

# GENERAL AWARENESS

## Global gender equality index

India ranked 95<sup>th</sup> out of 129 countries in global gender equality index that measures global gender equality looking at aspects such as poverty, health, education, literacy, political representation and equality at the workplace. The index includes 51 indicators across 14 of the 17 official Sustainable Development Goals and covers 129 countries across all regions of the world. India's highest goal scores are on SDG 3 of health (79.9), SDG 2 of hunger and nutrition (76.2) and SDG 7 of energy (71.8). Denmark was ranked at the first place and Chad at 129<sup>th</sup> place. China ranked at 74 position, Pakistan at 113 while Nepal and Bangladesh at 102 and 110 respectively.

## International Day of Yoga

Prime Minister Narendra Modi lead the main event of International Day of Yoga 2019 celebrations to be held in Ranchi, Jharkhand on 21<sup>st</sup> of this month.

## Modi tour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Maldives' highest civilian award, 'the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzudeen', by the President of the host country, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, in his Maldives tour. The Maldives says, the award is in recognition of the many services Prime Minister Modi offered to cement the longstanding and amicable ties between the two countries.

## Reconstitution of NITI Aayog

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the reconstitution of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog). Prime Minister Narendra Modi serves as the chairman of the policy making think tank and Rajiv Kumar will be the Vice Chairman. An official release said, V K Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and Dr V K Paul will be the full-time members of the NITI Aayog.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar will be the Ex-Officio Members.

Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot, Rail Minister Piyush Goyal and Statistics and Programme Implementation Minister Rao Inderjit Singh will be the special invitees of NITI Aayog.

## #SelfiewithSapling

Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched a people's campaign #Selfiewith Sapling urging all to join and plant a sapling and post the selfie with the sapling on social media. The Environment Day observed on 5<sup>th</sup> June every year. The theme of Environment Day is 'Beat Air Pollution'.

## Financial Literacy Week 2019

Financial Literacy Week is an initiative of RBI to promote awareness on key topics every year through a focused campaign. This year it is observed from June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> on the theme of 'Farmers' and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system. Growth in agriculture is necessary for the overall economic growth & finance.

## Slow GDP

The growth rate of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell from 7.2 per cent in Financial Year 2017-18 to 6.8 per cent in FY 2018-19, due to poor performance in agriculture and manufacturing sectors. In January-March 2018-2019 quarter, the GDP growth slowed down to 5.8 per cent. The March quarter growth rate is slowest since 2014-15. The previous low was 6.4 per cent in 2013-14. Finance Secretary is Subhash Chandra Garg.

## Five Deputy CMs in Cabinet

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jaganmohan Reddy designated five newly-inducted ministers as Deputy Chief Ministers. Pamula Pushpa Sreevani, Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose, Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas alias Nani, K Narayana Swamy and Amzath Basha were designated as Deputy CMs. Mekathoti Sucharita was given home ministry and Buggana Rajendranath Reddy was given the most important portfolio of finance, planning and legislative affairs. The 26-member Cabinet, including the Chief Minister, has three women members.

## Repo rate cut third time..

On 6<sup>th</sup> June, the Reserve bank of India in its bi-monthly monetary policy review reduced the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.75 per cent from 6.0 per cent with immediate effect. This is the third time in a row that the central bank has cut key rates this calendar year. The reverse repo rate stands adjusted to 5.50 per cent, and the marginal standing facility rate and the Bank Rate to 6.0 per cent.

## UN General Assembly President

Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, the Nigeria's Ambassador to the United Nations was elected as President of the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly. The 193-member UNGA elected Muhammad-Bande, had been nominated by Nigeria and endorsed by the African group, at the election by acclamation. He will succeed Maria Fernanda Espinosa as the President of the next General Assembly session that will commence in September 2019. Tijjani assumes charge as the world body gets ready to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation next year.

## Prayuth Chan-ocha

Parliament of Thailand elected 2014 coup leader Prayuth Chan-ocha as Prime Minister. The military-backed party that nominated Prayuth won the second-highest number of seats in the House of Representatives in a general election in March. His appointment becomes official when it is endorsed by King Maha Vajiralongkorn. Prayuth did not run for office in the March election - the constitution enacted under the junta he headed does not require that the Prime Minister come from Parliament.

## MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Who is the National Security Advisor?

1) Bipin Rawat

2) Karanbir Singh

3) Ajit Doval

4) Sanjya Mithra

5) V.K.Singh

2. The Chief Minister of which state announced free travel for women in public transport to improve safety and accessibility?
- 1) Andhra Pradesh      2) Odisha      3) Sikkim      4) Haryana  
5) Delhi
3. Union Tribal Minister is..
- 1) Arjun Munda      2) Raman Singh  
3) Ramesh Pokhriyal      4) Shivraj Singh Chouhan  
5) Jitan Ram Manjhi
4. Who is the chairman of the committee that submitted the draft National Educational Policy (NEP) to HRD ministry recently?
- 1) T.N.Manoharan      2) UK Sinha  
3) Dr. Kasturirangan      4) Sanjeev Sharma  
5) Amitb Kanth
5. World Milk Day observed on...?
- 1) 22<sup>nd</sup> April      2) 22<sup>nd</sup> March      3) 1<sup>st</sup> June      4) 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
5) 3<sup>rd</sup> March
6. Former President of India Pratibha Patil was conferred with 'Order of the Aztec Eagle', the highest civilian Award from which nation?
- 1) Mexico      2) Argentina      3) Peru      4) Uruguay  
5) Brazil
7. Global Disability summit held in...
- 1) Paris, France      2) Buenos Aires, Argentina  
3) Geneva, Switzerland      4) New Delhi, India  
5) New York, USA
8. Which state medical and health department selected for the 'World No Tobacco Day Award for 2019' in the South-east Region?
- 1) Karnataka      2) Himachal Pradesh      3) Rajasthan      4) Kerala  
5) Telengana
9. For which state Health System Reform Programme, World Bank providing \$287 million loan ?
- 1) Tamil nadu      2) Haryana      3) Kerala      4) UP  
5) Goa
10. Which PSU toppled Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to regain crown of being the country's most profitable public sector company?
- 1) NTPC      2) SAIL      3) ONGC      4) BHEL  
5) GAIL

11. In its Global Economic Prospects report, the World Bank retained its forecast of India's growth rate at.....percent for the current financial year.
- 1) 7.3                      2) 7.9                      3) 7.8                      4) 7.5
- 5) 6.8
12. In ISSF shooting World Cup Which Indian player won 10m Air Pistol Gold beating his own World Record?
- 1) Japtyesh Singh Jaspal                      2) Gagan Narang
- 3) Abhishek Verma                      4) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 5) Abhinav Bindra
13. Dzukou Valley in which state became Plastic Free Zone on the eve of World Environment Day?
- 1) Assam                      2) Kerala                      3) Tripura                      4) Nagaland
- 5) Mizoram
14. SWIFT India and South Asia Conference held successfully on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in...?
- 1) Delhi                      2) Hyderabad                      3) Pune                      4) Mumbai
- 5) Kolkata

**KEY**

1-3; 2-5; 3-1; 4-3; 5-3; 6-1; 7-2; 8-3; 9-1; 10-3; 11-4; 12-4; 13-4; 14-4.

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