

General Knowledge and Current Affairs

61. The International Fleet Review (IFR) 2016, a ceremonial and stately inspection of naval warships by President of India has taken place in February 2016 in

- (a) Vishakhapatnam (b) Kolkata
(c) Mumbai (d) Cochin

Sol. (a) International Fleet Review (IFR) 2016 was an international maritime exercise, hosted and conducted by the Indian Navy on behalf of the President of India in February 2016 in Vishakhapatnam to improve relations with other navies in the region. The Indian Navy demonstrated its maritime capabilities to the foreign navies participating in the review.

62. Which one of the following popular fast food chain companies has recently opened its 1000th restaurant/store in India?

- (a) McDonald (b) KFC
(c) Domino's Pizza (d) Pizza Hut

Sol. (c) The American brand Domino's Pizza has opened its 1000th restaurant at Unity One Mall, Janakpuri, New Delhi. It is present in 227 cities in India.

63. 'Neermahal', a former Royal Palace constructed by King Bir Bikram Kishore Debbarman in 1930 is a famous tourist place in

- (a) Tripura (b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Assam (d) West Bengal

Sol. (a) 'Neermahal' (meaning 'Water Palace') is a former Royal Palace built by King Bir Bikram Kishore Debbarman of the erstwhile kingdom of Tripura, India in the middle of the lake Rudrasagar in 1930. It is situated in Melaghar, 53 km away from the Agartala, the capital of Tripura. The palace is situated in the middle of Rudrasagar lake and assimilates Hindu and Muslim architectural styles.

64. Which one of the following nations has won the men's football gold medal in the recently concluded South Asian Games 2016?

- (a) India (b) Nepal
(c) Bangladesh (d) Maldives

Sol. (b) On 16th February, 2016, Nepali National Football Team (men's) secured a historic victory over India and won gold medal in the final of 12th South Asian Games, held in India.

65. Which among the following cities is placed first as the cleanest among all state capitals and cities with million plus population as per the Swachh Sarvekshan Report released by Government of India in February 2016?

- (a) Chandigarh (b) Tiruchirappalli
(c) Gangtok (d) Mysuru

Sol. (d) Mysuru city from Karnataka has been ranked first in terms of cleanliness for second time in row among the 73 surveyed cities in Swachh Sarvekshan 2016. It was announced by Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu during the Swachh Sarvekshan 2016 Award function held in New Delhi.

66. In which one of the following Indian cities, the grand finale of World's Second Young Chef Olympiad (YCO) 2016 has taken place in February 2016?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Kolkata
(c) Bengaluru (d) New Delhi

Sol. (b) The grand finale of World's Second Young Chef Olympiad (YCO) 2016 has taken place in February 2016 in Kolkata.

67. Which Pakistan province has recently become first to adopt Hindu Marriage Bill, 2015 in order to allow the minority community to register their marriages?

- (a) Sindh (b) Punjab
(c) Balochistan (d) None of the above

Sol. (c) Balochistan Assembly has passed the Hindu Marriage Bill, 2015 on 8th February 2016, becoming the first assembly in Pakistan to pass the respective bill.

68. 'Taj Falaknuma Palace', a luxurious hotel by Taj Group of Hotels is located in

- (a) Jaipur (b) Lucknow
(c) Bhopal (d) Hyderabad

Sol. (d) Falaknuma is a palace in Hyderabad, Telangana, India. It belongs to Paigah, Hyderabad state and it was later owned by the Nizam of Hyderabad. It is on a 32 acre (13 ha) area in Falaknuma, 5 km from Charminar. It was built by Nawab Vikar-ul-Umra, Prime Minister of Hyderabad and the uncle and brother-in-law of the Nizam VI, Nawsb Mir Mahboob Ali Khan Bahadur. Falaknuma means 'like the sky' or 'mirror of the sky' in Urdu.

9. Which one of the fast food MNCs in India has partnered with PepsiCo India in February 2016 as its new exclusive beverage and snack provider?

- (a) McDonald (b) Subway
(c) Pizza Hut (d) Domino's Pizza

Sol. (b) Subway in India has partnered with PepsiCo India in February 2016 as its new exclusive beverage and snack provider.

10. Which one of the following universities founded by freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, is celebrating 100 years of its establishment in February 2016?

- (a) Banaras Hindu University
(b) Allahabad University
(c) Deendayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University
(d) Guru Nanak Dev University

Sol. (a) Banaras Hindu University (BHU), founded by freedom fighter Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya has turned 100 years on 13th February, 2016. BHU was founded as important seat of higher education in 1916. During time of its establishment, it was first university in India that was the result of a private individual's efforts.

