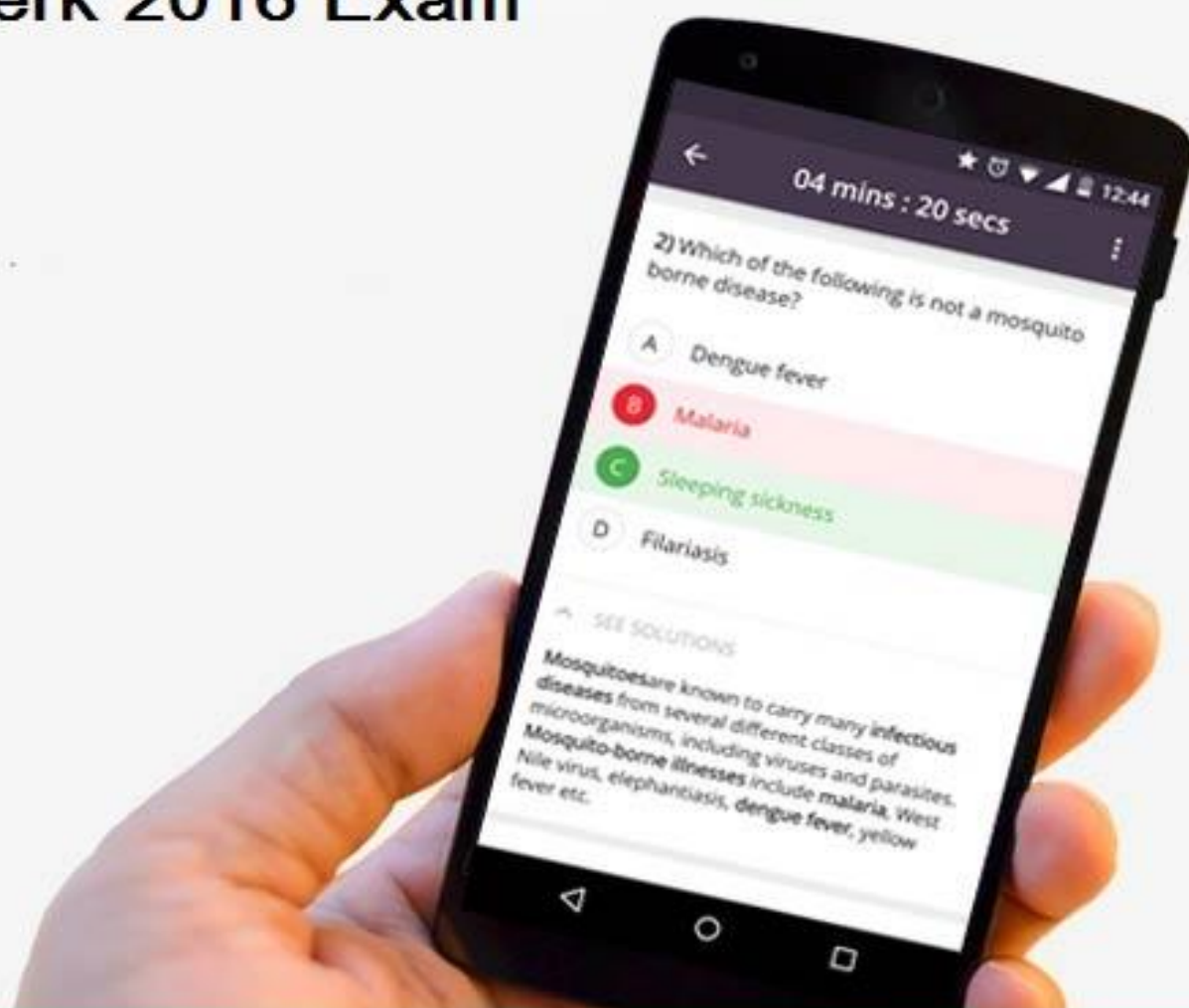




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Dear readers,

This One Liner Update is a complete docket of important news and events that occurred in March 2016 month. We have compiled important & expected questions, which can be asked in SBI Clerk & SBI PO 2016 Exam.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which bank leads mobile banking chart in India – **SBI**

Note:

- State Bank of India the nation's largest lender, is also the leader in digital banking in the country in both volume and value terms, handling over 38 per cent mobile banking transactions a month.
- According to RBI – SBI accounted for 38.44 per cent of total mobile banking transactions in terms of volume and 35.97 per cent market share in terms of value in December 2015.

2. Interest rate on PPF slashed from - **8.7% to 8.1%**

Note:

- The interest rate on PPF scheme slashed from 8.7 per cent to **8.1** per cent from 1st of April.
- According to a Finance Ministry order, the interest rate on **KVP** also cut to **7.8 per cent from 8.7 per cent**.

3. India's first contact-less mobile payment solution "**iTap**" has been launched by which bank – **ICICI Bank**

4. First bank to commence the sale of Indian Gold Coin (IGC) in the domestic market – **Indian Overseas Bank**

Note:

- The bank has tied up with **Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation** (MMTC) for the sale of IGC of 24 carat purity.
- IGC is the first ever national gold offering by the Centre. The IGC has the national emblem, the Ashok Chakra, engraved on one side and the face of Mahatma Gandhi on the other.
- The coin carries advanced anti-counterfeit features and comes in tamper-proof packaging. The current denominations available are **5, 10 and 20 gm**.

5. Which of the following banks will become the India's first Small Finance Bank (SFB)? - Capital Local Area Bank Ltd

Note: The Jalandhar-based Capital Local Area Bank Ltd (CLABL) will become the India's first small area finance bank (SFB) by flagging-off its operations on **April 13, 2016**.

6. Recently, which bank has launched **iWork@home programme** for its women employees? – **ICICI**

Note:

- The ICICI Bank has launched "iWork@home", a first-of-its-kind programme that allows women employees to work from home for up to a year.
- The company has deployed face recognition technology to facilitate women to work from home and provide access to the bank's core banking servers.

7. Which Indian-American investor took charge as Alternate Executive Director at International Monetary Fund (IMF)? - **Sunil Sabharwal**

Note: Independent investor **Sunil Sabharwal** has become the first Indian-American to take charge as an Alternate Executive Director at International Monetary Fund (IMF).

8. What is the approximate contribution of real estate in India's national GDP? - **9%**

Note: Recently, the Rajya Sabha passed the Real Estate Bill to protect the home buyers. Real estate contributes nine per cent to the national GDP.

9. According to 2014-15 economic survey, which state of India holds the top position in terms of investment in manufacturing sector – **Odisha**

Note: Odisha tops the list in the country by bagging the lion's share at 17% of the total investments in manufacturing sector.

10. Which of the following organisation has launched its first Uridashi Masala bonds? **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

Note:

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank has launched its first Uridashi Masala Bonds (Japanese bonds).
- These masala bonds were launched to mobilise **30 crore rupees from Japanese retail investors** and will be sold to Japanese household investors.
- The proceeds from these bonds will be used for promoting private sector development in India.

- **JP Morgan is the sole arranger** of the bonds and **Daisen Hinomaru Securities** is its distributor.

- 11.** When will the Indian government set to digitally connect all post offices in rural areas in the country? - **March, 2017** **Note:** The Indian government is digitally connecting all 1,29,323 gramian dak post offices in rural areas across the country by **March 2017**.

