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1. Who among the following has been elected President of Central Africa?

- A) Ahmeda Zarwani
- B) Faustin Archange
- C) Romai Erwind
- D) Micheal Jowar

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://www.news24.com/Africa/News/faustin-archange-touadera-new-central-africa-president-electoral-authority-20160220>

BACKGROUND:

Bangui - Faustin-Archange Touadera, a former prime minister and maths teacher standing as an independent, has been elected president of the Central African Republic, the country's national electoral authority said on Saturday

Touadera won 62.71% of the vote compared with 37.29 for his rival Anicet-Georges Dologuele, a former banker nicknamed "Mr Clean" who had won the first round in December, in the hotly-contested run-off seen as crucial to usher in peace after decades of turmoil.

2. Indian railways deciding to introduce train hostesses on soon to be launched Delhi-Agra Gatiman Express, the first train in India to run at a speed of 160 kmph. Who among the following is the Indian Railway's minister?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
- B) Manohar Parikar
- C) Suresh Prabhu
- D) Rajnath Singh

ANS: C



SOURCE:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/budget-2016/rail-budget-2016/Train-hostesses-to-welcome-travellers-with-roses/articleshow/51076037.cms>

BACKGROUND:

Imagine being ushered into a train by a hostess who presents you a rose bud as soft music plays in the background.

It will soon be a reality, with the railways deciding to introduce train hostesses on soon to be launched Delhi-Agra Gatiman Express, the first train in India to run at a speed of 160 kmph.

Gearing up to launch the Gatiman Express next month, railway minister Suresh Prabhu will announce special features of the first semi-high speed train in the country when he presents the Rail Budget on February 25.

3. Which of the Malyalam film recently won award at Berlin Film Festival?

- A) Balihari
- B) Kutumbh
- C) Hamiri
- D) Ottal

ANS: D

SOURCE:

<http://www.asianage.com/newsmakers/malayalam-film-ottal-wins-award-berlin-international-film-festival-121>

BACKGROUND:

Malayalam film Ottal has been named the best children's film at the Berlin International Film Festival and honoured with the Crystal Bear award in the "Generation KPlus" section.

The film, directed by Jayaraj Rajasekharan Nair, is about the story of an old fisherman and his grandson. The movie is an adaptation of Anton Chekhov's short story Vanaka.

4. Which of the following day is observed as International Mother Language day?

- A) Feb 18
- B) Feb 19
- C) Feb 20
- D) Feb 21



ANS: D

SOURCE: Test MY Prep

BACKGROUND:

International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is a worldwide annual observance held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. First announced by UNESCO on 17 November 1999, it was formally recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution establishing 2008 as the International Year of Languages.

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the “Rurban mission”, aimed at improving the country’s basic infrastructure, in which of the following state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Jharkhand

ANS: C

SOURCE:

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india/pm-narendra-modi-to-launch-rurban-mission-from-chhattisgarh-on-sunday/story-cEOuJzsqfYMsDp1NRrWzCO.html>

BACKGROUND:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Rurban mission, aimed at improving the country’s basic infrastructure, at Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh on Sunday.

The Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban (rural-urban) project will focus on improving infrastructural facilities such as power lines, shelters, roads, drinking water connections and drainage, and creating community assets such as schools, colleges and health centres.

OBITUARY:

S.NO	NAME	FIELD
6.	Bhuneshwari Mishra	Singer
7.	Umberto Eco	Italian Novelist
8.	Harper Lee	Novelist



9.	Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan	Veteran Vocalist
10.	Boutros Ghali	Former UN Secretary General
11.	Rajamani	Music Director

12. Which of the Indian business conglomerate recently formed a joint venture for payment banks?

- A) TATA
- B) Reliance
- C) Aditya Birla
- D) Mahindra

ANS: C

SOURCE:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/aditya-birla-nuvo-ltd-forms-joint-venture-with-idea-cellular-for-payments-bank/articleshow/51057722.cms>

BACKGROUND:

Aditya Birla Nuvo LtdBSE -3.83 % (ABNL) today announced formation of a joint venture with group firm Idea CellularBSE 1.24 % to set up a payments bank.

Last year in August, RBI had given in-principle approval to the company to set up a Payments Bank under the guidelines for licensing of Payments Banks.

The company jointly with Idea Cellular Ltd has incorporated a new subsidiary for the aforesaid purpose in the name and style of Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Ltd, Aditya Birla Nuvo Ltd (ABNL) said in a BSE filing.

ABNL will hold 51 per cent shares and the rest 49 per cent by Idea Cellular, it added.

13. Who among the following has been elected as chief of IMF for second time?

- A) Christine Lagarde
- B) Joseph Bloomberg
- C) Redkliff Hingis
- D) Martin A Kolha



ANS: A

SOURCE:

<http://m.thehindu.com/business/Industry/christine-lagarde-appointed-for-second-term-as-imf-chief/article8261142.ece>

BACKGROUND:

Christine Lagarde, who steered the IMF through some troubled times including the European financial crisis, has been re-appointed as its Managing Director for a second five-year term after an uncontested election.

