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CURRENT AFFAIRS 2018 SELECTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - 01

KERALA - IMPORTANT EVENTS 2017 - 2018

01. Name the first small hydroelectric power project completed with the participation of a private agency on build-own-operate-and-transfer (BOOT) basis in north Kerala.

Pathamkayam mini hydroelectric power project (in Malappuram)

❖ Perunthenaruvi hydropower project - Pathanamthitta

02. Where is the first cancer centre co-operative sector established in Kerala?

Kozhikode

❖ The first cancer care unit and research centre in the co-operative sector - M.V. Raghavan Cancer Care Hospital and Research Centre (Kozhikode)

03. Name the cyclonic storm which has recently hit the parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Ockhi

❖ The rescue operation related to the cyclone Ockhi - Operation Synergy

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04. Name the first public transport system to reserve jobs for the members' of transgenders.

Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.

- ❖ India's first integrated multi-mode transport system - Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.
 - ❖ The country's first-ever transgender one-day athletic meeting was held in Thiruvananthapuram.
 - ❖ The state to start district level co-operative societies exclusively for transgenders - Kerala.
05. Name the *e-health* programme launched by Kerala which aims at bringing about an efficient service delivery and create a centralised database of healthcare information.

Jeevan Rekha

- ❖ The e-health programme Jeevan Rekha was inaugurated at the Government hospital, Peroorkada.
06. Which is the first elderly friendly corporation in Kerala?

Kozhikode

- ❖ The first hunger-free city in India - Kozhikode
07. Who has won the best actress award at the 48th International Film Festival of India?

Parvathy (for the film - Take off)

08. Name the winners of the 65th Nehru trophy boat race held in 2017.

Gabriel chundan

- ❖ 64th winner - Karichal Chundan
09. Name the programme implemented by the SSA which aimed at developing proficiency in the language among primary school students.

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Malayalathilakam

- ❖ The textbook recently released by the State Literacy Mission exclusively to teach Malayalam language for migrant labourers - Haritha Malayalam
10. Name the places which are connected by the first Antyodaya Express of India.

Ernakulam - Howrah (in Bengal)

- ❖ Antyodaya Express is an all unreserved general class train that is meant to cater to the common man.
11. Who is the incumbent Vice Chancellor of Kerala Kalamandalam?

T.K. Narayanan

- ❖ The present V.C. of the Kerala University - Prof. Gopinath Ravindran
12. Name the tribal woman from Kerala to be honoured with *Padma Shri* in 2018.

Lakshmikutty Amma

- ❖ The Keralite to be honoured with the Padma Vibhushan award for the year 2018 - P. Parameswaran (Director of Bharatiya Vichar Kendra)
13. Which bank has opened the Heritage Gallery Museum in Kerala?

SBI (in Thalassery)

- ❖ The SBI has launched the Global NRI Centre in Kochi.
14. Which was the first disabled friendly district in India?

Kannur

- ❖ The first national park for differently-abled has recently been inaugurated in Hyderabad (Telangana).
15. Which city hosted the first meeting of *the Loka Kerala Sabha* in January, 2018?

Thiruvananthapuram (Jan. 12 - 13)

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❖ The first consulate of the UAE has been opened in South India at Thiruvananthapuram.

16. Which state is planning to open the first transgender exclusive clinics at Govt. medical colleges?

Kerala

❖ India's first transgender school is opened in Kochi (Sahaj International).

17. Name the project launched by the Govt. of Kerala on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the formation of Kerala state.

Vajra Keralam

18. Where is India's largest ever floating solar power plant located?

Wayanad (on the Banasura Sagar reservoir)

❖ The solar power plant is of 500 kWp (kilowatt peak).

❖ India's largest floating solar photo voltaic (PV) plant at the Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Plant (in Kayamkulam).

❖ The first solar park in Kerala is set up by the KSEB at Ambalathara (in Kasaragod). The 200-MW solar park is a joint venture of the KSEB and the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

19. Name the first solar powered ferry in India.

Aditya

❖ This solar-powered ferry is being operated between Vaikom and Thavanakkadavu.

20. Where is India's first mobile food testing laboratory launched?

Goa

❖ The Goa CM Manohar Parikar launched the first mobile food testing laboratory in December, 2017.

21. Name the first forest product in the world to get geographical indi-

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cation (GI) tag.

Nilambur Teak

22. Which airport in Kerala has been selected to be a part of UDAN scheme?

Kannur Airport

❖ UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) is a regional connectivity scheme launched by the Union Government.