New Appointments

- 1.** New Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) - **Permod Kohli**

Note:

- **Permod Kohli**, the retired Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court Justice, has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) for a period of 5 years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till attaining the age of 68 years, whichever is earlier.

- 2.** New President of the Central African Republic - **Faustin Archange Touadera**

- 3.** Who appointed a member of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (ICC) Bureau in Geneva - **HL Dattu**

Note: HL Dattu is a Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and former Chief Justice of India

- 4.** Who has been named as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) - **Ashley Judd**

- 5.** Newly appointed Governor of Central Bank of Bangladesh - **Fazle Kabir**

Note: He succeeded **Dr. Atiur Rahman**

- 6.** New President of Myanmar - **Htin Kyaw**

Note:

- Htin Kyaw has been elected as the first civilian President of Myanmar after 53 years of military rule.
- He belongs to National League for Democracy (NLD) party. Aung San Suu Kyi is the President of NLD party.

- 7.** New Deputy Chief of Army Staff - **Lt Gen N P S Hira**

- 8.** New Secretary General of the Arab League - **Ahmed Abul Gheit**

Note: The renowned Egyptian diplomat Ahmed Abul Gheit has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Arab League. Currently, the league has 22 Arab countries spanning North Africa, the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

- 9.** Which Indian scholar has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Canberra - **H Deep Saini**

Note:

- The noted Indian scholar and plant physiologist H Deep Saini has been appointed as the fifth Vice Chancellor of the prestigious University of Canberra.
- He will succeed Vice Chancellor Stephen Parker in September 2016.

- 10.** New chairman of the 21st Law Commission of India (LCI) - **Balbir Singh Chauhan**

Note:

- The former Supreme Court (SC) judge **Dr. Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan** has been appointed as the Chairman of the 21st Law Commission of India (LCI).
- Presently, he is the chairman of the **Cauvery River Water Disputes Tribunal**.
- Beside him, the Union Government has appointed former judge of the Gujarat high court Justice **Ravi R Tripathi** as member of 21st LCI.

- 11.** New chairman of Bombay Stock exchange (BSE) - **Sudhakar Rao**

Note: The Public Interest Director **Sudhakar Rao** has been appointed as the new chairman of Bombay Stock exchange (BSE). He succeeded S Ramadorai.

- 12.** NMD & CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX) - **Mrugank Paranjape**

- 13.** Who is the current Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - **Helen Clark**

Important News – India & world

1. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi named TIME's most influential people on Internet for second year. . He was placed at – **15th position**

Note: The list has been topped by the American hip hop artist and **entrepreneur Kanye West**.

2. According to Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) report, which country is the world's happiest place - **Denmark**

Note:

- **Denmark overtook Switzerland** as the world's happiest place, according to a report that urged nations regardless of wealth to tackle inequality and protect the environment.
- The top 10 country were - Denmark, Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Finland, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, and Sweden. Denmark was in third place last year, behind Switzerland and Iceland.

3. What is the rank of India at UN's world happiness index- **India ranks at 118 out of 156**

4. India to set up Rabindranath Tagore Memorial in which country - **Sri Lanka**

5. According to the London & Partners, the official promotional company for London , which country has emerged as the second biggest investor in London after the US - **India**

6. Which country topped the global average Internet Speed - **South Korea**

Note:

- At the global level, India rank's at near bottom ranking **114th in Internet speeds**.
- **Singapore** retains top spot **for highest average peak** Internet speed.

7. Which country has overtaken China in terms of direct equity allocation by US investors - **India**

Note:

- India has overtaken China in terms of direct equity allocation by US investors.
- The data released by US Treasury shows India makes up 1.8% of US foreign equity holdings as on December 2015 as against 1.6% of China.

8. India Post has released a customised commemorative stamp on - **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** in recognition of the company's 75 years services to the nation

9. Who topped Britain's Asian Rich List 2016 - **the Hinduja Brothers, G P Hinduja and S P Hinduja**

Note:

- Steel tycoon **Lakshmi Niwas Mittal** was ranked second in the list,
- Sri Prakash Lohia, chairman of the Indorama Corporation, was listed 3rd richest
- **The Arora Brothers**, Simon, Bobby and Robin, owners of discount retail chain were listed as the 4th richest with a fortune worth 2.1 billion pounds.
- **Cyrus Vandrevala**, with 2 billion pounds, stood at number five in the list.
- **Industrialist Lord Swraj Paul** was listed as 15th richest with fortune worth 500 million pounds.

10. Who topped the Fortune's Greatest Leaders List - **Jeff Bezos**

Note: The top 5 leaders of the world:

1. Jeff Bezos 2. Angela Merkel 3. Aung San Suu Kyi
4. Pope Francis 5. Tim Cook

Note: Aam Aadmi Party chief **Arvind Kejriwal** has been ranked **42nd on the** list and is the sole leader from India.

11. Which agency has signed a pact for providing Rs 5,681 crore (USD 848 million) to develop solar parks across India - **The US Agency for International Development (USAID) and Asian Development Bank**

12. Telecom Commission approved ____ as Single Emergency Number for India - **112**

Note: The Telecom Commission approved the number **112** as the single emergency number for India on 28 March 2016. This is similar to 911 of United States and 999 of United Kingdom.

13. India joins hands with which country for disaster management - **Russia**

Note: India and Russia joined hands for minimising the consequences of natural calamities like floods and earthquakes.

14. Recently, India and which country launched Asia's biggest telescope the "Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences" (ARIES) - **Belgium**

Note:

- **ARIES** is largest optical telescope of its kind in Asia.

- This optical telescope is 3.6-metre-wide primary mirror located at Devasthal near Nainital in Uttarakhand.
15. India aims to become 100% e-vehicle nation by - **2030**
16. Which playback singer created a new world record for singing highest number of songs - **P. Susheela Mohan**
Note:
- Guinness Book of World Records officially credited her for singing record **17,695 songs** (solo, duet and chorus backed songs) in twelve Indian languages.
- She is a **Telugu singer** and is hailed as Gaana Kokila, Gaana Saraswath and Kannada Kogile.
17. India entered into an agreement with which country, to supply 100 megawatt of electricity in return for 10 gigabits per second internet bandwidth - **Bangladesh**
18. Recently, India signed the Kamov helicopter deal, with which country - **Russia**
19. Which of the following biosphere reserve from India is included in the UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, recently - **Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve**
20. Molenbeek, the place, which recently gained international attention as the base of numerous Islamic terrorists, is located in which country - **Belgium**
Note:
- Molenbeek is a municipality, in Belgium.
- The region was making news, when it recently gained international attention as the base of numerous Islamic terrorists, after bombing activity occurred at Brussels Airport.
21. The headquarters of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be located at - **Gurgaon**
Note:
- Recently, the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, and the President of France Mr François Hollande, jointly laid the foundation stone of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Headquarters and inaugurated the interim Secretariat of the ISA in National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gwalpahari, Gurgaon
22. India to supply 18 Meter Gauge Diesel Electric Locomotives to - **Myanmar**
23. Which country has recently signed refugee deal with European Union - **Turkey**
Note: After five months of intense negotiations, the European Union (EU) and Turkey finally signed a key deal on March 18 to prevent migration movements stemming from the Syrian war.
24. The Gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI) has been recently established in - **Tirupati**
Note:
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has established the **Gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI)** near Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
25. Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve' is located in - **Nepal**
26. Which of the following virus is responsible for diarrhoea among infants and young children - **Rotavirus**
Note:
- Diarrhoea caused by Rotavirus is one of the leading causes of severe diarrhoea and death among children less than five years of age in India.
- Rotavac is the new vaccine launched by Health Ministry to combat problem of Diarrhoea in India.
27. Which committee has recommended change in the structure and ecosystem in the Indian cricket board - **RM Lodha Committee.**
28. Which organisation is providing loan support for "Madhya Pradesh Citizen Access to Responsive Services Project" - **World Bank**
Note:
- India has recently signed a loan agreement of \$35 Million with the World Bank (WB) for "Madhya Pradesh Citizen Access to Responsive Services Project".
- The purpose of the project is to improve access and quality of public services in Madhya Pradesh through implementation of the 2010 Public Service Delivery Guarantee Act. The duration of **project is 5 years.**
29. Desert city of Palmyra, which has been recently captured by ISIS, is in which country - **Syria**
Note: The city has been making news because of Syrian army fighting ISIS to recapture the city.
30. According to the IRCTC survey, which railway station has been named the cleanest in India - **Surat railway station**
Note:
- According to an Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) survey, the Surat railway station has been named the cleanest in India in the A1 category, followed by **Rajkot, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), etc.**
- The survey, conducted across **407 stations** and based on the feedback of around 1.34 lakh passengers, classified the stations into '**A**' and '**A1**' categories based on their traffic.