71. Which among the following food and edible oil companies recently launched 'Fortune VIVO', India's first diabetes care oil?

- (a) Adani Wilmar Limited
(b) Cargill
(c) Agro Tech Foods Limited
(d) Marico

Sol. (a) Adani Wilmar Limited. has introduced a cooking oil named 'Fortune VIVO' that helps in controlling type-II diabetes and reduce/maintain blood sugar levels. The company claimed that alongwith diabetes, the oil is also effective in reducing high blood pressure and high levels of cholesterol in the blood.

72. Which company has launched 'SKINN', a fine French perfume in February 2016?

- (a) ITC (b) Raymond
(c) Titan (d) None of the above

Sol. (c) Titan Co. Ltd. has launched a French perfume range in February 2016.

73. 'The GiG Carnival', the three-day entertainment, food and design festival as part of Incredible India initiative has taken place in February 2016 in

- (a) Lucknow (b) Delhi
(c) Chandigarh (d) Jaipur

Sol. (b) The GiG Carnival, NCR's biggest carnival extravaganza of music, craft and food was held in New Delhi from 5th -7th February, 2016. It was an exclusive initiative by Gourmet Planet supported by Ministry of Tourism.

74. The popular heritage hotel 'Taragarh Palace Hotel' is located in which part of India?

- (a) Kangra, Himachal Pradesh
(b) Nainital, Uttarakhand
(c) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
(d) Udaipur, Rajasthan

Sol. (a) The Taragarh Palace stands majestically at a height of 1000 m amidst 15 acres of lush forests and tea gardens in the Kangra Valley in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh. The palace was built by the Nawab of Bhawalpur in 1937, as a summer resort and it was acquired by the Royal Family of Jammu and Kashmir in 1951.

75. 'Maharaja Express', the luxury train covers Delhi-Agra-Ranthambore-Jaipur-Delhi route under the 4 days journey named as

- (a) Gems of India
(b) Treasures of India
(c) The Indian Panorama
(d) The Heritage of India

Sol. (b) Maharajas Express Treasures of India is a 3 nights, 4 days journey that explores the popular Golden Triangle the Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Ranthambore, Jaipur, Delhi.

76. Where did the 'Make in India', a week-long event take place in February 2016?

- (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Ahmedabad (d) Bengaluru

Sol. (b) The 'Make in India', a week-long event took place in February 2016 in Mumbai.

77. Who has been chosen as the first recipient of the First World Sanskrit Award in 2016 given by Government of India?

- (a) Maha Chakri Sirindhorn
(b) Raghuveer Chaudhari
(c) Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli
(d) Anerood Jugnauth

Sol. (a) Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn had been conferred with the First World Sanskrit Award 2016 given by Government of India.

78. 'Zahra' and 'Philae' are the two Nile cruisers in Egypt owned by which group of hotels from India?

- (a) ITC Group (b) Oberoi Hotels
(c) Tata Group (d) Ashok Group

Sol. (b) Zahra and Philae Nile cruisers in Egypt are owned by Oberoi Group of Hotels from India.

79. 'Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur' which has been named the world's best hotel of 2016 by the TripAdvisor's 2016 Travellers' Choice Awards, is a world famous luxury hotel owned by

- (a) Tata Group
(b) Jaypee Group
(c) The Leela Group
(d) Clarks Group

Sol. (a) Umaid Bhawan Palace, located at Jodhpur in Rajasthan, India, is one of the world's largest private residences. Recently, it was awarded as the world's best hotel at the Traveller's Choice Award 2016, which was organised by TripAdvisor. A part of the palace is managed by Taj Hotels. Taj hotels, resorts and palaces is part of the Tata Group, India's premier business house.

- 80.** Which former Indian cricketer has been appointed as a member of the new Anti-Corruption Oversight Group?
 (a) Anil Kumble (b) Sourav Ganguly
 (c) Javagal Srinath (d) Rahul Dravid

Sol. (d) Rahul Dravid, the former Indian cricketer, has been appointed as a member of the new Anti-Corruption Oversight Group.

- 81.** Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the former sixth United Nations (UN) Secretary-General who has recently passed away at the age of 93 was the politician and diplomat from
 (a) South Africa (b) Brazil
 (c) Indonesia (d) Egypt

Sol. (d) Boutros Boutros-Ghali (14th November, 1922-16th February, 2016) was an Egyptian politician and diplomat who was the sixth Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) from January 1992 to December 1996.

