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INDIA - IMPORTANT EVENTS 2017 - 2018

01. Which Indian city is declared as the first World Heritage city in India by the UNESCO?

Ahmedabad (in Gujarat)

- ✦ Ahmedabad was declared as the first World Heritage city on July 8, 2017.
- ✦ Ahmedabad is called 'the Manchester of India'.

02. Name the satellite launched by using the first developmental flight 'GSLV MkIII-D1' June 05, 2017.

GSAT-19

- ✦ GSLV Mk III-D1 launched GSAT-19 from the Second Launch Pad (SLP) at Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.
- ✦ GSLV Mk III is nicknamed as 'Fatboy'.
- ✦ The mission director of GSLV Mk III - G. Ayyappan (Kerala).

03. Which is the Satellite Launch Vehicle of ISRO to launch the highest number of satellites in a single mission?

PSLV-C37 (104 satellites)

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- ✦ PSLV-C37 was launched on February 15, 2017.
 - ✦ GSAT-17 is the latest communication satellite of ISRO. (June 29, 2017)
04. Name the newly developed technology by the Border Security Force (BSF) to detect intrusions and relay information immediately to the nearest post for action.

Kavach (KVx)

- ✦ The BSF is headquartered in New delhi.
 - ✦ The motto of the BSF - Duty Unto Death
05. Which state has honoured with the UN Public Service Award for their *Kanyashree Prakalpa* (Girl Child) scheme?

Bengal

- ✦ Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of Bengal, is the first CM from India to adress on the occasion of UN Public Service Day at the Hague.
- ✦ UN Public Service Day - June 23

06. What is known as the first homegrown high purity gold reference standard launched by the India Government Mint?

BND 4201 (Bharatiya Nirदेशak Dravya 4201)

- ✦ BND 4201 is the reference material for gold of '9999' fineness (gold that is 99.99 per cent pure), will be beneficial to the consumers and public at large to ensure purity of gold.
07. Where is the new headquarters of the anti-Naxal operations command of the CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force)?

Chhattisgarh (shifted from Kolkata)

- ✦ The CRPF is headquartered in New Delhi.
 - ✦ The largest paramilitary force in India - CRPF
08. Which city was declared as the cleanest city in India according to the

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Swachh Survekshan 2017 report?

Indore (in Madhya Pradesh)

- ✦ The campaign titled 'Darwaza Band' under Swachh Bharat Mission which promoted toilet use and freedom from open defecation across the country's villages.
- ✦ Gonda in Uttar Pradesh the filthiest (dirtiest) city.

09. Who is the director of the film 'Sachin: A Billion Dreams'?

James Erskine

- ✦ 'Sachin: A Billion Dreams' is an Indian biographical film based on the life Sachin Tendulkar.
10. Who has become the first Indian woman mountaineer to scale Mount Everest four times?

Anshu Jamsenpa

- ✦ Anshu Jamsenpa is the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest twice in 5 days.
 - ✦ The first Indian woman to scale Mount Manaslu, located in Nepal - Aparna Kumar (in 2017).
11. In which state in India was the zika virus infection reported for the first time?

Gujarat (Ahmedabad, in 2017)

- ✦ The first south Indian state to report zika virus infection - Tamil Nadu
12. Which country declared itself free from Bird Flu (highly pathogenic Avian Influenza - H5N1 and H5N8) in 2017?

India

13. Who directed the film 'Indu Sarkar' based on the 21 months long emergency period from 1975 to 1977.

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Madhur Bhandarkar

14. By whom was the film score composed for the film 'Pele: Birth of a Legend'?

A.R. Rahman

✦ By this film A.R. Rahman has been nominated for the 89th Academy awards (declared in 2017) under both the best original score and the best original song category.

15. Which is the first state in India to implement a pension scheme for transgenders above 60 years of age?

Kerala

✦ The first state to announce a Transgender Welfare Board aiming at end stigma towards the sexual minority group - Kerala

16. Which Indian leader's statue was unveiled at Consulate General of India, Dubai?

Mahatma Gandhi

17. Which is the first state in India to use automated weather stations?

Maharashtra

✦ The first state in India to make social boycott a crime - Maharashtra

18. Who won the personality of the year award at the 2017 International Film Festival of India?

Amitabh Bachchan

19. Who has been appointed as the mission director of the Atal Innovation Mission, under the NITI Aayog, Government's premier think-tank?

Ramanathan Ramanan

Who head the following committees?

20. The high-level committee which has recently submitted its report on

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Scouts and Guides to the Union Government

Harsh Malhotra

21. The head of nine member panel formed by the HRD ministry to prepare a new education policy.

Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan

22. The committee appointed by Kerala to study the CAG report on Vizhinjam harbour contract.

Justice C.N. Ramachandran Nair

23. Name the web portal launched by the ministry of communications of India for information sharing on Mobile Towers and Electromagnetic Frequency (EMF) emission compliances.