- For A category railway stations, the **Beas railway station topped the list followed by Gandhidham in Ahmedabad, Vasco-da-Gama, Jamnagar, etc.**
31. Recently, Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani launched an online portal 'being launched to combat illiteracy: **Swayam**'
32. Recently, the Government of India has extended safeguard duty on steel imports till March 2018. The purpose of this move is to protect Indian industry from cheap imports from **China**
33. Which organisation has recently released the e-Atlas of Gender Inequality in Education - **UNESCO**
Note: The e-Atlas shows gender gaps from primary to tertiary education and educational pathways of girls and boys in more than 200 countries and territories.
34. The world's first fully electric-powered double-decker bus has been launched in which country- **United Kingdom**
35. Who has become the youngest person to climb the Mt. Kangchenjunga base camp in Sikkim - **Suryassangyini Chaudhary**
Note:
➤ Ms. Suryassangyini Chaudhary (6) has become the youngest girl to climb the 16,300 feet high Mt. Kangchenjunga base camp at Goechala, Sikkim.
➤ She is from Baraut in **Baghpat district, Uttar Pradesh.**
36. Which initiative has recently been launched by NITI Aayog - **Women Transforming India**
Note:
➤ The NITI Aayog, Union Government's premier think-tank, has launched the '**Women Transforming India**' initiative on the International Women's Day in partnership with the **United Nations and MyGov.**
37. Songkran festival is celebrated in which country - **Thailand**
Note: The Songkran festival, also known as the World's biggest water festival, is celebrated every year in Thailand from 13 to 15 April.
38. Recently, which country among the SAARC nations, decided to opt out from the execution of famous SAARC satellite project - **Pakistan**
Note:
39. Which country has announced to set up its own International Maritime Judicial Centre (IMJC) - **China**
Note: China will set up its own International Maritime Judicial Centre (IMJC) to handle territorial disputes and to protect its sovereignty, maritime rights and other core interests at sea.
40. Art of Living's World Culture Festival was held in which city? - **New Delhi**
41. Suzuki Motor Corporation, the parent company of Maruti Suzuki, has launched the 'Made in India' Baleno in which country - **Japan**
42. Bedaquiline, a newly launched vaccine by Health Ministry, is related with the treatment of which disease - **Tuberculosis**
Note:
➤ Bedaquiline is a medication used to treat tuberculosis. It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the end of 2012 for the treatment of adults with multidrug-resistant Tuberculosis.
43. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has selected which village for adoption in his Varanasi Constituency of U.P. for development under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)? - **Nagepur**
Note:
➤ Nagepur, a village dominated by backward castes has been selected under the second phase of the Yojana.
➤ Earlier, Prime Minister had adopted Jayapur village in the same Varanasi constituency in the first phase in 2014.
44. Recently, which neighbour of India passed a resolution to convert its Parliament into Constitutional Assembly? **Sri Lanka**
Note: The Sri Lankan Parliament has recently adopted a resolution to convert itself into a Constitutional Assembly.
45. Google's computer programme AlphaGo is related to which of the following? - A board game of China
Note: AlphaGo is a computer program developed by Google DeepMind in London to play the Chinese board game Go.
46. Which organisation has released a report titled "Women at Work: Trends 2016"? - **International Labour Organization (ILO)**
Note: The International Labour Organization (ILO) has recently released a report titled "Women at Work: Trends 2016". As per the latest report on 178 countries, gender equality still remains elusive in the workplace.
47. What is the main objective of the recently launched pilot project on Highway Advisory Services? - **To provide traffic related information to commuters**

- Note:** The Union Road Transport and Highways ministry has launched a pilot project called Highway Advisory Services to give traffic updates to commuters on the 256-km Delhi-Jaipur National Highway-8.
48. The “Mahila E-HAAT” has been launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development to facilitate - **women entrepreneurs to sell their products to buyers.**
49. Germany will partner with India to develop which cities as smart cities? - **Kochi, Bhubaneswar and Coimbatore**
- Note:** In the India’s smart city programme, Germany will partner with India to develop the cities of Kochi(Kerala), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) and Coimbatore(Tamil Nadu) as smart cities.
50. The world’s longest all-women crew international flight has been operated by which airline? – **Air India**
- Note:**
- Air India, India’s national carrier airline, has operated the longest all-women crew flight from New Delhi to San Francisco.
 - The flight “AI 173” returned to New Delhi on March 8,2016 to commemorate the International Women’s Day. In 1985, Air India became the first carrier in the world to operate an all-women crew.
51. According to the HIS Inc recently released report, what is the India’s position in defence spending – **4th**
- Note:**
- India has become the world’s 4th largest spender on defence according to the US business research provider HIS Inc.
 - According to IHS analysis, India’s defence budget 2016 has increased to 13.1% due to increase in military pay and the introduction of One Rank, One Pension (OROP).
52. Which organisations have launched Blue Dot hubs to boost protection for children and families on the move across Europe? - **UNICEF and UNHCR**
- Note:**
- The United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have launched “Blue Dot hubs” to boost protection for children and families on the move across Europe.
- The hubs will be located in selected strategic sites like border entry/exit points, registration sites, some strategic urban centres, etc.
53. The world’s most expensive train station has been opened in which city? - **New York**
- Note:** The world’s most expensive train station has been opened in New York, Unites States. The station is designed by Santiago Calatrava, the Spanish-Swiss architect, who called it a gift of love to the city.
54. Which of the following countries have recently become dialogue partners of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) - **Nepal and Azerbaijan**
- Note:**
- Nepal and Azerbaijan have officially become dialogue partners of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a Beijing-based regional security grouping.
 - The member states of SCO include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. SCO observer states include Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, and Mongolia.
55. What is the India’s position in the latest Global Energy Architecture Performance Index Report? - **90**
- Note:**
- India has been ranked at the **90th place in a list of 126 countries** in the latest Global Energy Architecture Performance Index Report compiled by **World Economic Forum (WEF)** on the basis of their ability to deliver secure, affordable and sustainable energy.
 - The list is topped by **Switzerland followed by Norway, Sweden, Austria, Denmark**, etc.
56. Which IT company has recently announced that it will collaborate with Microsoft Corp to deploy advanced analytics solutions to support healthcare organisations in their digital transformation? – **Infosys**

Important Dates

1. Zero Discrimination Day observed on – **1st March**

Note: The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on **March 1 every year** to promote diversity and recognizes that everyone counts. **The 2016 theme** is **“Stand Out” and encourages everyone** to stand for fair and just societies.

