

# Current Affairs MCQs – 24-25 September 2018

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Q1. Narendra Modi launched the health assurance scheme: Ayushman Bharat under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - at

- A. Patna
- B. Ranchi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Gangtok

Answer: B

Explanation: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, launched the health assurance scheme: Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - at Ranchi, Jharkhand.

PMJAY-Ayushman Bharat is the biggest government-sponsored healthcare scheme in the world.

The number of beneficiaries is almost equal to the population of Canada, Mexico and the US taken together.

At the same event, the Prime Minister unveiled plaques to lay the Foundation Stone for medical colleges at Chaibasa and Koderma. He also inaugurated 10 Health and Wellness Centres.

Q2. Indira Gandhi International Airport has been ranked as the \_\_\_ busiest in the world, handling 6.34 crore passengers in 2017, according to Airports Council International (ACI) report.

- A. 5th
- B. 16th
- C. 9th
- D. 12th

Answer: B

Explanation: Indira Gandhi International Airport has been ranked as the 16th busiest in the world, handling 6.34 crore passengers in 2017, according to Airports Council International (ACI) report.

The airport is 16th among the world's top 20 busiest aerodromes in terms of passengers handled on an annual basis.

Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson in the US maintained its position as the world's busiest airport by handling 10.39 crore passengers in 2017, followed by Beijing with 9.58 crore passengers.

Dubai International Airport handled 8.82 crore passengers and stood at third position. Tokyo and Los Angeles made up the top five with 8.54 crore and 8.45 crore passengers, respectively.

Q3. Who has won the Maldives' presidential election?

- A. Abdulla Yameen.
- B. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- C. Ahmed Adeeb
- D. Qasim Ibrahim

Answer: B

Explanation: Opposition leader Ibrahim Mohamed Solih (56) won the Maldives' presidential election. He replaces President Abdulla Yameen.

Solih had secured 58.3 percent of the popular vote. He belongs to Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP).

Q4. Biswanath Dutt who passed away recently was related which sport?

- A. Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Cricket
- D. Hockey

Answer: D

Explanation: Former BCCI president Biswanath Dutt, best known in Indian cricket fraternity as Jagmohan Dalmiya's mentor, passed away after suffering from acute lung infection. He was 92.

Dutt was the BCCI president in 1989 after a six-year stint as the vice-president of the parent body from 1982-88.

Q5. Which country becomes first country to double tiger population. There are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the country, in comparison to an estimated 121 back in 2009.

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Nepal
- D. Bhutan

Answer: C

Explanation: A recent survey led by the Government of Nepal has shown that the population of tigers has almost doubled in under a decade in the country.

The survey was conducted with the help of camera traps in the transboundary Terai Arc Landscape and concluded that there are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the country, in comparison to an estimated 121 back in 2009.

Q6. \_\_\_\_\_ has started claim processing through social networking platform WhatsApp for a faster clearance.

- A. Birla Sun Life Insurance
- B. HDFC Standard Life Insurance
- C. Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- D. IDBI Federal Life Insurance.

Answer: C

Explanation: Bharti AXA Life Insurance has started claim processing through social networking platform WhatsApp for a faster clearance.

It has provided its customers with the option of claim intimation by sending text messages through the mode of instant messenger service WhatsApp.

Q7. Facebook has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as Vice-President and Managing Director of its India operations.

- A. Ajit Mohan
- B. Sundar Mehta
- C. Pradeep Kumar
- D. Vijay Singh

Answer: A

Explanation: Social media giant Facebook has appointed former Hotstar executive Ajit Mohan as Vice-President and Managing Director of its India operations.

In this newly created role of Managing Director for India, a VP-level role, Mohan will be responsible for aligning teams and driving Facebook's overall strategy in India.

Q8. The Reserve Bank has shortlisted how many IT firms for implementation of a centralised information and management system (CIMS) for seamless data collection and validations.

- A. 5
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 2

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank has shortlisted five IT firms including Infosys and TCS for implementation of a centralised information and management system (CIMS) for seamless data collection and validations.

The 5 IT companies are Capgemini Technology Services India, IBM India, Infosys, Larsen & Toubro Infotech and Tata Consultancy Services.

The RBI had proposed a CIMS comprising of DW and Data Lake (DL) which would include, seamless data collection from regulated entities by creating system-to-system interface; system driven data validation and data review; flexible and scalable data repository and providing data dissemination platform.

The CIMS would also include centralised analytics platform to facilitate creation of RBI Data Sciences Lab.

Q9. The fourth edition of India International Science Festival will be held in which city?

- A. Chennai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Pune
- D. New Delhi

Answer: B

Explanation: The fourth edition of India International Science Festival will be inaugurated by President of India in Lucknow on October 6, 2018.

IISF-2018 is expected to be represented by approximately 10000 delegates including 5000 students, 550 teachers, 200 students from North-East Region, 20 international delegates and approximately 200 startups.

IISF-2018 with its focal theme “Science for Transformation” will have 23 special events.

The Global Indian Science & Technology Stakeholders Meet (GIST), Industry-Academia Meet and Science & Technology for Harnessing Innovations (SATHI) - A National startup entrepreneurship summit and Student Science Village are some of the important events, being organized.

The Science Village program is linked with the Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana to reach out to the rural masses and propagate science and for seeking scientific solutions to the diverse challenges facing our society, particularly rural India.

The first and second IISF were held in New Delhi and the third in Chennai.

