

# GENERAL AWARENESS

## National Order of Merit

President Ram Nath Kovind received the 'National Order of Merit' of Guinea for his exceptional contribution to the advancement of overall relations and development of mutual cooperation between India and Guinea. 'National order of Merit' is the highest award of Republic of Guinea.

## National Population Register

Union Government decided to prepare and update the National Population Register (NPR) and also undertake the field work for house to house enumeration throughout the country, except Assam.

The reason for excluding Assam is because of the ongoing exercise of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state. The National Population Register is a database of 1.3 billion Indians will be ultimately used to issue citizenship cards and will be updated with individual Aadhaar, passport and driving license numbers along with the Census 2021.

About 15 additional data points per person will be added to the 20-point database of the NPR. Exercise will be undertaken from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

## World Test Championship

On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019, International Cricket Council (ICC) officially launched the inaugural World Test Championship (WTC), and the first test match to be played from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. To be played over two years, the WTC will witness the top nine test teams in the world compete in 71 Test matches across 27 series. The two top teams will then go head to head in the WTC final to be held in the United Kingdom in 2021. India will begin their campaign in the championship with the two-match Test Series against West Indies starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.

## World Breastfeeding Week

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated every year from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world. The observation aims to create awareness among parents about breastfeeding, importance of initiation, exclusive breastfeeding, and adequate and appropriate complementary feeding. During the week, the ministry is organizing a number of activities on the theme "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding".

## Technology Expo

Human Resources Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated 'Technology Expo' at IIT Delhi to showcase latest innovation in field of science and technology. He asked students and researchers to bring back India's glory in the field of science and education. It was organized to demonstrate products and prototypes developed under the two flagship schemes of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) namely IMPacting Research, INnovation and Technology (IMPRINT) and Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY).

## Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill

Parliament passed the 'Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Bill 2019', seeks to put in place a mechanism to protect gullible investors from being duped by Ponzi schemes and ensure that they get back their hard-earned money. The Bill states that the first claim on the recovered money will be of depositors and the proposed legislation also has some exclusion including money collected by real estate firms and from friends and relatives.

### Vhali Dikri Yojana

Vhali Dikri Yojana was launched by Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani from Rajkot. It is a state wide cash incentive scheme for every girl child born in Gujarat, with a view to raise the female birth rate at par with male to achieve gender equality. In this scheme, the state government will pay Rs.4,000 to every girl child at the time of admission to standard IV, Rs.6,000 at the time of taking admission to standard IX, Rs.1 lakh at the time of taking admission for higher education at the age of 18 and another Rs.1 lakh at the time of marriage.

### Ayodhya land dispute mediation

The Supreme Court said that the efforts to mediate a final settlement between rival Hindu and Muslim parties in the Ayodhya title dispute cases had failed. It said that it will commission hearing on the Ayodhya land dispute from August 6 on a daily basis. A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi took note of the report of the three member mediation panel, headed by former apex court judge Kalifulla, that its effort to find out an amicable resolution to the dispute have failed.

### India-Nepal Logistics Summit

India-Nepal Logistics Summit was inaugurated by PM of Nepal KP Sharma Oli at Kathmandu on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019. He said that smart logistics plays a crucial role in making trade and transit arrangements easy, hassle-free and cost-effective. He has stressed upon smooth and quality logistics between India and Nepal. The theme of the summit was “Transforming Logistics Landscape”.

### R-27 Missile

India signed a deal worth around Rs.1,500 crore to acquire R-27 air-to-air missiles from Russia to be equipped on the Su-30MKI combat aircraft. These missiles with an extended range would give an added capability to the Sukhois to take on enemy aircraft at long ranges. R-27 missile is a medium-to-long-range air-to-air missile developed by Russia for its MiG and Sukhoi series of fighter jets.

### MODEL QUESTIONS

- President of India during his visit in the republic of Guinea announced a new Line of Credit of ..... for water supply project of Conakry city.
  - 1) \$ 170 million
  - 2) \$ 100 million
  - 3) \$ 200 million
  - 4) \$ 500 million
  - 5) \$ 70 million
- India extended an assistance of \$ 500,000 to which nation in support of skill development and cottage industry projects during the visit of Ram Nath Kovind?
  - 1) Benin
  - 2) Guinea
  - 3) Nigeria
  - 4) Gambia
  - 5) South Africa
- VK Johri was appointed as the next Director-General of .....?
  - 1) CRPF
  - 2) BSF
  - 3) RAW
  - 4) CISF
  - 5) ICG
- New Finance Secretary of India is....
  - 1) Vijay Keshav Gokhale
  - 2) Sanjay Kothari
  - 3) Nripendra Misra
  - 4) Rajiv Kumar
  - 5) Pradeep Kumar Sinha

5. On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019, India test-fired a sophisticated all-weather and all-terrain Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) from a test range at Chandrapur in....
- 1) Tamil Nadu                      2) Andhra Pradesh                      3) West Bengal                      4) Rajasthan  
5) Odisha
6. India has been pushed to which place in the global GDP rankings in 2018 as per the latest World Bank data?
- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup>                      2) 3<sup>rd</sup>                      3) 6<sup>th</sup>                      4) 7<sup>th</sup>  
5) 10<sup>th</sup>
7. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar said that union government prepared a Clean Air Programme for ....
- 1) 102 cities                      2) 42 cities                      3) 75 cities                      4) 90 cities  
5) 140 cities
8. Who bagged 4 medals (1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Deaf Youth Badminton Championships 2019 held in Taipei, Taiwan?
- 1) Manika Batra                      2) Dipa Karmakar                      3) Jerlin Anika                      4) Harshita Tomar  
5) Vinesh Phogat
9. Who is the winner of German Grand Prix?
- 1) Lewis Hamilton                      2) Sebastian Vettel                      3) Max Verstappen                      4) Daniil Kvyat  
5) Valtteri Bottas
10. Central government's initiative 'One Nation, One ration card' was launched on a pilot basis in the four states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat and ...
- 1) Bihar                      2) Karnataka                      3) Maharashtra                      4) Odisha  
5) Haryana
11. On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019, the Union Cabinet given permission for the setting up of ISRO Technical Liaison Unit (ITLU) at...
- 1) Washington DC                      2) Paris                      3) Canberra                      4) London  
5) Moscow
12. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons observed on....?
- 1) 2<sup>nd</sup> August                      2) 4<sup>th</sup> August                      3) 30<sup>th</sup> July                      4) 18<sup>th</sup> July  
5) 20<sup>th</sup> July
13. Prestigious 'Indian Woman of Influence' award at the House of Lords, the United Kingdom Parliament, London conferred to....?
- 1) Priya Priyadarshini Jain                      2) Pramila Jayapal  
3) Priti Patel                      4) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw  
5) Sonia Sarda

**KEY**

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