2. The World Wildlife Day is observed on which date? – **March 3**

Note:

- The World Wildlife Day is observed on **March 3 every year to raise awareness about the dangers** faced by the planet’s fauna and flora.
- **The 2016 theme** is **“The future of wildlife is in our hands”**, with African and Asian elephants being the main focus of global campaigns.

3. The National Safety Day is observed on which date in India – **4th March**

Note: The **2016 theme** is **“Strengthen Safety Movement to Achieve Zero Harm”**. It is observed by the National Safety Council (NSC) of India.

4. The International Women’s Day observed on – **8th March**

Note:

- The International Women’s Day is observed every year on March 8 to highlight the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.
- **The 2016 theme** is **“Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality”**.

5. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated on - **March 10**

Note: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is celebrated every year on March 10. On this day, in 1969, the CISF was set up under an act of the Parliament of India with a strength of 2,800. It is

directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.

6. The World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) is observed on - **March 15**

Note: **The 2016 theme** is “Antibiotics off the menu

7. World Sparrow Day is observed on – **March 20**

8. International Day of Happiness is observed on – **March 20**

Note: The 2016 theme is **“Angry Birds Happy Planet”**.

9. International Day of Forests is observed on – **21 March**

Note: The 2016 theme is **“forests and water”**.

10. World Poetry day is observed on - **21 March**

11. World Down syndrome Day observed on - **21 March**

Note: The 2016 theme is **“My friends, My Community”**.

12. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on – **24 March**

Note: The 2016 theme is **“Unite to End TB”**.

13. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on - **21 March**

Note: The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed every year on March 21.

14. World Water Day is observed on – **22 March**

Note: The 2016 theme **“Better Water, Better Jobs”**.

15. World Meteorological Day (WMD) is observed on – **23 March**

Note: **The 2016 theme** is **“Hotter, Drier, Wetter. Face the Future”**.

16. The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade”, is observed on – **25 March**

Summits & Conferences

1. 2016 Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) held in – **Washington DC, USA**

2. 2016 BRICS Summit will be held in which state of India – **Goa**

Note:

- The 8th edition of BRICS Summit 2016 will be held in **Panaji, Goa** from October 15 to 16, 2016.

- The logo for the summit is a **lotus** having colours from all the five member countries and a traditional ‘namaste’ in the centre.

- The theme of India’s BRICS Chairmanship 2016 is **“Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions (BRICS)”**.

3. Defence trade show, Defexpo India 2016 was held in – **Goa**

Note:

- The Defexpo India 2016, the official defence trade exhibition, held in Goa from March 28, 2016.
 - It is the 9th edition of the series of biennial land, naval and internal homeland security systems exhibitions.
 - The 2016 theme is “**Rise of Futurism**”
4. Where will be the first Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) chair established in the Arab world – **Egypt**
Note: India will institute its first Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) chair in the Arab world at Ain Shams University (ASU) in Cairo, Egypt.
5. International Food and Hospitality fair, AAHAR 2016 inaugurates in - **New Delhi**
Note:
- The International Children’s Film Festival for the North East Region held in **Gangtok**.
 - The event named, “**The Golden Elephant**” has been organised by the Children’s Film Society of India, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in association with the Sikkim Government’s Culture and Heritage and Human Resources Development Departments.
6. The 37th SAARC Foreign Ministers meet was recently held in which country - **Nepal**
Note: The 37th foreign ministerial meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries was held **in Pokhara, Nepal** on March 17, 2016.
7. The 2016 Global Bamboo Summit held in - **Indore**
8. The 2016 International Abilympics (IA) held in – **France**
Note: The 9th edition of International Abilympics (IA) 2016 held at Bordeaux, France to promote social awareness in the field of skills development and employment both locally and internationally and foster friendship among the competing nations.
9. The 2016 Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development meeting has been held in which country - **UAE**

10. The first-ever World Sufi Forum (WSF) has been hosted by which city of India - **New Delhi**

Note: The first-ever World Sufi Forum (WSF) has been inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on March 17, 2016.

11. The 2016 Maritime India Summit (MIS) will be held in which city - **Mumbai**

12. The 2016 World Congress of Biosphere Reserves has been hosted by which country - **Peru**

Note: The 4th World Congress of Biosphere Reserves 2016 has been inaugurated at **Lima, Peru**.

13. India Aviation 2016 event hosted in - **Hyderabad**

Note: The President of India Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 5th edition of ‘India Aviation 2016’ on March 16, 2016 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad.

14. The 2016 BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave will be hosted by which city - **Mumbai**

Note: The 2016 BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave will be hosted by the Mumbai, Maharashtra in April 2016

15. The first National conference of Women legislators was held in – **New Delhi**

Note:

- The President of India Pranab Mukherjee has inaugurated the first National conference of Women legislators titled “The Role of Women Legislators in Nation Building (Mahila Janpratinidhi – Sashakt Bharat Ki Nirmata)” in **New Delhi**.
- The **theme** is “**Building Resurgent India**”
- **The Speaker of Bangladesh Dr. Shirin Chaudhary** was the **chairperson** of the plenary session.
- The basic purpose of the conference is to tell women legislators how can they contribute in nation-building.

16. The first Raisina Dialogue 2016 has been hosted by which union ministry? - **Ministry of External Affairs**

Note: The first Raisina Dialogue 2016 has been hosted by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), an independent think tank based **in India, in New Delhi**.