Q10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first airport in Sikkim at \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Gangtok
- B. Lachen
- C. Gyalshing
- D. Pakyong

Answer: D

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first airport in Sikkim at Pakyong. This is the first airport in the Himalayan State and the 100th airport in the country.

The airport is spread over 201 acres and is located on top of a hill about 2 km above Pakyong village at 4,500 feet above sea level. It is built at an estimated cost of over Rs. 6.05 billion.

The UDAN aims to make air travel affordable and widespread, boosting the economy and infrastructural development of otherwise neglected regions of India.

Q11. Who inaugurated air pollution control device Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit, WAYU, at ITO in New Delhi?

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Suresh Babu
- C. Jitender Singh
- D. Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Answer: D

Explanation: Environment Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated air pollution control device Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit, WAYU, at ITO in New Delhi.

The device WAYU is developed by Council of Science and Industrial Research to mitigate air pollution at traffic junctions.

Q12. Which company joins hands with Adobe, SAP for Open Data Initiative?

- A. Google
- B. Apple
- C. Microsoft
- D. Dell

Answer: C

Explanation: Tech giants Microsoft, Adobe and SAP announced their collaboration for Open Data Initiative (ODI) that will allow mutual customers to use new-age tools like artificial intelligence and advanced analytics more effectively.

The core focus of ODI is to eliminate data silos and enable a single view of the customer, helping companies to better govern their data and support privacy and security initiatives.

Q13. India ranks \_\_\_\_ in the world for its investments in education and healthcare, according to a study by Seattle-based Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation published in The Lancet.

- A. 145
- B. 158
- C. 161
- D. 95

Answer: B

Explanation: India ranks 158th in the world for its investments in education and healthcare, a survey of 195 countries has revealed.

A study by Seattle-based Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation published in The Lancet.

India ranks below countries like Sudan, Azerbaijan, China and Bosnia Herzegovina. According to the survey, Finland tops the list of 195 countries in the two key sectors.

Q14. The Supreme Court constituted a three-member committee headed by its former judge \_\_\_\_\_ to look into the aspect of jail reforms across the country and suggest measures to deal with them.

- A. Amitava Roy
- B. M B Lokur
- C. J S Jagdav
- D. Amit Mishra

Answer: A

Explanation: The Supreme Court constituted a three-member committee headed by its former judge Justice Amitava Roy to look into the aspect of jail reforms across the country and suggest measures to deal with them.

A bench headed by Justice M B Lokur said the panel will look into the issues including overcrowding in prisons.

The committee will also look into the various issues concerning women prisoners.

Q15. Google Named \_\_\_\_\_ as its Chief Privacy Officer.



- A. Keith Enright
- B. Joe Kwon
- C. Julie Brill
- D. None of these

Answer: A

Explanation: Google named Keith Enright, to become chief privacy officer as the company proposed policies for potential federal regulation of data.

In his new role, Enright will be in charge of crafting Google's strategy on privacy issues at a time when tech giants are facing rising pressure in Washington to take more precautions in how they handle users' personal information.

Q16. Which state govt announces novel scheme for the protection of the exotic Neela Kurinji plants.

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Telangana

Answer: A

Explanation: Tamil Nadu government has announced a novel scheme for the protection of the exotic Neela kurinji (*Strobilanthus kunthianus*) plants that flower only once in 12 years.

The decision came after following complaints that these rare and ecologically unique flowers are being packaged and sold on the commercial basis, the state department has warned that strict fines will be imposed in offenders.

Q17. The two-day National Orientation workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs held in \_\_\_\_

- A. Hyderabad

B. New Delhi

C. Pune

D. Chennai

Answer: B

Explanation: The two-day National Orientation workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), organized by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs held in New Delhi.

This was the first workshop amongst a series of workshops planned by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for effective roll-out of NeVA.

NeVA, an initiative by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, aims to make all the Legislatures of the country paperless by making the proceedings of the Houses digital. It is an attempt to provide the information about the functioning of House to the common citizen at the click of a button.

The iOS and Google app of NeVA along with the NeVA Website, will act as a repository of data related to the business of all Legislatures in the country in a uniform manner.

Q18. \_\_\_\_\_ has topped the charts among States in terms of “Ease of Living Index” rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

A. Odisha

B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Telangana

D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: D

Explanation: Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts among States in terms of “Ease of Living Index” rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

It was followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. The three States were awarded best performing States at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018 in New Delhi.

The first round of Ease of Living covered 111 cities. Gurugram was subsequently included in the assessment. Four cities of West Bengal – Howrah, New Town Kolkata, Kolkata and Durgapur did not participate and Naya Raipur of Chhattisgarh and Amravati of Andhra Pradesh did not fulfil the parameters as they are green-field cities.

The MoHUA released the first ever 'Ease of Living Index' covering 111 Indian cities on 13 August, 2018, which serves as a litmus test to help assess the progress made in cities through various initiatives.

All cities were evaluated out of 100. The 'physical' pillar (infrastructure) was given the highest weightage of 45, while institutional (governance) and social were weighted 25 each. The economy was weighted 5.

Q19. BSNL has inked a pact with Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and internet of things technology in India. Soft Bank headquartered in which country?

- A. China
- B. US
- C. Japan
- D. Bangladesh

Answer: C

Explanation: State-run telecom firm BSNL has inked a pact with Japan's Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and internet of things technology in India.

Q20. Senchal Lake is in which state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Assam

Answer: A

Explanation: Senchal lake, located 10 km to the south-east of Darjeeling, is the main reservoir of potable water for the town of Darjeeling, India.

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