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CURRENT AFFAIRS 2018 SELECTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - 02

KERALA - IMPORTANT EVENTS 2017 - 2018

01. Who is the chairman of the 5th State Finance Commission of Kerala?

Prof. B A Prakash

- State Finance Commission is constituted under clause (1) of Article 243-I of the Constitution of India.
- The present Election Commissioner of Kerala - V. Bhaskaran

02. Name the first geoinformatics grama panchayat in Kerala.

Aruvikkara (Tvpm)

- India's first digitalised panchayat ward - Aymanam (in Kottayam)

03. Where is the first International Dam Safety Conference held in 2018?

Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram

04. Which railway station in Kerala was ranked the best railway station in India by travellers in terms of cleanliness?

Kozhikode

- Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station in Delhi was given the lowest ratings in terms of cleanliness.

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05. Who are the winners of the National Volleyball Championship (men's) 2018?

Kerala (Runners up - Railways)

➤ Women's winners - Railways (Runners up - Kerala)

06. Which legendary Malayalam film actor has recently been awarded D-Lit by the Calicut University?

Mohanlal

➤ The ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah to be conferred with a honorary doctorate by the Calicut University - Sheikh Sultan Bin Muhammad Al-Qasimi

07. Which district in Kerala has recently hosted the National Banana Festival 2018?

Thiruvananthapuram

➤ The first state in India to start a Blockchain Academy for the first time in India - Kerala

08. Name the state in India to deploy robots to clean up manholes.

Kerala

➤ The robots were named as Bandicoot.

09. Which city in Kerala hosted the first-ever Global Digital Summit (#FUTURE) of Kerala?

Kochi

➤ Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated this event and he launched an mobile app, *M-Kerala*, for all government services.

10. From which district in Kerala will the first community radio service for farmers be broadcast soon?

Alappuzha (from Kuttanad)

➤ India's first online radio station - Radio Umang

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- Alappuzhas recently been enlisted in the UN report of 5 global cities that have successfully tackled solid waste management.
- The rescue-cum-ambulance boat service has recently been launched in Alappuzha.

11. Name the Malayali to start the Six Guns Sports Academy.

Sanju Samson (in Tvpm)

12. Who is appointed as the brand ambassador of *Make in Kerala* campaign?

Mammootty

➤ The brand ambassador of the *Mritha-sanjeevani* scheme - Mohanlal

13. Who authored the book 'Kavithayude Vishnulokam'?

Dr. M. Leelavathi

➤ Sareera Shastram, Irattamukhamulla Nagaram (travelogue),
Manthilirile 20 communist varshangal - Benyamin

14. Name the literacy programme for coastal areas to be launched by the Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority.

Akshara Sagaram

15. Who authored the book 'The Orbit of Memories' (Ormakalude Bhramanapadham)?

Nambi Narayanan

➤ Dark Days of Democracy - P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

16. Name the first state in India to provide electricity to every home.

Kerala

➤ The first fully electrified grama panchayat in India - Kannadi (Palakkad)

17. Name the place in Kerala where the ambitious sustainable tourism project that envisages participatory tourism planned and executed locally with the involvement of the local bodies.

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Vaikom (in Kottayam)

18. Which is the first city in Kerala enlisted in the smart city programme by the Union Government?

Kochi

➤ Second city - Thiruvananthapuram

19. Which is the first child-friendly police station in Kerala?

Fort Police Station (in Thiruvananthapuram)

➤ Kerala Police has initiated a campaign, *Children & Police (CAP)*, to make police station safe for children.

20. Who authored the book 'Sravukalkoppam Neenthumbol'?

Jacob Thomas (Former Kerala Vigilance Director)

➤ Ekanthapadhikan Njan - P. Jayachandran (playback singer)

21. Who is the first woman DGP in Kerala?

R. Sreelekha IPS

➤ Kerala's first woman IPS officer - R. Sreelekha IPS

22. Who has recently won the first Uthradom Thirunal Marthanda Varma award?

Mohanlal

➤ Sree Chithira Thirunal National Award 2017 - Shivshankar Menon (former National Security Advisor)

23. Who is the new Vice Chancellor of the Malayalam University?

Dr. Anil Vallathol

➤ Thunchathu Ezhuthachan Malayalam University was established on November 1, 2012.

24. Name the scheme launched by the Govt. of Kerala for the prevention of atrocities against women and children.

Kaithangu (implemented by Social Justice Department)

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25. Name the scheme launched by the Kerala State Literacy Mission aimed at teaching pure and clean Malayalam to educated professionals in the state.

Pacha Malayalam

26. Which district in Kerala has recently been declared as the first 'air horn-free' district?

Ernakulam

➤ Thuruthikkara in Ernakulam district is 'the first green village' in Kerala.