States News

1. Which state tourism campaign titled '**New Worlds**' has won the prestigious 'Golden City Gate Award' at the at the Internationale Tourismus-Börse Berlin (ITB-Berlin) 2016 - **Kerala**
2. Which state celebrates 150th foundation year on 13 March 2016 - **Allahabad High Court**
3. Navroze Festival is celebrated every year on - **Jammu & Kashmir**
4. India's first organic farming university to be set up in - **Gujarat**
Note:
 - The Gujarat State government will be setting up India's first university which will focus only on organic farming.
 - In 2016-17 state annual budget; state government has allocated a fund of **10 crore rupees** towards the university.
5. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has commissioned the second 40 MW hydropower plant in which state - **West Bengal**
6. Which state new secretariat has become the only building in the country to have an early earthquake warning and security system - **Haryana**
Note: **Haryana's** new secretariat in **Chandigarh** has become the only building in the country to have an early earthquake warning and security system.
7. Which of the following is India's first state to link government colleges to national cancer grid - **Maharashtra**
Note:
 - The Maharashtra government has recently tied up with the Tata Trusts to link all government colleges and medical colleges with the latter's national cancer grid.
 - With this, Maharashtra has become the India's first state to join the initiative. The national cancer grid links all existing and proposed cancer care centres to create a uniform line of treatment for cancer patients across India.
8. Project Salamati', has been launched by which state - **Haryana**
Note:
 - The Haryana government launched 'Project Salamati', which aims to maintain healthy gap between the births of children by using injectable contraceptive.
 - The project was launched by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
9. Chanderkhani Pass' is located in which state - **Himachal Pradesh**
Note:
 - Chanderkhani Pass is located in Himachal Pradesh state of India.
 - The Chanderkhani Pass was making news when eight trekkers were caught in heavy snowfall in the Pass.
10. The mobile app "RTA m-Wallet" has been launched in which state of India - **Telangana**
Note: The Telangana Government has launched the mobile app titled "RTA m-Wallet" that allows citizens to store digital copies of documents like driving license registration certificate and other vehicle related papers which can be shown to traffic authorities when demanded.
11. Which two states of India are undergoing controversies over Satluj-Yamuna canal link - **Punjab & Haryana**
Note:
 - Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (SARYU) or SYL as it is popularly known, is a proposed 214-kilometer (133 mi) long canal in India to connect the Sutlej and Yamuna rivers.
 - However, the two states Punjab and Haryana are undergoing controversies over the construction of canal, with Punjab unwilling to share the water with Haryana
12. Kakrapara Atomic Power Station' is located in which state - **Gujarat**
Note:
 - Kakrapara Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Gujarat was recently making news, when its one unit was shut down after leakage of heavy water from its coolant system.
13. Uri-I and Dulhasti power projects are located in which state - **Jammu & Kashmir**
14. Which of the following villages has become the first liquor-free village in Rajasthan - **Kachhabali**
Note: Kachhabali village in Bhim tehsil of **Rajsamand district** has become the first liquor-free village in Rajasthan.
15. Which State government has developed a mobile app to monitor the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme - **Karnataka**

16. Kamarajar Port is situated in which state of India – **Tamil Nadu**

17. Which state government has launched India's first state-wide broadband project – **Andhra Pradesh**

Note:

- Andhra Pradesh India's first state-wide broadband project "AP FiberNet" has been launched by Andhra Pradesh government in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- Under the project, Internet connections would be provided at cheap rate in the districts of Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram by April 2016 and after that the rest of the state will be recovered.
- Andhra Pradesh government has tied up with **Cisco to roll out the project**.

18. The Palatana thermal power project is located in which state – **Tripura**

Note:

- Recently, India opened a new 100MW power transmission line to Bangladesh and received 10 GB bandwidth for internet connectivity to Tripura in return.
- The **power from Palatana thermal power project** in **Tripura** will add to the 500MW India already supplies to Bangladesh, and the bandwidth from Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh to Agartala will for the first time open up India's Northeast as an internet gateway to the outside world.
- India currently leases internet bandwidth through Mumbai and Chennai alone.

19. The South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Centre (SARTTC) will be set up in – **New Delhi**

Note:

- In a first for Asia, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will set up a knowledge sharing centre in India, to provide technical support and assistance here and to five other South Asian nations.
- The new IMF centre, being set up amid the global economic uncertainty, will provide assistance to India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bhutan.

20. Pattiseema lift irrigation project" has been launched in which state of India – **Andhra Pradesh**

Note:

- The Andhra Pradesh government has launched India's first river linking project "Pattiseema lift irrigation project" that connects Godavari River

with Krishna River from the ongoing Polavaram Multi-purpose Irrigation Project.

21. Singareni Thermal Power Project is located in which state– **Telangana**

22. Which state government has recently launched a new scheme 'Adapting Homes for the Differently-abled' - **Haryana**

Note:

- The Haryana Government has recently launched a **new scheme 'Adapting Homes for the Differently-abled'**, under which six months pension will be given in advance to such persons for adapting their homes as per their requirement.

23. Which state government has launched awareness programme to protect sparrows – **Uttar Pradesh**

24. The ITBP's weapon and support weapon training centre will be set up in which district of Madhya Pradesh – **Damoh**

Note:

- Indo Tibetan Border Police's (ITBP) modern weapon and support weapon training centre, first of its kind in the state, will be set up at Batiagarh in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh .

25. The Festival of Innovations is hosted by which city of India – **New Delhi**

26. Which state's tourism campaign has bagged the prestigious Golden City Gate Award - **Kerala**

Note: The prestigious '2016 Golden City Gate Award' has been won by the Kerala Tourism campaign titled 'New Worlds' at the International Tourismus-Borse Berlin (ITB-Berlin) 2016.

27. The world's tallest Jain statue is located in which state of India? - **Maharashtra**

Note: A 108-feet tall idol of Lord Rishabhdeva, the first Teerthankar of Jains, carved out of a single rock, has entered the "Guinness World Records" as the world's tallest Jain statue.

28. The Kakrapar atomic power station is located in which of the following states? - Gujarat

Note: Recently, a power generation unit at Kakrapar atomic power station in Gujarat was shut down after leakage of heavy water.

29. Which state has topped the list of 21 states with most investment potential that has been drawn up by economic think-tank NCAER? – **Gujarat**

Note:

- Gujarat has topped the list of 21 states with most investment potential that has been drawn up by economic think-tank NCAER.
 - Gujarat is followed by **Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.**
 - **While Gujarat** topped in **governance and political stability**, and perceptions, **Delhi ranked** one in infrastructure and economic climate. **Kerala topped** the chart in **labour issues.**
30. Which state has emerged as one of the top three tourism destinations in the country preferred by women travellers, a poll conducted by Thomas Cook India has revealed? – **Goa**
Note: Goa has emerged as one of the top three tourism destinations in the country preferred by women travellers, a poll conducted by Thomas Cook India has revealed.
31. India's first self cleaning smart toilets have been installed in which city? – **Chennai**
Note: Chennai India's first self cleaning smart toilets have been installed in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Around 180 self-cleaning public e-Toilets have been installed and are free for public use.
32. India's first solar powered ferry will come up in which state? – **Kerala**
Note: India's first 75-seater solar powered ferry will come up in the favourite tourism spot of Kerala "Allepey (the Venice of the East)".
33. India's first Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme has been launched by which state? - **Delhi**
Note: Delhi has become the first Indian state to launch **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** vaccine as a public health programme for school children.
34. India signed a financing agreement for IDA credit of 300 US dollars with World Bank to improve the Higher Education Quality Project of which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
35. Chapchar Kut festival is celebrated in which state? - **Mizoram**
Note: The traditional festival Chapchar Kut of the Mizos is celebrated across the north-eastern state of Mizoram and also in the Mizo-inhabited areas in the neighbouring states.
36. Paramesh Krishnan Nair (PK Nair), who died recently, was related to which field? - **Film Industry**
Note: India's pioneering film archivist and film scholar Paramesh Krishnan Nair (82) passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. He was the founder and former director of the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune
37. Which state government has launched internet services to every household through the state-owned Arasu Cable TV Corporation? - **Tamil Nadu**

Books & Authors

1. Author of the book titled "Gandhi: An Illustrated Biography" – **Pramod Kapoor**
2. Author of the novel "That Long Silence" – **Shashi Deshpande**
3. Author of the book titled "The Culture Heritage of Trans Himalayas-Kinnaur" - **P.S. Nagi Loktus**
4. Author of the book titled "Fixed! Cash and Corruption in Cricket"- **Shantanu Guha Ray**
5. Author of the book titled "Standing On An Apple Box" – **Aishwarya Dhanush**

Awards

1. Winner of the best actor award at the 63rd National Film Awards 2016 – **Amitabh Bachchan**
Note:
 - The bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan has won the Best Actor Award for his role in the movie 'Piku' at the **63rd National Film Awards 2016.**
 - **Kangana Ranaut** has been selected for Best Actress award for her role in the movie 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns'
- **Director Sanjay** Leela Bhansali has won the **best director** award for his movie 'Bajirao Mastani'
- "**Baahubali: The Beginning**" has won the **Best Film award.**
2. Winner of CV Kunhiraman Literary Prize - **M Sukumaran**
Note: The noted Malayalam writer **M Sukumaran** has been chosen for CV Kunhiraman Literary Prize.