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Friday selected 60-year-old Lagarde to serve as IMF Managing Director for a second five-year term starting on July 5, 2016, IMF said in a statement. The Board's decision was taken by consensus.

France's former finance minister secured early backing from many of the fund's most powerful members when the IMF's executive board launched the selection process in January, keeping other contenders from making an alternate bid and ensuring her a second term.

14. Which city is the host for Jal Manthan 2016?

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Jaipur

ANS: C

SOURCE:

<http://www.indiawaterportal.org/news/uma-bharti-inaugurate-jal-manthan-2016-22-february>

BACKGROUND:

The "Jal Manthan 2016" has been inaugurated by the Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Uma Bharti on February 22, 2016 in New Delhi. The main theme of two day event is 'Integrated Approach for Sustainable Water



Management'. The event would have consultations and discussions on River Basin Approach for Sustainable development, Ground water, Water security, Principles of allocation of water, innovation in water governance, Water management, Coordination between centre and states, Water conservation and need for a National Legislation on water. The first Jal Manthan was organized in November 2014.

15. India recently signed an agreement with which of the following country on Agriculture cooperation?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Armenia
- C) Iran
- D) Pakistan

ANS: B

SOURCE:

http://wap.business-standard.com/article/bs/india-and-armenia-sign-mou-on-agriculture-cooperation-116021900906_1.html

BACKGROUND:

A meeting was held between Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Agriculture Minister and Mr. Sergio Karapetyan, Armenian Agriculture Minister in New Delhi today. The two Ministers recalled the partnership, the two countries have shared, and discussed several areas of interest for cooperation between the two countries, and emphasized on furthering relationships not only for catalyzing trade and investment prospects but also sharing the knowledge that the two countries have accumulated over the years.

16. Who among the following has recently sworn in as CM of Arunachal Pradesh?

- A) J P Rajkhowa
- B) Kalikho Pul
- C) Kirin Rijiju
- D) Hir Jhampa

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/politics/kalikho-pul-sworn-in-as-arunachal-cm-as-bjp-backs-congress-faction/>

BACKGROUND:

Dissident Congress leader Kalikho Pul, 46, was sworn in as the ninth Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh on Friday with the support of 18 rebel Congress MLAs, and two Independents and 11 BJP MLAs who gave outside support. The Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee, meanwhile, claimed that Pul and 18 other dissidents were no longer its members. Pul's swearing-in came a day after the Supreme Court vacated its interim order to maintain status quo in the Arunachal Pradesh assembly, paving the way for government



formation. The Centre had revoked President's Rule in the state before Governor J P Rajkhowa administered the oath of office to Pul around 9.30 pm.

17. Which of the following cricketer has recently blasted the fastest century (54-ball) in Test history?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) David Warner
- C) Brendon McCullum
- D) Shane Watson

ANS: C

SOURCE:

<http://www.espncricinfo.com/new-zealand-v-australia-2015-16/content/story/974457.html>

BACKGROUND:

Brendon McCullum has blasted the fastest century in Test history, a 54-ball effort that broke the record jointly held by Viv Richards and Misbah-ul-Haq. In his 101st and final Test match, McCullum attacked Australia's bowlers relentlessly and brought up his milestone by crashing a four over cover off Josh Hazlewood.

18. Which among the following European country was recently granted a 'special status' by EU?

- A) France
- B) UK
- C) Greece
- D) Sweden

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://scroll.in/latest/803882/european-union-grants-special-status-to-britain>

BACKGROUND:

PM David Cameron managed to get the UK an exemption from EU's goal of 'ever closer union', concessions on the welfare rights of EU migrants and protection for his country's economy.



19. Which of the following country recently announced to ban foreign firms from “online publishing”?

- A) Pakistan
- B) USA
- C) Russia
- D) China

ANS: D

SOURCE:

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/defaultinterstitial_as.cms

BACKGROUND:

China is to ban foreign firms from "online publishing" under new rules issued this week, as the country increasingly seeks to minimise Western influence.

Chinese websites are already among the world's most censored, with Beijing blocking many foreign internet services with a system known as the "Great Firewall of China."

20. Which of the following Indian state is going to be supported by World Bank on energy reforms?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Karnataka
- C) Orissa
- D) Rajasthan

ANS: D

SOURCE:

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/World-Bank-to-support-Rajasthan-on-energy-reforms/articleshow/51058541.cms>

BACKGROUND:

The World Bank has decided to lend support to the Rajasthan government on energy reforms and a detailed project has been prepared in this regard, an official spokesman said here on Friday.

The decision was taken at a meeting between World Bank's country director in India, Onno Ruhl and Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje at her official residence.



21. Recently autobiography of a former Indian Cricketer entered into the Limca Book of World Records. Name the Cricketer?