27. Who became the second Indian after legendary Milkha Singh to qualify for 400m finals at the Commonwealth Games 2018?

Mohammad Anas

➤ The venue of the Commonwealth Games 2018 - Gold Coast (Australia)

28. Name the renowned Kathakali artist to be honoured with the Vayoshreshtha Samman 2018.

Chemanchery Kunhiraman Nair

➤ This award is organized by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

29. Which district panchayat in Kerala has won the *Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar* in 2018?

Kollam

Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar 2018

➤ Block Panchayats - Sreekrishnapuram (Palakkad) and Nedumangad (Thiruvananthapuram)

➤ Gram panchayats - Maranchery (Malappuram), Budhanoor (Alappuzha), Sathamcotta (Kollam)

➤ Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar 2018

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for best panchayat - Poroor (Malappuram)

30. Name the mobile application launched by the ANERT for individuals and organisations who are interested in partnering with the ANERT to promote the use of renewable energy in Kerala.

Souraveedhi

- The first-ever renewable energy census campaign in the country was conducted by ANERT.

31. Who is the winner of the Vallathol Award for the year 2017?

Prabha Varma

- 2016 - Sreekumaran Thampi
- The prize includes a cash prize of Rs. 1,11,111.
- The Vallathol Award was instituted in 1991 and the first winner was Pala Narayanan Nair.

32. Name the scheme launched to provide encouragement and support to specially abled children to pursue technical education.

Saksham

- The scheme launched to provide encouragement and support to Girl Child to pursue technical education - Pragati

33. Name the programme launched by the state Govt. of Kerala to trace, rescue and reunite the little ones with their family.

Valsalya

- The deceased donor organ donation programme of Kerala Govt. - Mrithasanjeevani

34. Which state has topped in the Health Index Progressive report, released by NITI Aayog?

Kerala

- The state which has recently launched nutrition scheme for children affected by HIV - Himachal Pradesh

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35. Who is the incumbent Chief Secretary of Kerala?

Paul Antony

- The present Cabinet Secretary of India - Pradeep Kumar Sinha (P.K. Sinha)
- Kerala State Youth Commission Chairperson - Chintha Jerome

36. Name the Chilean poet who has recently been selected for 'the Kumaran Asan world poetry prize'.

Raul Zurita (2018)

- The Asan World Prize is given by the Asan Memorial Association (Kayikkara) once in three years.
- Kumaran Asan World Prize for poetry for the year 2015 - Adonis (Arab poet).
- Asan Smaraka Kavitha Puraskaram (last winner)- Ezhachery Ramachandran (2016)

37. Who has recently been appointed as the new director of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kerala?

Nirmal Chandra Asthana

- The present DGP of Kerala Police - Lokanath Behera IPS

38. Where is the Pazhassi Sagar hydroelectric project situated?

Kannur

- Pazhassi memorial - Mananthavady

39. Who has been selected for the *Kerala State Akshaya Urja Award* for his lifetime contribution for energy conservation for the year 2017?

R.V.G. Menon

- Rajiv Gandhi Akshaya Urja Diwas - August 20

40. Who has been selected for the Deshabhi-mani literary award for lifetime achievement for the year 2017?

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T. Padmanabhan

➤ For the year 2016 - M.T. Vasudevan Nair

41. Which is the first digitalized panchayat ward in India?

Aymanam ward (in Kottayam district)

➤ India's first digital village - Akodara village (Gujarat)

42. Name the first Indian to be awarded prestigious Ihsan Dogramaci family health foundation prize by the WHO?

Dr. Vinod Paul (NITI Aayog member)

➤ The WHO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

43. Name the e-commerce portal of *Kudum- bashree* launched by the Minister for Local Self-Government Mr. K.T. Jaleel recently.

Vaibhav

➤ The 24 hours working gender help desk of Kudumbashree - Snehitha

44. Who is the present Governor of Kerala?

Justice P. Sathasivam

➤ The present VC of the Kerala Agricultural University - R. Chandra Babu

➤ The present VC of Kerala University - Gopinath Ravindran (in charge)

➤ The Kerala Agricultural University is headquartered at Vellanikkara in Thrissur.

45. Who is the incumbent Union Minister of State for Tourism?

Alphons Kannanthanam

46. Which is the programme launched by the Govt. of Kerala as a part of the 60th anniversary for comprehensive development in the fields of health, education, housing and sanitation?

Nava Kerala Mission

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- Mission LIFE (Livelihood Inclusion and Financial Empowerment) provides housing for all homeless people through Nava Kerala Mission.

47. Who is the present chairman of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi?

Vaisakhan (M K Gopinathan Nai)

- The present chairman of the Kerala Lalithakala Akademi - Nemom Pushparaj

48. Who has recently been awarded the 2017 K.P.P. Nambiar Award instituted by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)?