23. Whose autobiography is 'My Odyssey'?

K. Radhakrishnan (former ISRO chairman)

❖ The present chairman of the ISRO - K. Sivan

24. Name the programme launched by the Government of Kerala to support children with congenital heart disease.

Hridayam

❖ A comprehensive employment rehabilitation scheme for the differently abled - Kaivalya

25. Name the first carbon neutral village in Kerala.

Meenangadi (in Wayanad)

❖ The first smoke-free village in Kerala - Panamaram (in Wayanad)

26. Where is the first crime museum in Kerala situated?

Thiruvananthapuram

❖ The first police museum in India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Police museum (Kollam)

❖ The first complete food safety district in the country - Kollam

27. Where was India's first spice museum set up?

Kochi (at Willingdon Island)

❖ The world's largest auction centre for cardamom - Vandanmedu (in Idukki)

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28. Who is the chief economic advisor of Chief Minister of Kerala?

Gita Gopinath

- ❖ The scientific advisor to Chief Minister of Kerala - M.C. Dathan
- ❖ Arvind Subramanian is the current Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India.

29. Name the project launched to ensure total literacy among prison inmates in Kerala.

Jail Jyothi - Jails without illiterates

- ❖ The first Indian state to achieve 100 per cent primary education - Kerala

30. Name the awareness programme which was launched by the Kerala Government against liquor and narcotic abuse.

Vimukti

- ❖ The brand ambassador of Vimukthi scheme - Sachin Tendulkar

31. Which state in India has recently launched the Parppida Mission to ensure housing to all?

Kerala

- ❖ Ardram - This scheme proposes to upgrade basic facilities in government hospitals without inflating rates

32. Which state has launched Gender Taxi, owned and operated by transgenders?

Kerala

- ❖ The project launched by the Govt. of Kerala to make the police stations children friendly - Children and Police (CAP) project
- ❖ The project launched by the Kerala Police which aimed at protecting children from cyber threats - Kids Glove

33. Which is the first wi-fi municipality in India?

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Malappuram

- ❖ The first fully cashless and digital tribal colony in India - Nedumkayam tribal colony (in Malappuram)
34. Where was India's first Gender Park inaugurated by then President Pranab Mukherjee?

Kozhikode (Thantedam Gender Park)

- ❖ The first Student's Rapid Response Force (SRRF) started its operation in Kozhikode.
35. Name the mobile app that has been launched by the Kerala Government to allow the public to report rain related grievances and incidents.

Edavappathy

- ❖ The web portal launched by the Kerala Govt. to fight against corruption with the active participation of people - Arising Kerala, Whistle Now
36. Which city in Kerala got the Clean City Award instituted by the Centre for Science and Environment?

Alappuzha

- ❖ The waste management system being implemented in Kerala's coastal town of Alappuzha has been recognised by the UNEP as one of the five models across the world for fighting the pollution menace.
37. Name the venue of Asia's largest startup ecosystem congregation, 'Huddle Kerala' held in April, 2018.

Kovalam (Thiruvananthapuram)

- ❖ It was organised by the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) in association with Internet and Mobile Association and IAMAI startup foun-

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38. Who headed the committee constituted by the Supreme Court to probe the rising incidents of dog bites in Kerala?

Justice Sirijagan

❖ The state in which the Supreme Court has restrained vigilante groups in a state from imparting training to children and distributing air guns to the people at a subsidised rate to kill stray dogs - Kerala

39. In which district in Kerala was the 58th State School Youth Festival held in January, 2018?

Thrissur

❖ Winners - Kozhikode

❖ The 59th State School Youth Festival will be held in Alappuzha.

40. Which is the first digital village office in India?

Ponnani (in Malappuram)

❖ The first digital state in India - Kerala

41. Name the website formed by Kerala with an aim to make the local self government institutions corruption free and more efficient.

For the People

❖ The web portals launched by Kerala to fight against corruption with the active participation of people - Arising Kerala, Whistle Now

42. Who is the incumbent Chief Justice of Kerala High Court?

Justice Antony Dominic

❖ The present Chief Secretary of Kerala - Paul Antony

43. Which Indian was honoured with the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Award for Exceptional Bravery at sea?

Radhika Menon

❖ The present Chief of Indian Navy - Sunil Lanba

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44. Which is the first online billing treasury in Kerala?

Kattakada rural billing treasury

45. Which is the first public library in India to confer membership to trans-genders?

Thiruvananthapuram public library

46. Which state government introduced a pension scheme for transgenders above 60 years of age?

Kerala

❖ The state government which introduced 'Pink Police Patrol' to tackle crimes against women in the state - Kerala

47. Where is the second International Cooperative Museum (ICM) in the world set up?

Kozhikode (set up by Mukkam based co operative Karassery Bank)

❖ The first International Cooperative Museum (ICM) was set up in London.

48. Which is the first Kerala based bank which got permission to start branch in foreign country?

Federal bank (in Dubai)

❖ The headquarters of the Federal Bank - Aluva

49. Which gram panchayat has recently won the Swaraj Trophy for the best grama panchayat for the year 2016-'17?

Sreekrishnapuram (Palakkad)

❖ The Swaraj Trophy for the best block panchayat for the year 2016-'17 - Lalam Block Panchayat (Kottayam)

❖ The Swaraj Trophy for the best District Panchayat - Pathanamthitta

50. Which is the first Indian state to ban 'electronic cigarette' alias 'e-cigarette' as its use can cause various health issues including cancer

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and heart ailments?