3. Winner of the Laadli Media and Advertising Award for Gender Sensitivity 2014-2015 – **Aruna Gali**

Note:

- Aruna Gali won the award for the Laadli Media and Advertising Gender Sensitivity 2014-2015.
- Her Telugu blog '**Vivakshaku Mugimpu Palakaali**' has been selected as the best blog under the web category for bringing to the fore core issues faced by women in the agriculture sector.

4. Haldhar Nag, who was recently honored with Padma Shri award, is a poet of which language - **Kosli**

Note: Haldhar Nag, popularly known as Lok Kabi Ratna, is a renowned poet in Kosli language from Bargarh, Odisha.

5. Who has been conferred with the France's Knight of the Legion of Honour - **Tikka Shatrughit Singh**

Note: Tikka Shatrughit Singh, the royal scion of Kapurthala's Ahluwalia dynasty, has been conferred with the prestigious Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by the French Government.

6. 2016 Major Dhyani Chand Lifetime Achievement Award – **Shankar Laxman**

Note:

- Late Captain Shankar Laxman (posthumously) has won the 2016 Major Dhyani Chand Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a goalkeeper and was part of the Olympic medal winning teams of 1956 (Melbourne, Gold), 1960 (Rome, Silver), and 1964 (Tokyo, Gold).

7. Winner of the first Noor Inayat Khan Prize for 2016 - **Geetakshi Arora**

Note: An Indian student Geetakshi Arora is the winner of the first Noor Inayat Khan Prize for 2016 for her excellent dissertation on "Goddess Myths in Graphic Novels: **Reimagining Indian Femininity**".

8. Which film has won the best film award at the 2016 Asian Film Awards (AFA) - **The Assassin**

Note:

- The 10th edition of Asian Film Awards (AFA) 2016 has been held at the Venetian theatre in Macau, China.
- 'The Assassin', a movie about a highly trained female, has bagged the prizes for best film, best actress (Shu Qi), best supporting actress (Zhou Yun) and best director (Hou Hsiao-Hsien), best cinematography (Mark Lee Ping-bing) and best

original music (Lim Giong) at a glittering ceremony.

9. Winner of 2016 Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award - **Venkaiah Naidu**

Note:

- Venkaiah Naidu, union urban development minister, has been conferred with the 2016 Skoch Lifetime Achievement Award at the 43rd SKOCH summit held in New Delhi for his contributions to inclusive growth and towards poverty alleviation in India.

- Beside him, **K.Taraka Rama Rao**, Telangana Minister for IT, Municipal Administration and Panchayat Raj, has been awarded the most prestigious **Skoch Challenger of the Year Award for 2016**.

10. Winners of 2015-16 Chameli Devi Jain Award - **Priyanka Kakodkar and Raksha Kumar**

Note: The annual Chameli Devi Award is the premier award for **women media persons** in India.

11. Winner of 2016 Abel Prize - **Andrew Wiles**

Note: The British mathematician Andrew J. Wiles has won 2016 Abel Prize for solving a centuries-old hypothesis-Fermat's Last theorem.

12. Winner of 2016 Global Teacher Prize - **Hanan Al Hroub**

Note: Palestinian primary school teacher Hanan al-Hroub has won the 2016 Global Teacher Prize in Dubai for educating her students about non-violence.

13. Who has been conferred with the France's highest civilian award? - **Anand Mahindra & Muhammad bin Nayef**

Note: **Muhammad bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz is a Saudi Arabian Prince**

14. Who has been conferred with the 2016 Mahindra Samridhi Krishi Shiromani Samman? - **Amrita Patel**

Note: **Dr. Amrita Patel** has been conferred with the prestigious 2016 Mahindra Samridhi India Agri Lifetime Achievement Award (also known as the Krishi Shiromani Samman) in New Delhi for her contribution that made a difference in the field of agriculture to increase productivity and rural prosperity.

15. 2015 Krutitava Smagra Samman was conferred on - **Padma Sachdev**

Note:

- The renowned Dogri poetess and writer Padma Sachdev has been awarded 2015 Krutitava Smagra Samman by Bharatiya's Bhasha Parishad, Kolkata.

- She has received the award for her outstanding contribution in literature and great service to Dogri Language. The award carries an amount of Rs. 1.0 lakh, a shawl and citation.

16. Who has been chosen for Innovation Award 2016 for developing laterite based arsenic water filter? - **Sirshendu De**

Note: Dr. Sirshendu De, Professor of the Chemical Engineering department of the IIT, Kharagpur, has been selected for the Innovation Award 2016 for developing low cost eco-friendly laterite based arsenic filter for providing safe drinking water for less than 3 paisa per litre.

17. Who has won Global Green Hero award at the 13th Annual Global Green USA pre-Oscar party? - **Stevie Wonder**

Note: The renowned singer Stevie Wonder has been honoured with Global Green Hero award at the 13th Annual Global Green USA Pre Oscar party. His hit songs are "Living in the City", "Boogie on a Reggae Woman", etc.

18. Who has been conferred with the 47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2015? - **Manoj Kumar**

Note: The veteran Film Actor and Director Manoj Kumar conferred with the **47th Dadasaheb Phalke Award** for the year 2015 for his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian Cinema.

19. Who has been chosen for the 2015 Bihari Puraskar? - **Bhagwati Lal Vyas**

Note:

- The renowned poet Dr. Bhagwati Lal Vyas has been chosen for the 2015 Bihari Puraskar for his anthology of Rajasthani poems "**Katha Sun Aawe Hai Sabad**".

- The award is instituted by the **K K Birla Foundation in 1991** and is given annually for an outstanding literary work in Hindi or Rajasthani published during last 10 years by a **Rajasthani writer**.

20. Who has been conferred with an award for his efforts in science and technology communication on television? **Pallava Bagla**

Note: Noted science journalist **Pallava Bagla** conferred with an award for his efforts in science and technology communication on television.

21. Which Indian has won the 2016 Windham-Campbell in the fiction category? - **Jerry Pinto**

Note: The Indian columnist and author **Jerry Pinto** has won the 2016 Windham-Campbell Prize for his novel "**Em and The Big Hoom**" in the fiction category at the Yale University, United States.

22. Who has conferred with the Lifetime Achievement honour at the 2016 Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META)? - **Ratan Thiyam**

Note: The renowned playwright and director **Ratan Thiyam** has conferred with a Lifetime Achievement Award in the 11th edition of the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) 2016.

Important Schemes

1. Name of the LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) - **Ujala**

Note:

- The Union Power Ministry has recently named the LED based Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme (DELP) as "UJALA".
- Presently, DELP is running successfully in over 120 cities across India. UJALA, an acronym for Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All, is being implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).