E. Sreedharan

- E. Sreedharan, popularly known as 'the Metro Man', is currently serving as the advisor to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

49. Who has recently won the Odakkuzhal award for the year 2017?

Aymanam John (work - Aymanam Johninte Kathakal)

- 2016 - M.A. Rahman (work - Oro Jeevanum Vilappettathanu)

50. Name the Malayalam actor who has recently entered the Limca Book of Records in 2018 for maximum number of films directed, scripted and acted.

Balachandra Menon

- 'Ente Adhikaprasangam' is a book written by Balachandra Menon.

51. Name the software prepared for the online recruitment management of the Devaswom Recruitment Board (DRB) of Kerala.

Devajalika

- The present Minister of Devaswom - Kadakampally Surendran

52. Who is the present chairman of the Innovation Council and Chief Executive Officer of Kerala?

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K.M. Abraham

53. Name the project launched by the Govt. of Kerala which aims at preventing and controlling infectious diseases.

Arogya Jagratha

➤ Munnettam- A special campaign organised by the Kudubashree for enhancing educational sustainability.

54. Which programme has recently been implemented by the State Govt. which aims at freeing Kerala from the clutches of child labour and child begging?

Saranabalyam

➤ KITE (Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education) - is an establishment of Govt. of Kerala to foster, promote and implement modernisation of educational institutions.

55. Who directed the Malayalam film Ottal (The Trap) which has been named as the best short film in the children's category at the 2016 Berlin International Film Festival?

Jayaraj

➤ 'Ottal' had bagged the National Award for best film on Environment Conservation/Preservation.

➤ 'Ottal' had set a record at 20th International Film Festival of Kerala by sweeping all the top awards.

56. Name the unique initiative by the Government of Kerala to support children with congenital heart disease to win the Swasth Bharat Award 2018.

Hridyam Project

➤ *Sruthitharangam* (Cochlear Implantation Scheme) intended to provide free surgery to children in the age group of 0-3 years, who are suffering from deafness.

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57. Who has been selected for the Swadesha-bhimani - Kesari media award for the year 2016, instituted by the Kerala Govt.?

K. Mohanan

➤ 2015 - Thomas Jacob

58. Who has recently been appointed as the M.D. of Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.?

A.P.M. Mohammed Hanish

➤ Kochi Metro Rail Ltd. is the 8th metro rail service in India.

Name the persons who are currently holding the following portfolios in the present Kerala Cabinet.

59. Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs

A. K. Balan

➤ Revenue and Housing - E. Chandrasekharan

60. Co-operation

Kadakampally Surendran

➤ Welfare of Minorities - K. T. Jaleel

61. Labour and Excise

Ramachandran Kadannappally

➤ Education - Prof. C. Raveendranath

62. Sports and Youth Affairs

A. C. Moideen

➤ Water Resources - Mathew T. Thomas

63. Which Indian cricketer has agreed to feature a campaign against drug and liquor abuse in Kerala?

Sachin Tendulkar

64. In which district is the fruit village programme of Agriculture Department being set up?

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Wayanad

- The first millet village in Kerala - Attappady (in Palakkad)
65. Name the TV show hosted by the Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan, to interact with the people of Kerala .

Naam Munnottu ('We Forward')

66. Name the first block panchayat in Kerala to function solely on solar energy.

Mukhathala (in Kollam)

- Perumatty is the first Grama panchayat in Kerala to run entirely on solar energy.
67. Name the village panchayat in Kerala to introduce telemedicine facility centre at its primary health centre (PHC).

Chaliyar Grama Panchayat

68. Name the skill training launched by the Kudumbashree for the coastal youth of the Kerala.

Sagarmala

- The project launched by the Union Govt. to engage rural youth, especially BPL and SC/ST segment of population, in gainful employment through skill training programmes - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
69. Who is the present chairman of the Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities?

R. Balakrishna Pillai

- Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities is headquartered in Thiruvananthapuram.
70. Name the elephant which is all set to enter the Guinness World Records as the oldest living elephant?

Dakshayani (aged 86 years), owned by Travancore Devasom Board

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(TDB).

71. Name the continuous education programme for transgenders launched by the Kerala State Literacy Mission.

Samanwaya

➤ The training programme for the Kudumbashree NHGs - Kudumbashree School.

72. Name the first State Govt. in India to allow prisoners to donate organs to immediate family members.

Kerala

73. Name the multidimensional development project launched by the Govt. of Kerala which focuses on water conservation, sanitation, environmental protection, and paddy cultivation.

Haritha Keralam Mission

➤ The brand ambassador of Haritha Keralam Mission - Dr. K .J .Yesudas.

74. Name the scheme launched by the State Literacy Mission which enabled Kerala to achieve the status of 100% primary education?

Athulyam Aksharotsavam

➤ Kerala is the first state in the country to achieve the status of 100% primary education.

75. Which state has become the first and only state to provide electricity to every single household.

Kerala

➤ The first state in the country to have at least one banking facility in every village - Kerala

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