

# GENERAL AWARENESS

## New Governors

President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Anusuiya Uikey as Governor of Chhattisgarh. She is senior tribal BJP leader from Madhya Pradesh. She replaced Anandiben Patel, who is Governor of Madhya Pradesh was also holding the charge of Chhattisgarh following the demise of Chhattisgarh Governor Balram Das Tandon on August 2018. Anandiben Patel has been transferred and appointed as new Governor of UP. Bihar Governor Lalji Tandon was also transferred and appointed as the Governor of Madhya Pradesh. Senior Supreme Court advocate Jagdeep Dhankhar was appointed as the new Governor of West Bengal, replacing Keshari Nath Tripathi. BJP member Ramesh Bais has been appointed as the Governor of Tripura, replacing Kaptan Singh Solanki. BJP MLA Phagu Chauhan has been appointed as the Governor of Bihar while RN Ravi as Governor of Nagaland, replacing Padmanabha Acharya. Senior BJP leader from Odisha, Biswa Bhusan Harichandan was appointed as Governor of Andhra Pradesh. He will replace SL Narsimhan, who has been functioning as the Governor for two states-Telangana and Andhra Pradesh since the bifurcation of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh in 2014. Senior BJP leader Kalraj Mishra appointed as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, replacing Acharya Devvrat, who has been transferred and appointed as the Governor of Gujarat.

## Judgments in Indian languages

President Ram Nath Kovind said maximum number of judgments of the Supreme Court and the High Courts should be available in major Indian languages. Inaugurating the new additional building of the Supreme Court, Mr Kovind appreciated the Supreme Court's open mindedness in developing and deploying software that translates judgment texts into different languages.

## Hall of Fame

Indian batting icon Sachin Tendulkar has been inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame. He is regarded as the greatest to have played the game along with Sir Donald Bradman and remains the top run-accumulator in both Tests and ODIs. Tendulkar, who retired in November 2013, scored 15,921 runs in Tests and 18,426 in ODIs, both of which remain records. He is the sixth Indian to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. Allan Donald of Australia and Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick were also inducted into Hall of Fame.

## World Hunger

A UN report said that more than 821 million people suffered from hunger worldwide last year. It is the third year in a row that the number has raised. The report named, 'The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World', produced by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and other UN agencies was released on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. It noted that the number of people without enough to eat had risen from 811 million in 2017 and getting to a world where no one is suffering from hunger remains an immense challenge.

## Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan

The special campaign Jan Jagrukta Abhiyaan launched by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to sensitize and mobilise the community on measures for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya.

## Kaushal Yuva Samwaad

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship announced the launch of 'Kaushal Yuva Samwaad' aimed at creating an open dialogue with the youth across all skill training centres to hear their ideas and recommendations to help scale up existing programmes. Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey stated that it is the platform to discuss potential issues and solutions from the candidate's perspective.

### **Kulbushan execution stayed**

International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered the staying of Kulbushan Jadhav's death sentence. It directed Pakistan to provide effective review and reconsideration of his conviction and sentences. ICJ affirmed Jadhav's right to consular access and notification and directed Pakistan to give him consular access. 15 out of 16 judges ruled in favour of India on merits in the case relating to Indian national Kulbushan Jadhav who is currently on death row in Pakistan. A retired Indian Navy officer, he was sentenced to death by a Pakistani Military Court on charges of espionage and terrorism in April 2017.

### **NAG tested**

Indian Army successfully carried out summer user trials of third Generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile- NAG at Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan. NAG missile was developed to engage highly fortified enemy tanks in all weather conditions with day and night capabilities and with a minimum range of 500 metres and maximum range of 4 kilometres. It is a third-generation fire-and-forget-class missile and uses an imaging infrared seeker in lock-on-before-launch mode.

### **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**

Amazon chief Jeff Bezos is the still richest man in the world, with a total net worth of \$125 billion. Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, who has never been ranked below the second spot on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index has been pushed to the Number 3 rank by Bernard Arnault, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of LVMH Moët Hennessy - Louis Vuitton SE, aka LVMH. Arnault total net worth stands at \$108 billion. Bill Gates stands at Number 3 with net worth of \$107 billion. Richest Indian, Mukesh Ambani is on the 13<sup>th</sup> spot, with a net worth of \$51.8 billion. Azim Premji is the second-richest Indian to be on the list at the 48<sup>th</sup> rank with \$20.5 billion.

### **EC first female head**

German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen elected as the European Commission's first female president. Leyen's nomination was approved by 383 votes, a narrow margin of just nine votes over the required 374, at the European Parliament at Strasbourg in France. She called for a united and strong Europe, after being elected.

### **MODEL QUESTIONS**

1. The list of Chief Ministers of the states given. The correct combination is..?  
1) Gujrat-Vijay Rupani  
2) Himachal Pradesh-Jai Ram Thakur  
3) Chattisgarh-Bhupesh Baghel  
4) Andhra Pradesh-YS. Jagan Mohan  
5) All of above correct
2. Where is the headquarters of ECB ( European Central Bank)?  
1) Geneva, Switzerland  
2) Tokyo, Japan  
3) Frankfurt, Germany  
4) Washington DC, USA  
5) Paris, France
3. Nelson Mandela International Day observed on.....  
1) 12<sup>th</sup> July  
2) 1<sup>st</sup> July  
3) 24<sup>th</sup> July  
4) 18<sup>th</sup> July  
5) 31<sup>st</sup> July
4. Where is the Kaziranga National Park?  
1) Manipur  
2) Meghalaya  
3) Assam  
4) Tripura  
5) Nagaland

5. Union Cabinet approved Rs.1,600 crore for Dibang Multipurpose Project in ....?  
1) Arunachal Pradesh  
2) Himachal Pradesh  
3) Uttrakhand  
4) Jharkhand  
5) Bihar
6. Union Cabinet approved the extension of the term of Fifteenth Finance Commission up to ....?  
1) 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
2) 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
3) 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020  
4) 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
5) 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020
7. 9<sup>th</sup> SAARC Film Festival held in Colombo. Which film from India bagged "Best Feature Film Award"?  
1) Na Bole Wo Haram  
2) Davena Vihagun  
3) Bulbul  
4) Nagarkirtan  
5) Walking With The Wind
8. Dilmun Burial Mounds of which country has been inducted into the list of World Heritage Sites by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?  
1) Italy  
2) Iraq  
3) Iran  
4) Bahrain  
5) Japan
9. Which nation will host the 2020 edition of the 'Our Oceans conference', focus on issues such as climate change, sustainable fisheries and marine pollution?  
1) Paraguay  
2) Philippines  
3) Palau  
4) Panama  
5) Poland
10. World Youth Skills day observed on.....?  
1) 25<sup>th</sup> July  
2) 5<sup>th</sup> July  
3) 15<sup>th</sup> July  
4) 25<sup>th</sup> June  
5) 30<sup>th</sup> June
11. Winter Olympics 2022 to be hosted by .....?  
1) Thailand  
2) Norway  
3) Beijing  
4) Finland  
5) Ireland
12. First train to be operated by private players in India is Tejas Express that run between...?  
1) Delhi-Lucknow  
2) New Delhi-Agra  
3) Vijayawada-Varanasi  
4) Dibrugarh-Kanyakumari  
5) Ahmedabad-Mumbai

**KEY**

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

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