Tarang Sanchar

✦ The service introduced by the Indian railway which allows the passengers to make payment for tickets booked online within a window of 15 days - Buy Now, Pay Later

✦ The present Railway Minister of India - Piyush Goyal

✦ The Ministry of Women and Child Development is headed by Maneka Gandhi.

24. Name the first state in India to launch official e-wallet.

Telangana

✦ The Telangana state launched the newly created T-Wallet, the official digital wallet of the state, offering anytime anywhere platform for digital payments with no additional charge for the citizens.

25. The committee related to Data Protection Framework for India

B.N. Srikrishna

26. Name the indigenously developed nuclear-capable surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile of India which has been test-fired

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recently.

Prithvi-II

- ✦ India has recently test-fired a nuclear-capable intermediate range ballistic missile - Agni-II

27. In which state is India's first freight village located?

Uttar Pradesh

- ✦ Varanasi was selected as the first freight village of India.

28. Which state government has implemented 'Green Protocol' for wedding?

Kerala

- ✦ The Kerala Govt. has implemented 'Green Protocol' for wedding in order to curb the thermocol, plastics and other non-degradable articles including disposable glasses and plates in marriage functions.

29. Name the app launched by the Indian Railways for freight managers to help plan traffic flows and optimize freights.

Smart Freight Operation Optimisation & Real Time Information (SFOORTI) App

- ✦ Indian railway's first set of power plants was launched in Delhi.

30. Which is the first city in India where the Indian Railways has started 100 new suburban railway services?

Mumbai

- ✦ Himachal Pradesh became the first Indian state to launch electric bus service at high altitude.

31. Name the operation which was conducted to combat the proliferating illegal trade of live turtles and its parts from the country to destinations abroad.

Operation Save Kurma

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✦ The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) of India got the certificate of Commendation of CITIES for the operation of 'Save Kurma'.

32. Which temple was adjudged the cleanest iconic place in India under Swachhta Hi Seva programme?

Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple in Madurai

✦ Varanasi is the most polluted city of India according to the Central Pollution Control Boards report.

33. What is the monthly salary of the Governor of a state?

Rs. 3.5 lakh

✦ The monthly salary of the President of India - Rs. 5 lakh

✦ The monthly salary of the Vice President of India - Rs. 4 lakh

34. Which language has been declared as the second official language of Telangana?

Urdu

✦ The official language of Telangana - Telugu

✦ The official language of Jammu and Kashmir - Urdu

35. Name the joint rescue mission by the Navy, Air force, Coast guards and state fisheries department to rescue the fishermen stranded due to the cyclone 'Ockhi'.

Operation Synergy

✦ The name of rescue operation of Indian navy during the cyclone Ockhi was 'Operation Sahayam'.

✦ Indian Navy day - December 4

36. What is the revamped version of the toll-free helpline number of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

1947

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✦ The current CEO of UIDAI - Ajay Bhushan Pandey

37. Across which river will the world's highest railway bridge be constructed?

Chenab river (in Jammu and Kashmir)

✦ The bridge will connect Bakkai (Katra) with Kauri (Srinagar).

38. Which city hosted the trilateral meeting of the foreign ministers of Russia, India and China in 2017?

New Delhi

✦ Global wildlife programme conference 2017 was held in New Delhi.

39. Where was India's first Tribal Entrepreneurship Summit held?

Dantewada (in Chhattisgarh)

✦ The 2017 World Telugu Conference was held in Hyderabad.

40. Name the app launched by the PM Narendra Modi which enables fast, secure and reliable cashless payments through mobile phones.

Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM)

41. Which port has been renamed as 'Deendayal port'?

Kandla port

✦ Kandla port, the tidal and free port of India, is also known as 'the child of partition'.

42. Name the scheme implemented by the India Government to provide electricity to all households in 2017.

Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya)

✦ The Rural Electrification Corporation Limited will remain the nodal agency for the operationalisation of the scheme throughout the country.

43. Name the new project launched by the Govt. of India to provide affordable life insurance services to people, particularly those living in

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rural areas.

Sampoorna Bima Grama Yojana

✦ This project is under rural Postal Life Insurance.

44. Name the programme launched by the NITI Aayog with the state governments to initiate transformation in the education and health sectors.

Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital (SATH)

45. Which is the biggest dam in India?

Sardar Sarovar dam (on the Narmada river)

✦ It is the second biggest concrete gravity dam in the world after the Grand Coulee Dam in the U.S.

46. Name the operation started by the Union Ministry of External Affairs to provide humanitarian assistance for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Operation Insaniyat

47. Which is the first state in India to offer e-mail IDs in Hindi?

Rajasthan

✦ Rajasthan became the first state in India to fix minimum education qualification for cooperative body poll.

