**
- c) Bangalore
- d) Mombasa

214. Who was appointed Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- a) Abhinav Joshi
- b) Satpal Rana
- c) Satya S Tripathi**
- d) Sahil Shingi

215. The Government has constituted a new council to advise the Prime Minister of which matters?

- a) Nation building
- b) Disaster management
- c) Economy
- d) Science and technology**

216. Which state has passed its Police (Amendment) Bill?

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Punjab**
- c) Odisha
- d) Haryana

217. Who won India's first silver medal in Kurash at the 18th Asian Games in Indonesia?

- a) **Pinky Balhara**
- b) Malaprabha Yallapa Jadav
- c) Neena Varakil
- d) Sudha Singh

218. Which country has signed a \$300 million loan agreement with the World Bank to scale up its energy efficiency programme?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bangladesh
- c) **India**
- d) Sri Lanka

219. Which city is hosting SAARC Agri Cooperative Business Forum?

- a) Kabul
- b) New Delhi
- c) Dhaka
- d) **Kathmandu**

220. As per estimates of the Agriculture Ministry, how much increase was recorded in foodgrain production in 2017-18?

- a) 274.5 million tones
- b) 292.7 million tones
- c) 268.3 million tones
- d) **284.8 million tones**

221. Who is the first Indian to win an Asiad gold in the women's heptathlon event?

- a) Soma Biswas
- b) Dutee Chand
- c) **Swapna Barman**
- d) Hima Das

222. Which city is hosting the third edition of 'Smart India Hackathon'?

- a) **New Delhi**
- b) Pune
- c) Bangalore

d) Chennai

223. The Union Cabinet has approved to release how much additional Dearness Allowance (DA) for Central Government employees?

- a) 5 per cent
- b) 3 per cent
- c) 2 per cent**
- d) 1.5 per cent

224. The Union Cabinet has approved to release how much additional Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners?

- a) 7 per cent
- b) 2 per cent**
- c) 3 per cent
- d) 4 per cent

225. What is the revised cost estimate for setting up of India Post Payments Bank, as approved by the Union Cabinet on August 29, 2018?

- a) Rs 1000 crore
- b) Rs 500 crore
- c) Rs 1200 crore
- d) Rs 1435 crore**

226. The Union Cabinet has approved signing of an Air Services agreement between India and which nation?

- a) Israel
- b) Morocco**
- c) Egypt
- d) Nigeria

227. The 4th BIMSTEC Summit began on August 30, 2018 in which city?

- a) Colombo
- b) Kathmandu**
- c) Delhi
- d) Bangkok

228. What percent of the demonetised currency has been returned, as per the Annual Report 2017-18 of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- a) 98.2 percent
- b) 99.0 percent
- c) 99.3 percent**
- d) 99.8 percent

229. The Union Government and ADB signed USD 375 million loan agreement to improve irrigation efficiency in which state?

- a) Madhya Pradesh**
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Haryana

230. ISRO will launch the Human Spaceflight Mission 'Gaganyaan' by which year?

- a) 2019
- b) 2020
- c) 2021
- d) 2022**

231. When is the National Sports Day celebrated in India every year?

- a) August 26
- b) August 27
- c) August 28
- d) August 29**

232. Which company launched Project Navlekha to help Indian news publishers to take their content online?

- a) Google**
- b) Facebook
- c) Amazon
- d) Instagram

233. Which Indian team won their fifth consecutive gold medal at the

18th Asian Games?

- a) **Men's 4x400 relay**
- b) Women's badminton team
- c) Women's squash team
- d) Women's 4x400 relay

234. This Indian athlete ended India's 48-year wait for a gold medal in the men's triple jump event at the Asian Games.

- a) Tajinder Pal Singh
- b) **Arpinder Singh**
- c) Jinson Johnson
- d) Manjit Singh

235. India has won how many medals in Badminton at the 18th Asian Games?

- a) 4
- b) 3
- c) **2**
- d) 5

236. India signed USD 375 million loan agreement with which organisation to improve irrigation in Madhya Pradesh?

- a) **ADB**
- b) AIIB
- c) World Bank
- d) IMF

237. The 6th edition of RCEP Trade Ministers' Meeting 2018 began in which country?

- a) India
- b) **Singapore**
- c) China
- d) Korea

238. Who was appointed as India's High Commissioner to United Kingdom?

- a) Rama Tyagi
- b) Komal Seth
- c) **Ruchi Ghanashyam**
- d) Sujata Krishnan

239. Which Indian Naval Ship participated in the regional maritime engagement exercise KAKADU 2018?

- a) INS Vikrant
- b) INS Virat
- c) INS Satpura**
- d) INS Sahyadri**

240. The fifth BIMSTEC Summit will be hosted by which country?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Sri Lanka**
- c) Thailand
- d) India

241. Imran Khan will be sworn-in as Prime Minister of Pakistan. He is a leader of which Political Party?

- a) Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf**
- b) Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz
- c) Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians
- d) Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal Pakistan

242. Which country's cabinet has approved a law that provides for death penalty for those involved in piracy at sea?

- a) India**
- b) Japan
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Maldives

243. M Karunanidhi, DMK chief and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, passed away on August 7, 2018. He served how many terms as Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister?

