

# Current Affairs MCQs – 22-23 September 2018

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Q1. Assam marks Which date of September as Rhino Day to raise awareness about the animal.

- A. 20 September
- B. 21 September
- C. 22 September
- D. 23 September

Answer: C

Explanation: The Assam government observed September 22 as Rhino Day to generate public awareness on protection of the one-horned pachyderm.

Q2. \_\_\_\_\_ was selected as India’s official entry for the best foreign language film category of the 2019 Academy (Oscar) Awards.

- A. Village Rockstars
- B. Raazi

C. Hichki

D. Pihu

Answer: A

Explanation: Village Rockstars, (an Assamese language feature by National Award-winning filmmaker Rima Das), was selected as India's official entry for the best foreign language film category of the 2019 Academy (Oscar) Awards.

Village Rockstars beat 27 other contenders, including Hichki, Padmaavat, Raazi, Love Sonia, Nude, Pihu and Padman.

Das is the writer, director, cinematographer, editor and producer of Village Rockstars, which had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival 2017.

The coming-of-age film tells the story of 10-year-old Dhunu, a young girl from a remote village in Assam, who dreams of owning a guitar and forming a rock band despite the abysmal financial situation at home.

Q3. India and \_\_\_\_\_ country have agreed to explore the possibility of using high resolution satellite images in boundary survey work.

A. Bangladesh

B. Bhutan

C. Nepal

D. None of these

Answer: C

Explanation: India and Nepal have agreed to explore the possibility of using high resolution satellite images in boundary survey work.

It was agreed During the 5th meeting of the Nepal-India Boundary Working Group (BWG), in Kathmandu.

The two countries also agreed to maintain status quo in cultivation of the disputed land until an agreement is reached between the two governments.

The three-day meeting also reviewed the outcome of the 4th BWG meet held in Dehradun last year and ensured that the guidelines issued earlier have been properly followed.

Q4. Who inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha in New Delhi?

- A. Venkaiah Naidu
- B. Ram Nath Kovind
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Rajnath Singh

Answer: B

Explanation: The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha in New Delhi.

The Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha have played a very important role in strengthening the emotional unity of our country.

Q5. Which Stock Exchange announced a new memorandum of understanding with the National Stock Exchange of India to cooperate on dual listings and the launch of the group's offerings in India.

- A. New York Stock Exchange
- B. London Stock Exchange Group
- C. Shanghai Stock Exchange
- D. Taiwan Stock Exchange

Answer: B

Explanation: The London Stock Exchange Group announced a new memorandum of understanding with the National Stock Exchange of India to cooperate on dual listings and the launch of the group's offerings in India.

The MoU is aimed at working together with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on creating a dual listing route for Masala bonds and explore the launch of ELITE, LSE group's business support and capital raising programme for private high-growth companies, in India next year.

Dual listing of Masala bonds would enhance visibility, increase liquidity in secondary markets and enhance efficiency of price discovery for Masala bond issuers.

ELITE will bring a more in-depth and formalised process to help SMEs scale up their businesses and integrate them with the global ELITE community.

Q6. The inaugural General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will take place in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Greater Noida
- C. Mumbai
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: A

Explanation: The inaugural General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will take place on October 2 in New Delhi.

It will be followed by ministerial-level assembly of ISA following day. It will be held in Greater Noida.

The Founding Conference of the ISA was jointly hosted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron in March this year.

The ISA, formation of which was initiated by India and France, aims to bring all countries together for cooperation on solar energy.

Q7. The New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries has approved a \$\_\_\_\_ -million loan to Madhya Pradesh for infrastructure projects.

- A. \$525-million
- B. \$520-million
- C. \$515-million
- D. \$510-million

Answer: A

Explanation: The New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries has approved a \$525-million loan to Madhya Pradesh for infrastructure projects.

The Board of Directors of the NDB approved a \$350-million loan for the Major District Roads Project II of Madhya Pradesh and \$175 million for building and upgrading 350 bridges.

The loan will be used by the Indian government for on-lending to the Madhya Pradesh government for rehabilitating major district roads with a total length of about 2,000 km to improve the connectivity of the rural interior with the national and state highway networks.

Q8. Which bollywood actress has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for the promotion of Nepal tourism.

- A. Anushka Sharma
- B. Rekha
- C. Sonam Kapoor
- D. Jaya Prada

Answer: D

Explanation: Former Member of Parliament and Bollywood actress Jaya Prada has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for the promotion of Nepal tourism.

The appointment of Jaya Prada is expected to further strengthen the age-old cultural ties between the two neighbours and help in promoting Nepal's tourism in India.

The appointment is for a period of four years.

Q9. Kalpana Lajmi who passed away recently was related to which field?

- A. Sports
- B. Politics
- C. Journalism
- D. Films

Answer: D

Explanation: Critically acclaimed filmmaker Kalpana Lajmi, who was suffering from kidney ailment, passed away in Mumbai. She was 64.

Lajmi debuted as an assistant director under renowned film director Shyam Benegal. She went on to work as an assistant costume designer in Benegal's "Bhumika: The Role" (1977), starring Smita Patil, Amol Palekar and Naseeruddin Shah, among others.

Lajmi made her directorial debut with the documentary, "D.G. Movie Pioneer" in 1978.

Q10. International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is observed on

- A. 21 September
- B. 22 September
- C. 23 September
- D. 24 September

Answer: C

Explanation: International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated annually across the world on 23 September every year along with International Week of the Deaf.

The 2018 theme is "With Sign Language, Everyone is Included!"

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