- 82.** In which of the following places, Inter Continental Hotels Group (IHG), one of the world's leading hotel companies, has unveiled its 5000th hotel 'The Hotel Indigo' in February 2016?
 (a) Mumbai (b) Dubai
 (c) New York (d) London

Sol. (c) Inter Continental Hotels Group (IHG), one of the world's leading hotel companies, has unveiled the Hotel Indigo[®] in February 2016 at Lower East Side, New York as its 5000th hotel globally. The hotel is a joint venture between IHG and Brack Capital Real Estate (BCRE) and is IHG's third for the Hotel Indigo[®] brand in New York City.

- 83.** Which one of the famous chefs from India started the 'My Yellow Table Season 2', a television show on NDTV Good Times in January 2016?
 (a) Kunal Kapoor (b) Sanjeev Kapoor
 (c) Vikas Khanna (d) Shipra Khanna

Sol. (a) Kunal Kapoor, the renowned chef from India, started the 'My Yellow Table Season-2' a television show on NDTV Good Times in January 2016.

- 84.** Which one of the following companies has launched an Ayurveda product 'Ratnaprash SugarFree' in December 2015?
 (a) Patanjali Ayurveda Limited
 (b) Hindustan Unilever Limited
 (c) Dabur India Limited
 (d) Emami Limited

Sol. (c) Dabur India, the pioneer and undisputed leader in the branded Chyawanprash category, has unveiled its latest offering Ayurveda product 'Ratnaprash SugarFree' in December 2015 specially to help fight fatigue.

- 85.** In which one of the following cities is the Simhasth Kumbh Mahaparv (Holy Dip) 2016 taking place?
 (a) Haridwar (b) Ujjain
 (c) Allahabad (d) Nashik

Sol. (b) Ujjain Simphastha is a Hindu religious mela held every 12 years in the Ujjain city of Madhya Pradesh, India. It is one of the four fairs traditionally recognised as Kumbh Melas, and is also known as Ujjain Kumbh Mela.

- 86.** Which one of the following popular film stars is the brand ambassador of online grocery store 'BigBasket'?
 (a) Deepika Padukone
 (b) Ranbir Kapoor
 (c) Shah Rukh Khan
 (d) Jacqueline Fernandez

Sol. (c) Big Basket is the first comprehensive online grocery store in Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Mysore, Delhi-Noida-Gurgaon, Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Vijayawada, Ahmedabad, Nasik, Lucknow, Vadodara, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Vishakhapatnam and Patna. Shah Rukh Khan has become the brand ambassador of Bigbasket.

- 87.** Which one of the following companies has launched ready to drink flavoured milk beverage brand 'VIO' in India?
 (a) PepsiCo (b) Parle (c) Coca-Cola (d) Dabur

Sol. (c) VIO is beverage by the Coca-Cola Company. It is milk with carbonated water. The drink is new in the American market, but the Coca-Cola Company had a similar product, sold exclusively in Japan in the early 1990s.

- 88.** Which one of the following iconic hotels of Delhi is being shut down for facelift for 2 years from April 2016 till April 2018?
 (a) The Imperial (b) The Ambassador
 (c) The Taj Mahal (d) The Oberoi

Sol. (d) The iconic Oberoi Hotel, a landmark in the heart of Delhi for the last 50 years will be shut down for major renovation from 1st April. East India Hotels (EIH), the parent company of Oberoi Hotels, has informed the Bombay Stock Exchange that the property is expected to reopen by 1st April, 2018.

- 89.** Who is the writer of the recently released book 'Life Mantras'?
 (a) Shatrughan Sinha
 (b) Subrata Roy Sahara
 (c) Vijay Mallya
 (d) Ratan Tata

1. (b) Subrata Roy Sahara is the writer of the book 'Life Mantras'. He is an Indian businessman and the founder and chairman of the Sahara India, an Indian conglomerate with diversified businesses and ownership interests that include London's Grosvenor House, New York's Plaza Hotel, Aamby Valley city and Force India. Roy founded the company in 1978. He was name among the 10 Most Powerful People of India in 2012 by India Today. In 2004, the group was termed by the Time magazine as 'the second largest employer in India' after the Indian Railways. He has been in Tihar Jail since 2014.

90. 'CREAM CRACKER' and 'DIGESTIVE MARIE' are the popular range of biscuits from

- (a) Britannia
- (b) ITC
- (c) Nestle
- (d) Parle

Sol. (a) 'CREAM CRACKER' and 'DIGESTIVE MARIE' are the popular range of biscuits from Britannia Company. Based on Bangalore Britannia Industries Limited. is reputed as being one of the top biscuit brands in India. The company was established way back in 1892 and till today has managed to maintain a distinctive position in the Indian biscuit industry specially with its most popular brand called 'TIGER'.

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