Punjab (in 2013)

❖ The e-cigarettes are banned in Kerala in 2017 and in Bihar in 2018.

51. In which city in Kerala was the first National Folk Festival of Kerala (NFFK) started?

Thiruvananthapuram (in 2017)

❖ The NFFK 2017 was organised by the State Youth Welfare Board, in association with Bharat Bhavan and the Velloppilli Samskrithi Bhavan.

52. Which city has been ranked as the top Indian city to manage urban governance for the year 2017?

Thiruvananthapuram

❖ Pune and Kolkatta was ranked the second and third position respectively.

53. Which port trust in India has received the award for the highest growth in operating surplus?

Cochin port trust

❖ It has also achieved the third highest growth in cargo traffic among the major ports in the year 2016-2017.

54. Which is the first metro in India to use communication based train control?

Kochi Metro

❖ Kochi Metro was inaugurated on June 17, 2017 by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

55. Name the newly appointed Judicial Commission to probe into Kollam Puttingal fire mishap held on April 10, 2016.

Justice P.S. Gopinathan

❖ The head of the expet commitee constituted by the Kerala Govt . to

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take step on the formation of Kerala Co-operative Bank - M.S. Sriram

56. Who is the present Minister Electricity in Kerala?

M.M. Mani

- ❖ Minister for Health and Social Welfare - K.K. Shylaja
- ❖ Public Works, Registration - G. Sudhakaran

57. Where will the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) set up their first mobile app incubator?

Kozhikode

58. Name the first Keralite woman to be selected to the Naval Armament Inspection (NAI) of Indian Navy.

Sakthi Maya

- ❖ Shubhangi Swaroop from UP has become the first-ever female pilot to be inducted into the Indian Navy and will soon be fly Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft.

59. Which became the first complete yoga village in Kerala?

Kunnamthanam (in Pathanamthitta)

60. Which university in Kerala celebrated its golden jubilee in 2017?

Calicut university

- ❖ The Calicut university was established in 1968 and is headquartered at Thenjipalam in Malappuram.
- ❖ The present Vice-Chancellor - K. Mohammed Basheer

61. Which textbook was launched by the Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority to teach Malayalam to migrant labourers?

Hamari Malayalam

- ❖ The health insurance scheme launched by the Govt. of Kerala for migrant workers in the state - Aawaz health insurance scheme

62. Name the job fest organized by the National Employment Service in

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association with district employability centres in Kerala.

Niyukthi

63. Name the project launched by the Kerala sports council to motivate the talents from Kerala in the Olympics 2024.

Operation Olympica

❖ The project launched by department of local self government to find a sustainable solution to drinking water scarcity and drought and increase the water table - Jalsree

64. Name the scheme launched by Kerala Govt to provide free treatment to the accident victims in first 48 hours.

Trauma Care Scheme

❖ The organ transplant programme of Govt. of Kerala - Mrithasanjeevani

65. Name the project launched by the Govt. of Kerala to provide career guidance and job-oriented training to the tribal youth.

Gothra Jyoti

❖ 'Gothra Sarathi' is a project to provide free transportation facility to the tribal children.

66. Name the insurance scheme launched by the Govt of Kerala for the disabled people across the state.

Savalambam

67. Name the question bank portal launched by educational department of Kerala which provides digital contents like discussions and videos on a particular subject and solutions to posted questions etc.

Samagra

❖ The software developed by the Kerala Govt. to ensure the reporting of vacancies in various departments on time to the PSC -VARAM

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(Vacancy Arising, Reporting and Monitoring system)

68. Name the joint venture of Kudumbashree associated with Southern Railway to run the vegetarian canteen in Railway stations across Kerala.

Jan Ahar

- ❖ The special school started by the Kudumbashree for the mentally challenged persons -Buds
69. Name the initiative launched by the Govt. of Kerala which aims to provide safe lodging and food at moderate rates for students and women travelling to cities for various requirements.

She lodges

- ❖ The credit rating software launched by Kerala which aims to enhance the performance of Kudumbashree, by enabling easier procurement of funds -Shreshta
70. Name the drinking water project launched by Community Development Societies (CDS) of Kudumbashree.

Theertham

- ❖ The solid waste management programme of the Kudumbashree - **Thelima**
- ❖ The innovative programme launched by Govt. of Kerala, which aims at the transformation of the state into disabled people-friendly and the empowerment of differently abled children - Anuyathra
- ❖ Asraya - Destitute identification rehabilitation and monitoring project for the rehabilitation of destitute families.

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