- a) 5**
- b) 4
- c) 3
- d) 2

244. Who was appointed as the part-time Director on RBI Board by the Central Government recently?

- a) P Chidambaram
- b) Swaminathan Gurusurthy**
- c) Rakesh Mohan

d) Deepak Singhal

245. Who has been elected as the new deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha?

- a) BK Hari Prasad
- b) Harivansh Narayan Singh**
- c) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- d) Harshvardhan Singh

246. Which Indian biosphere reserve has become the 11th one to be added to UNESCO's WNBR list?

- a) Agasthyamalai
- b) Great Rann of Kutch
- c) Khangchendzonga**
- d) Seshachalam Hills

247. When is the World Bio-Fuel Day observed every year?

- a) August 9
- b) August 10**
- c) August 11
- d) August 12

248. Which Union Ministry launched the mobile app Niryat Mitra?

- a) Ministry of Commerce**
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) Ministry of Agriculture
- d) Ministry of Science & Technology

249. Which Ministry recently approved proposal for setting up water aerodromes?

- a) Ministry of Civil Aviation**
- b) Ministry of Finance
- c) Ministry of Defence
- d) Ministry of Shipping

250. Who was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court by Governor Banwarilal Purohit recently?

- a) Justice S Vimala
- b) Justice VK Tahilramani**

- c) Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana
- d) Justice Anita Sumanth

251. The Government has dismissed which bank's former CEO, MD from service and given CBI the permission to prosecute her in relation with the Nirav Modi bank fraud case?

- a) Allahabad Bank**
- b) State Bank of India
- c) ICCI
- d) Canara Bank

252. The IRDAI has constituted a working group to review norms for insurance surveyors. Who has been appointed to head the group?

- a) G Srinivasan
- b) VK Sharma
- c) Subhash Chandra
- d) Yegna Priya Bharat**

253. Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee passed away on August 16, 2018. In which year, he became India's Prime Minister for first time?

- a) 1996**
- b) 1997
- c) 1998
- d) 1999

254. Which Indian cities were included in the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2018 Global Liveability Index?

- a) Chennai and Delhi
- b) Delhi and Mumbai**
- c) Mumbai and Pune
- d) Pune and Chennai

255. Which Indian wrestler won gold in the 65kg men's category on the first day of Asian Games 2018?

- a) Sushil Kumar
- b) Bajrang Punia**
- c) Deepak Kumar
- d) Yogeshwar Dutt

256. This Nobel Peace Laureate and former UN Secretary General, who was the first African to helm the post, passed away on August 18, 2018.

- a) Wangari Maathai
- b) Kofi Annan**
- c) Nelson Mandela
- d) Desmond Tutu

257. Which young Indian shooter has won the first gold for India in Asian Games 2018?

- a) Saurabh Chaudhary**
- b) Sanjeev Rajput
- c) Abhishek Verma
- d) Lakshay Sheoran

258. The Supreme Court has scrapped the use of NOTA option from which elections?

- a) General Elections
- b) Lok Sabha Elections
- c) State Elections
- d) Rajya Sabha Elections**

259. Name the writer of 'India after Nehru' who passed away recently.

- a) Kuldip Nayar**
- b) Debu Bose
- c) Ramnath Goenka
- d) Gurudas Kamat

260. Name the veteran Indian woman pacer who recently announced her retirement from T20 Internationals.

- a) Anjum Chopra
- b) Jhulan Goswami**
- c) Mithali Raj
- d) Harnampreet Kaur

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263. Union Government signed MoU with 6 states for construction of Lakhwar Multi-Purpose Project in Uttarakhand. The Lakhwar multi-purpose project is associated with which river?

- a) Yamuna**
- b) Ganga
- c) Brahmaputra
- d) Godavari

264. The Union Government recently released a list of regulations for the commercial use of drones that will be applicable from which date?

- a) September 1, 2018
- b) October 1, 2018
- c) November 1, 2018
- d) December 1, 2018**

265. HRD Ministry launches Atal rankings for which institutions?

- a) Secondary schools
- b) Primary Schools
- c) Higher Education Institutions**
- d) Nursery

266. Which Union Ministry has signed a new wage agreement to benefit over one lakh port workers, pensioners?

- a) Ministry of Shipping**
- b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- c) Ministry of Transport
- d) Ministry of Urban Development