2. Which state has launched Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana? - **Karnataka**

Note: The Karnataka government has launched **Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana** for free medical treatment to accident victims.

3. The Setu Bharatam project has been launched for which purpose? - **To make all national highways free of Railway crossings**

Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched Setu Bharatam project to make all national highways free of **Railway crossings by 2019**.
- This project will be implemented by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and more than Rs. 50 thousand crore will be spent on the project.

Obituaries

1. Recently, V D Rajappan passes away, he was a -- **Kerala's popular story telling artiste ('Kadhaprasangam') and Malayalam film actor**
2. Meir Dagan passes away, he was a - **Former Director of Israel's intelligence agency Mossad**
3. Johan Cruyff, who died recently, was a football legend of which country - **Netherlands**
4. Patty Duke, who passed away recently, was - **Actor**
5. Garry Shandling, who died recently, was a legendary writer of - **United States**
6. Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan, who passed away recently, was exponent in which musical instrument - **Shehnai**
Note: The renowned Shehnai exponent Ustad Ali Ahmad Hussain Khan (77) passed away in **Kolkata**, West Bengal. He hailed from a family of renowned **Shehnai** exponents from Benaras.
7. Nana Vasconcelos, who died recently, was a percussionist of which country? - **Brazil**
Note: The well-known Brazilian Latin jazz percussionist Nana Vasconcelos (71) passed away in Recife, Brazil.
8. Recently, Kalabhavan Mani passed away, was a renowned - **Malayalam actor**
9. Lloyd Stowell Shapley, who died recently, had won 2012 Nobel Prize in which category - **Economics**

Note:

- **Dr. Lloyd Stowell Shapley** (92), the noted American mathematician, has recently passed away in Tucson, Arizona.
 - With Alvin E. Roth, Shapley won the 2012 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for work on game theory that has been used to study subjects as diverse as matching couples and allocating costs.
10. Raymond Tomlinson, who passed away, was related to which field? - **Computer programming**
Note: Raymond Samuel Tomlinson (74), the inventor of modern email and a technological leader, has passed away in Washington, United States
 11. Recently, George Kennedy passed away. He was a/an _____. **Actor**
Note: He was an actor and had **won an Oscar (Academy Award)** in 1968 for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of a savage chain-gang convict classic Cool Hand Luke.
 12. Martin Crowe, who died recently, was a cricketer from which country? - **New Zealand**

Sports News

1. Which player become 2nd fastest to reach 1,000 runs in T20I - **Du Plessis**
Note:
 - Playing in a World T20 match against England, Faf du Plessis became the second fastest player to reach 1,000 T20I runs, taking 32 matches.
 - **Virat Kohli** was the fastest to achieve the feat, in 27 matches.
2. Zaheer Khan to captain which IPL team - **Delhi Daredevils**
3. Winner of the World Chess candidates tournament - **Sergey Karjakin**
Note: Russia's Sergey Karjakin scripted a dramatic victory over Fabiano Caruana of United States to win the candidates tournament.
4. 3rd Asian Kho-Kho championship to be held in - **Indore**
5. 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup will be hosted by which country - **India**
Note:
 - India The **17th edition of the FIFA under-17** World Cup football tournament 2017 will be hosted by India.
 - This will be the **first time India will host** an international football competition.
6. Winner of 2016 Men's Singles BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament - **Novak Djokovic**
Note: He defeated **Milos Raonic** by 6-2, 6-0 in the final at Indian Wells, California, United States.

7. Winner of 2016 Women's Singles BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament - **Victoria Azarenka** defeated top seed Serena Williams
8. Gurmeet Singh is associated with which sports - **Race walk**
Note: **Gurmeet Singh** has become the first Indian athlete to clinch a gold medal at the 2016 Asian 20km Race Walk Championships in Nomi, Japan.
9. Apurvi Singh Chandela, who qualified for the 2016 Olympics, is associated with which sport - **Shooting**
Note:
 - Apurvi Singh Chandela is an Indian shooter who competes in the 10 metre air rifle event. She won the gold medal in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. She has qualified for the 2016 Olympics.
10. Which celebrity had sung national anthem before India-Pakistan match which was held in Eden Gardens, Kolkata - **Amitabh Bachchan**
11. Winner of 2016 Hero Indian Open golf title - **SSP Chawrasia**
12. Winner of 2016 Formula One Rolex Australian Grand Prix - **Nico Rosberg**
13. 2016 Swiss Open Grand Prix Gold badminton Men's Singles tournament - **HS Prannoy**
Note: He won the title by defeating **Marc Zwiebler** of Germany by 21-18 21-15 in the final.
14. Winner of 2016 FIFA Interactive World Cup (FIWC) - **Mohamad Al-Bacha**
Note:
 - Mohamad Al-Bacha (17) from Denmark has won the 2016 FIFA Interactive World Cup (FIWC) in New York, United States.
 - He defeated Sean Allen from England in the final to win the \$20,000 top prize and a chance to visit the Ballon d'Or-2016 ceremony in Switzerland.
15. Winner of 2016 Santosh Trophy National Football Championships title - **Services**
Note: Services team has won the 70th edition of **Santosh Trophy Football** Championships title 2016 by defeating **Maharashtra** in the final match at SEC Railway Stadium, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
16. Winner of 2016 Irani Cup Cricket Title- **Rest of India**
Note: Rest of India has won the 2016 Irani Cup Cricket Title by defeating **Mumbai** in the final at Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai.
17. . Shiva Thapa, who qualified for 2016 Olympics, is associated with which sport - **Boxing**
18. First ever Paralympics Games begins in - **Arunachal Pradesh**
19. Winner of 2016 YONEX All England Open Badminton Championship - **Lin Dan**
Note:
 - Lin Dan from China has won the 2016 YONEX All England Open Badminton Championship.
 - With this, he became the six-time All England champion.
 - He won the title by defeating Chinese teammate Tian Houwei by 21-9, 21-10 in the final in England.
20. Which tennis female star has been suspended from tennis after failing drugs test? - **Maria Sharapova**
Note: Former world number one **Maria Sharapova** has revealed that she failed a drugs test at the Australian Open. The 28 year old Russian star tested positive for meldonium, a substance, she has been taking since 2006 for health issues.
21. Winner of 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship - **Adam Scott**
Note: Australian golfer Adam Scott has won the 2016 WGC-Cadillac Championship at Doral, Florida, United States.
22. Tarun Kona is related to - **Badminton**
Note: Indian shuttlers Tarun Kona and Alwin Francis (Badminton) has recently won the 2016 Peru International Series by defeating the top-seeded Mexican pair of Job Castillo and Lino Munoz in the final at Lima, Peru.
23. Winner of 2016 Asia cup T20 trophy - **India**
Note: **India has won the 2016** Asia Cup T20 trophy for a **record 6th time** after beating **Bangladesh** by 8-wickets in the final at Sher-e-Bangla stadium in Mirpur, Bangladesh. Shikhar Dhawan has won the Man of the Match while Sabbir Rahman has declared Man of the series.
24. Winner of 2016 Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) trophy - **Patna Pirates**
Note: Patna Pirates has won the 3rd season of Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2016 by defeating U Mumba in the final at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
25. Which company has become the BCCI's official associate sponsor for next four years? - **Pepsi**
26. Narsingh Pancham Yadav, who qualified for Rio Olympics 2016, is associated with - **Wrestling**
27. Winner of 2015-16 Col CK Nayudu Trophy - **Mumbai**
Note:
 - The Mumbai U-23 cricket team has won the Col CK Nayudu Trophy for the season 2015-16 by

defeating **Madhya Pradesh** under-23 cricket team in the final match played at Holkar Stadium, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

- This is the Mumbai's 2nd big title of the season after they had won the **2016 Ranji Trophy**.