48. Which is the first private railway station in India?

Habibganj station (in Bhopal)

✦ India's first electric mass transport project was launched in Nagpur.

✦ The city where the 2017 India-ASEAN Youth Summit held was - Bhopal

✦ The theme of the summit - Shared Values, Common Destiny.

49. In which state will India's first automatic coastal warning for disasters come up?

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Odisha

- ✦ India's first Hyperloop project will come up in Andhra Pradesh.
50. Which became the first state in India to have a blood bank for the cattle?

Odisha

- ✦ Indore, the commercial capital of Madhya Pradesh became the first city in India where robot is being used on an experimental basis to control its ever growing and unruly traffic.

51. Name the first city in India to have an underwater metro tunnel.

Kolkata

- ✦ It will run beneath the Hooghly river.
- ✦ The first city in India to run eco-friendly buses on biogas as fuel - Kolkata

52. Who administered the oath of office to the 45th Chief Justice of India?

Ram Nath Kovind (The President of India)

- ✦ Justice Dipak Misra is the 45th Chief Justice of India.

53. Which is the first Indian city to have its own logo?

Bengaluru

- ✦ The garden city of India - Bengaluru
- ✦ Dubai became the first city in the world to have its own microsoft-designed font ('Dubai').

54. Which is the longest river bridge in India?

Dhola-Sadiya bridge /Bhupen Hazarika Setu

- ✦ The bridge is constructed across the river Lohit in Assam.

55. Which constitutional amendment bill seeks to give constitutional status to National Commission for Backward Classes?

123rd Amendment Bill, 2017

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✦ The 123rd Amendment Bill, 2017 was passed by the Lok Sabha on April 10, 2017.

56. Who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador for Hepatitis in South East-Asia region by the WHO?

Amitabh Bachchan

57. Which day is observed as the 'Samvidhan divas' in India?

November 26

✦ The Samvidhan divas is also known as Constitutional day or National Law day.

58. Which is the first state in India to send postal ballots electronically to the public servants?

Goa

59. Which is the oldest inland literary capsule magazine from Kerala to be entered the Limca book of records.

Innu

✦ 'Innu' is the brain child of the eminent writer Manamboor Rajan Babu.

60. What is the present sex ratio of Haryana?

950/1000

✦ For the first time in the history of the state, Haryana has touched the 950 mark for the sex ratio at birth.

✦ According to the 2011 census the sex ratio of Haryana is 879/1000.

61. Name the state that has become the first state to launch a special awareness drive to ensure that transgenders in the state register as voters.

Maharashtra

✦ Kerala has conducted India's first ever transgender one day athletic meet in Thiruvananthapuram.

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62. Where did the Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation stone of India's first Indian Institute of Skills?

Kanpur (in Uttar Pradesh)

63. Which is declared as the second capital of Himachal Pradesh?

Dharamshala

- ✦ The first capital of Himachal Pradesh - Shimla
- ✦ Himachal Pradesh is the third state of India with two capitals after Jammu and Kashmir and Maharashtra.
- ✦ Capitals of Jammu and Kashmir - Srinagar and Jammu
- ✦ Capitals of Maharashtra - Mumbai and Nagpur

64. Name the stations connected with India's first Antyodaya Express.

Ernakulam and Howrah

65. Which is India's first digital and cashless village?

Akodara (in Gujarat)

- ✦ The first cashless village in south India - Ibrahimpur (in Telangana)

66. Which is the first banking robot in India?

Lakshmi

- ✦ 'Lakshmi' has been launched at city union bank in Chennai.

67. Which Indian bank has installed an ATM facility on board the INS Vikramaditya?

State Bank of India

- ✦ The largest warship of Indian Navy - INS Vikramaditya

68. Name the project launched by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau to prevent self-financing colleges from charging capitation fee from students.

Edu Vigil

69. Who directed the film 'S Durga' which is the first Indian film to win

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the Hivor Tiger Award at the International Film Festival of Rotterdam?

Sanal Kumar Sasidharan

✦ Sexy Durga is changed into S Durga for Indian release.

70. Which is the first state in India to be completely electrified?

Kerala

✦ The state which has launched the first ever Water Metro Project in India - Kerala

71. Name the chess player of Kerala to be depicted on the cover page of international chess magazine 'Chess Base'.

Nihal Sarin

72. In which university of India has the first Centre for Animal Law in the country been set up?

The Nalsar University of Law (in Hyderabad)

✦ The International Children's Film Festival of India is regularly held in Hyderabad.

73. Name the portal implemented by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment that aims at achieving the target of child labour free society.

Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCIL)

74. Name the operation launched by the Income Tax Department (ITD) to investigate tax evaders.

Operation Clean Money

✦ As a part of the operation, the government has launched a website on 'Operation Clean Money' operation.

75. Where was India's first bio-refinery plant inaugurated?

Pune

✦ Pune hosted India's first under water festival in India.

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