

## [CURRENT AFFAIRS – 25-SEP-2018]

**Question 1:** Who of the following has been appointed as a goodwill ambassador for Nepal tourism?

- A. Meenakshi Seshadri
- B. Amitabh Bachchan
- C. Jayasudha
- D. Jaya Prada

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Indian actress Jaya Prada appointed goodwill ambassador for Nepal tourism. Her appointment is for a term of 4 years. She is also a former Member of Parliament. Her appointment would strengthen the cultural ties between India and Nepal and help promote Nepal's tourism in India.

**Question 2:** Who among the following bagged the FIFA's Best Player of the Year Award?

- A. Karim Benzema
- B. Luka Modric
- C. Mohamed Salah
- D. Cristiano Ronaldo

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Luka Modric broke a decade of award dominance by Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi after being crowned world footballer of the year by FIFA. Modric beat out Liverpool's Egyptian forward Mohamed Salah and Ronaldo. Modric was voted FIFA's best player in the 2017-18 season after winning the Champions League for a fourth time in five seasons with Real Madrid and leading Croatia to its first World Cup final where it lost to France. Messi and Ronaldo were the only winners of world soccer's main individual award from FIFA in various guises since 2008, both winning five titles each.

**Question 3:** Scientists from this country grew miniature human esophagus in lab with stem cells for the first time.

- A. Brazil
- B. China
- C. US
- D. UK

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** US scientists from the Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Ohio, for the first time have used stem cells to grow human esophagus - known as the food pipe - in the laboratory. They have used pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) in the process. The bio-engineered tissues grew to a length of about 300-800 micrometers in about two months. It can be used to study birth defects like esophageal atresia, the or ganoids can be used to study diseases like eosinophilic esophagitis and Barrett's metaplasia.

**Question 4:** How many lakhs did IRDA Raised Minimum Driver Insurance Cover for the road accident victims?

- A. Rs. 15 lakh
- B. Rs. 14 lakh
- C. Rs. 12 lakh
- D. Rs. 10 lakh

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority raised the minimum insurance cover for owner-driver to Rs. 15 lakh for a premium of Rs. 750 per annum, a move to provide some succour to

road accident victims. Currently, the capital sum insured (CSI) under this section for motorized two-wheelers and private cars/commercial vehicles is Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 2 lakh, respectively.

**Question 5:** India to introduce help line number 1800-11-2356 for whom?

- A. Tobacco Users
- B. Alcohol Users
- C. Cocaine Users
- D. Inhalants

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** India has introduced a quit-line number, 1800-11-2356, on tobacco products. The Union Health Ministry has already been creating awareness among people by making mandate display of pictorial health warning on both sides of packets containing cigarettes, bidis, and chewing tobacco. The quit-line number is to be printed on all tobacco products that will be manufactured after September 1, 2018. India is the first country among the SAARC countries to have introduced such a helpline. India is the fourth country in Asia after Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore to have this government helpline for those looking at quitting tobacco.

**Question 6:** The Football magazine of this country launches Women's Ballon d'Or recently.

- A. France
- B. Canada
- C. Albania
- D. Germany

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** France Football magazine announced that, a women's Ballon d'Or will be awarded for the first time in 2018. Ballon d'Or is awarded annually for men since 1956. This is the first time it has been introduced for women. The awards will be presented on 8 December 2018 in Paris, France.

**Question 7:** This become the first country in the world to double its tiger population.

- A. Nepal
- B. India
- C. Indonesia
- D. Thailand

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Nepal is set to become the first country in the world to double its tiger population as part of the World Wildlife Foundation's (WWF) 'Tx2' programme which aims to double the number of tigers all over the world. The government of Nepal announced on September 23, 2018, on the occasion of National Conservation Day, that there are now an estimated 235 wild tigers in the nation, nearly double the number (235) from around 121 in 2009. The earlier tiger survey in 2013 had estimated the tiger population in the nation to be around 198.

**Question 8:** Who has been appointed as the MD & Vice-president of Facebook India?

- A. Robert Noel
- B. C Vijayakumar
- C. Jes Staley
- D. Ajit Mohan

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Facebook India appoints former Hotstar CEO Ajit Mohan as MD & Vice-president. The post was lying vacant since the exit of Umang Bedi in October last year. Ajit Mohan will join Facebook early next year and will be first Facebook India leader reporting to Menlo Park and not Asia Pacific. Prior to Hotstar, Mohan also served as executive VP and Senior Vice President, Corporate, at Star TV Network.

**Question 9:** The First women-only foreign minister conference held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mexico
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. London

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Women Foreign ministers from almost 20 countries have gathered in Montreal, Canada and discussed topics including security and gender-based violence. The meeting was co-chaired by Canada's top diplomat, Chrystia Freeland, and the foreign affairs representative of the EU, Federica Mogherini.

**Question10:** Who won the Maldives's presidential election recently?

- A. Ilham Hussain
- B. Abdulla Shahid
- C. Ahmed Adeen
- D. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Ibrahim Mohamed Solih won the Maldives's presidential election on 24th September 2018. He defeated Maldives President Abdulla Yameen. Mr Solih entered the Parliament for the first time after defeating a ruling party candidate in 1994. He has been representing 'Lhaviyani Atoll' in the Maldivian Parliament.

**Question 11:** On which date, the first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be held?

- A. Sep 27
- B. Sep 28
- C. Oct 01
- D. Oct 02

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be inaugurated on October 2, 2018 in Delhi. The Ministerial level Assembly will be held in Greater Noida the following day. The ISA is a major initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in contributing to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through the rapid and massive deployment of solar energy. It is India's first international and inter-governmental organisation of 121 Countries and has headquarters in India with United Nations as Strategic Partner. It aims to create a collaborative platform for increased deployment of solar energy technologies to enhance energy security and sustainable development.

**Question 12:** Which company plans to acquire Usha Martin steel for Rs.4,700 crore?

- A. JSW Steel Ltd
- B. Jindal Steel
- C. Tata Steel
- D. Bhushan Steel

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Tata Steel has decided to acquire Usha Martin company, one-million-tonne steel business, for Rs.4,700 crore. This acquisition would lift the company's volume of long products by 24% and expand its product mix. Usha Martin's alloy long steel products cater to higher value-added automotive

and engineering segments. The existing capacity of Tata Steel is 29.5 million tonnes. Usha Martin assets are located in Jamshedpur, near Tata Steel's unit. Hence, the acquisition will have operational and logistics synergies. The HSBC Securities expects that the acquisition is marginally positive as it will increase Tata Steel's long product capacity to 4 million tonnes per annum. This acquisition has put Tata Steel as the preferred stock in the market.