- A) Rahul Dravid
- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- C) Saurav Ganguly
- D) Virender Sehwag

ANS: B

22. Name the autobiography of Sachin Tendulkar.

- A) Playing It My Way
- B) Farewell to Cricket
- C) All Round View
- D) My Illustrated Career

ANS: A

SOURCE:

<http://www.thehindu.com/sport/cricket/sachin-tendulkars-autobiography-playing-it-my-way-enters-limca-book-of-records/article8253502.ece>

BACKGROUND:

He might have bid adieu to cricket but Sachin Tendulkar continues to make records with the his **autobiography 'Playing It My Way'** entering the Limca Book of Records for being the best-selling adult hardback across both fiction and non-fiction categories.

The book, published by Hachette India, was released on November 6, 2014 and has broken all records for an adult hardback across both fiction and non-fiction categories with 1,50,289 copies confirmed on order subscriptions.

The book's orders, on day one, already saw it pulling ahead of both pre-order and lifetime sales of the world's top adult hardbacks Dan Brown's *Inferno*, Walter Issacson's *Steve Jobs* and JK Rowling's *Casual Vacancy*.

Boria Majumdar was the co-author of Tendulkar's autobiography. It also holds the record in retail value terms having logged up Rs. 13.51 crore with its cover price being Rs. 899.



23. Which of the following Indian bank recently opened a Japan Desk on New Delhi?

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) SBI
- C) Syndicate Bank
- D) PNB

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/sbi-launches-japan-desk/article8244277.ece>

BACKGROUND:

State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday launched 'Japan Desk', a first-of-its-kind initiative to facilitate Japanese corporates looking to invest here with banking and advisory services.

This SBI Japan Desk will serve as an one-point comprehensive and reliable information support source for India-bound investments of Japanese companies.

Through the Japan Desk, SBI aims to be the window for inbound Japanese investments in India and vice-versa.

The Japan Desk -- to be based in New Delhi -- will facilitate in the establishment of banking relationship with Japanese corporates and Japanese nationals, provide information on industries, sectors etc.

24. Which of the following business house is all set to launch first ever India-made Robot 'Brabo'?

- A) Mahindra
- B) TATA
- C) Reliance
- D) Birla

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://trak.in/tags/business/2016/02/18/first-made-india-robot-tata-brabo/>

BACKGROUND:

TAL Manufacturing Solutions, a Tata Group company, is expected to launch first ever India-made robot in the coming two months, i.e. before May 2016. Dubbed 'Tata Brabo', the robot has been showcased in the Make in India week in Mumbai, which is ending today.



25. Who among the following was recently nominated for 'Global Teacher Prize' – also called Nobel Prize in teaching?

- A) Abhishek Saini
- B) Vikrant Tomar
- C) Robin Chaurasiya
- D) Isha Singh

ANS: C

SOURCE:

<http://www.indiatimes.com/news/india/robin-chaurasiya-who-teaches-daughters-of-mumbai-s-sex-workers-nominated-for-global-teacher-prize-2016-250888.html>

BACKGROUND:

Robin Chaurasiya from Mumbai who founded the NGO Kranti, has been short-listed as one of the top-10 finalists for this years Global Teacher Prize - the Nobel Prize of teaching.

Other nominees include teachers from the United States, Britain, Finland, Australia, Kenya, Japan, Palestinian and Pakistan.

30-year-old Chaurasiya who was born in Los Angeles and served with the US Air Force for several years, which she was forced to leave because of her sexuality.

26. Name the Australian Photographer who recently won World Press Photo of 2015?

- A) Micheal Harrison
- B) Warren Richardson
- C) Peter Kowl
- D) Bobby George

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://www.worldpressphoto.org/news/2016-02-18/world-press-photo-year-2015-goes-warren-richardson>

BACKGROUND:

The jury of the 59th annual World Press Photo Contest has selected an image by Australian photographer Warren Richardson as the World Press Photo of the Year 2015.



The World Press Photo of the Year honors the photographer whose visual creativity and skills made a picture that captures or represents an event or issue of great journalistic importance in the last year.

27. Which of the following state recently announced free bus travel for senior citizens?

- A) Assam
- B) Bihar
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu

ANS: D

SOURCE:

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/jayalithaa-announces-free-public-transport-for-senior-citizens/article8252719.ece>

BACKGROUND:

Chief Minister Jayalithaa, on Thursday, announced that senior citizens over the age of sixty could travel for free on government buses starting February 24.

Making a statement in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, Ms. Jayalithaa said through the implementation of this scheme, the AIADMK government has fulfilled all the promises it made in the 2011 election manifesto.

Ms. Jayalithaa said the scheme would be implemented on a pilot basis in Chennai and would be expanded after studying the response.

28. First "Silk Road" train arrived in Iran capital from China after crossing four countries. Name the capital of Iran?

- A) Bagdad
- B) Tehran
- C) Damascus
- D) Beijing

ANS: B

SOURCE:

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/1047324/first-silk-road-train-arrives-in-tehran-from-china/>

BACKGRUOND:

The first train to connect China and Iran arrived in Tehran on Monday loaded with Chinese goods, reviving the ancient Silk Road, the Iranian railway company said.

The train, carrying 32 containers of commercial products from eastern Zhejiang province, took 14 days to make the 9,500-kilometre (5,900-mile) journey through Kazakstan and Turkmenistan.

