

[CURRENT AFFAIRS – 24 JULY 2018]

Question 1. The Union Government recently constituted a High Level Committee chaired by Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba to deliberate on which matter?

- a) Mob lynching
- b) Consolidation of PSB Banks
- c) Cutting of trees in Delhi
- d) Appointment of Lokpal

Correct Ans: (a)

Note:

Considering the increasing incidents of mob lynching, the Union Government on July 23, 2018 constituted a High Level Committee chaired by the Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba to deliberate in the matter and make recommendations. The move comes after a number of mob lynching incidents were reported in several areas.

Question 2. NASA recently announced to launch a robotic car-size spacecraft to study which body?

- a) Sun
- b) Mars
- c) Moon
- d) Jupiter

Correct Ans: (a)

Note:

The US space agency NASA on July 20, 2018 announced to launch the Parker Solar Probe, a robotic car-size spacecraft, to study the Sun and reveal multiple mysteries behind the star. The spacecraft will be launched in August 2018 on the United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy from Cape Canaveral in Florida.

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Question 3. Name the official mascots of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games?

- a) Keito and Miraitowa
- b) Miraitowa and Someity
- c) Someity and Zabivaka
- d) Zabivaka and Keito

Correct Ans: (b)

Note:

The Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee on July 22, 2018 officially launched its Olympic mascots Miraitowa and Someity at a ceremony attended by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike and Committee's President Yoshiro Mori.

Question 4. The GST Council recently exempted which of the following items from the levy of GST?

- a) Knitted cap
- b) Bamboo flooring
- c) Sanitary Napkins
- d) Washing machines

Correct Ans: (c)

Note:

The GST Council in its 28th meeting on July 21, 2018, under the Chairmanship of Piyush Goyal , Union Minister for Railways , Coal , Finance & Corporate Affairs, reduced the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates on various goods and exempted Sanitary Napkins and Rakhi from the levy of GST.

Question 5. NABARD launched the South East Asia's first-ever Centre for Climate Change (CCC) in which city?

- a) Lucknow
- b) Kanpur
- c) Mumbai
- d) Pune

Correct Ans: (a)

Note:

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) launched the South East Asia's first-ever Centre for Climate Change (CCC) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The purpose of the centre is to accelerate concerted climate action by various stakeholders in government, private, financial and non -government actors.

Question 6. Which state topped the list of best-governed states as per Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Odisha
- d) Tamil Nadu

Correct Ans: (b)

Note:

According to the Public Affairs Index (PAI) 2018, Kerala stands as the best-governed state in the country, followed by Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat. Apart from this, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha ranked the lowest on the index.

Question 7. Which nation's banks and financial institutions have signed an inter-creditor agreement to speed up resolution of bad loans?

- a) UK
- b) India
- c) Germany
- d) Bangladesh

Correct Ans: (b)

Note:

Indian banks and financial institutions signed an inter-creditor agreement on July 23 to fast-track the resolution of stressed assets of Rs 500 crore or above that are under consortium lending. The main objective of the ICA is to resolve stressed assets fast and it will primarily focus on NPAs in the 50 crore to 500 crore bracket. The framework will deal separately with stressed assets of 500 to 2,000 crores or more.

Question 8. India signed 8 agreements recently with which nation?

- a) Egypt
- b) Libya
- c) Ghana
- d) Rwanda

Correct Ans: (d)

Note:

India and Rwanda signed eight agreements on July 23 following delegation-level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rwandan President Paul Kagame in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda. The agreements were signed in the fields of defence, trade, agriculture, leather and allied products and dairy

Question 9. Tahira Safdar has been named as the first woman chief justice of high court of which nation?

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Pakistan
- d) Afghanistan

Correct Ans: (c)

Note:

Pakistan has got its first-ever woman Chief Justice of a high court. Justice Tahira Safdar was named as the Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court by Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar. She will take charge of her new role following the retirement of incumbent Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Mohammad Noor Muskanzai, who attains superannuation on the 31st of next month.

Question 10. Which country has begun dismantling its rocket launch site?

- a) North Korea
- b) Pakistan
- c) Iran
- d) Israel

Correct Ans: (a)

Note

North Korea appears to have begun dismantling part of a key rocket launch site in the country's north-west. Satellite images of the Sohae station seen by US-based monitoring group 38 North suggest that Pyongyang is complying with the agreement reached between its leader Kim Jong-un and US President Donald Trump during their meeting in Singapore last month.

Question 11. Nitin Gadkari has launched development projects worth over Rs 5000 crore in which state?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Haryana

Correct Ans: (b)

Note:

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched development projects worth over five thousand four hundred crore rupees in Guna district of Madhya Pradesh on July 23, 2018. Addressing the gathering during Vikas Parv and farmers' convention in the district, Mr Gadkari said that the Centre was fully committed to completing the project in time.

Question 12. India has extended two lines of credit (LoCs) worth \$200 million to which nation?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Rwanda
- d) Myanmar

Correct Ans: (c)

Note:

India extended two lines of credit (LoCs) worth \$200 million to Rwanda, one for the development of industrial parks and Kigali Special Economic Zone and the other for the development of three agricultural projects in Rwanda

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