28. Which Indian umpire has been promoted as the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)? - **Nepoleon Singh**

Note: Hockey India national-level umpire **Nepoleon Singh** has been promoted to the International Outdoor Umpire by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

29. Who has won Gold medal in the 50m pistol men event at the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2016? - **Jitu Rai**

Science & Defense

1. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) established the Gadanki Ionospheric Radar Interferometer (GIRI) near - **Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh**.

2. India's **first indigenous** composites **sonar dome**, a ship's underwater eyes and ears, was flagged off by - **Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar**

3. ICGS Arnvesh has been commissioned by the Indian Coast Guard in which state - **Andhra Pradesh**
Note: ICGS Arnvesh, a fast patrol vessel (FPV) of the Indian Coast Guard, has been commissioned at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

4. Mahindra Aerospace aims to set up operations in the which country - **UAE**

5. Exercise **Iron Fist 2016** was conducted by the Indian Air Force in which state - **Rajasthan**

6. ExoMars 2016 spacecraft has been successfully launched by - **ESA & Roscosmos**

Note:

- An unmanned spacecraft "ExoMars 2016" has been successfully launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) in collaboration with the Russian Federal Space Agency (Roscosmos) to search the signs of life on the Red Planet.

- The ExoMars 2016 is the first of a two-phase of **ExoMars** (Exobiology on Mars) program.

7. Which of the following satellites was placed in orbit via the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-32)? - **IRNSS-1F**

8. What is the theme of the Indian Army cycling event 2016? - **Cycle to Recycle**

Note: The Indian Army cycling event 2016 has been flagged off recently from Pangsau Pass on the India-Myanmar border with the theme "Cycle to Recycle".

9. Which of the following is the world's largest cruise ship currently (in 2016)? - **Harmony of the Seas**

Note: Harmony of the Seas is an Oasis-class cruise ship. With a gross tonnage of 227,700 GT, she is the largest passenger ship in the world,

10. Garuda Shakti 2016 is the joint military exercise between India and which country? - **Indonesia**

Note: The 4th edition of the joint exercise "Garuda Shakti" is conducted between India and Indonesia at **Magelang, Indonesia**.

11. Which company has joined hands with Bharat Forge and US-based General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) to manufacture a combat vehicle for the Indian Army? - **Tata Motors**

12. The fast patrol vessel (FPV) of the Indian coast Guard, ICGS Arnvesh, was commissioned at - **Visakhapatnam**

13. First woman to lead Indian Army contingent at a multi-national military exercise "Force 18" is - **Sophia Qureshi**

Note: Lieutenant Colonel **Sofia Qureshi** has become the first woman officer to lead Indian Army contingent at a multi-national military exercise "Force 18".

14. Exercise FORCE 18 held in which city? - **Pune**

Note:

- Multinational Field Training Exercise (FTX) - Exercise FORCE 18, involving ASEAN Plus countries was held in Pune.

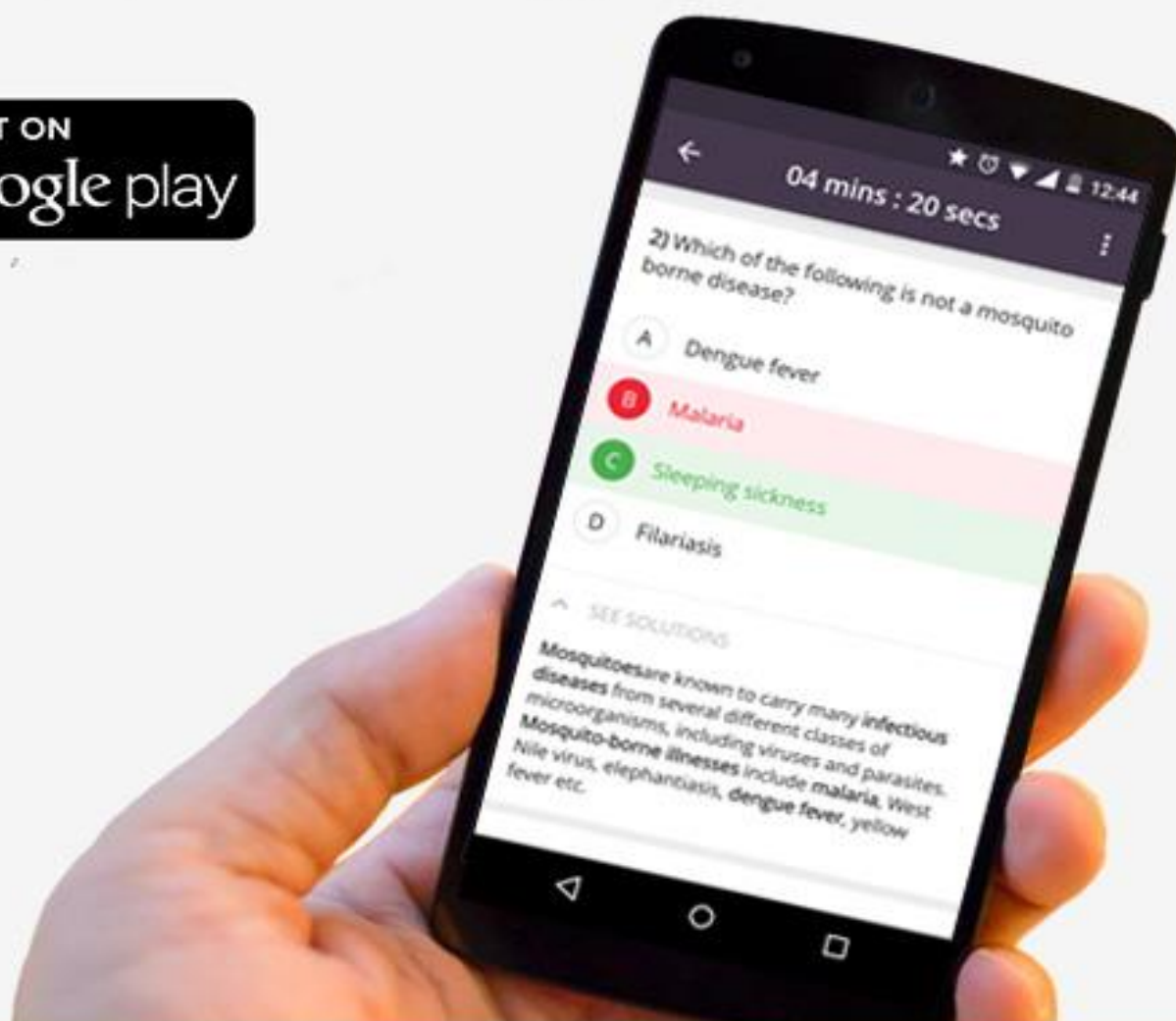
- This is the largest Ground Forces Exercise ever conducted on Indian soil and with themes based on 'Humanitarian Mine Action' and 'Peacekeeping Operations'

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