

# QUIZ TIME!

1. Which state has become the first state to implement the biofuel policy?
  - a. Madhya Pradesh
  - b. Chhattisgarh
  - c. Rajasthan
  - d. Jharkhand
  - e. West Bengal

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

Rajasthan became first state in the country to implement National Policy on Biofuels unveiled by Union Government in May 2018. Its implementation was approved by high-power Biofuel Authority.

2. Kanyashree scheme aims to:
  - a. Incentivising schooling of teenage girls
  - b. Delaying marriages till the age of 18
  - c. Providing 5kg foodgrains every month
  - d. Both a and b
  - e. Both b and c

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

Kanyashree is a conditional cash transfer scheme.

Scheme of West Bengal government improving the status and well being of the girl child by incentivising schooling of teenage girls and delaying their marriages until the age of 18.

West Bengal government has announced that there would not be any ceiling for a family's annual earnings to be a beneficiary



3. What does the 'E' in NASA's TESS satellite stand for?
- Explorer
  - Exploring
  - Exo-planet
  - Evolve
  - Emission

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

NASA's new planet hunting Spacecraft Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) has become operational and has started collecting data after its successful launch in April 2018.

4. Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana is announced by which state?
- Madhya Pradesh
  - Odhisia
  - Rajasthan
  - Harayana

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

**PIONEERING HEALTH FOR ALL IN ODISHA**

Three landmark schemes announced by  
**Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik**

**Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana**  
Health coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per annum

**Free Healthcare Services at Public Health Facilities**  
Waiver of all Users Fees at public health facilities up to  
District Headquarter Hospitals

**Drop-back for Pregnant Women & Sick Infants**  
₹500 drop-back assistance to avail transport back home  
after delivery/treatment in hospital

To be implemented from 15 August, 2018

5. Who out of the following has been awarded with the Outstanding Parliamentarians Award?
- Ghulam Nabi Azad
  - Sambit Patra
  - Sitaram Yechuri
  - Subramanyan Swamy
  - Arun Jaitley

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Recipients are Dr Najma Heptulla, Hukumdev Narayan Yadav, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Dinesh Trivedi, Bhartruhari Mahatab.

6. Hulaki Rajmarg is a:
- Postal highway
  - Highway connecting Jammu and Delhi
  - New Airport proposed in Arunachal Pradesh
  - Another name of grand trunk road
  - None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Postal Highway also called Hulaki Rajmarg runs across the Terai region of Nepal, from Bhadrapur in the east to Dodhara in the west, cutting across the entire width of the country.

The Indian government has handed over a cheque amounting Rs 33 crore to the Nepal Government for construction of a Postal Highway.



7. Government has recently launched the tagline for GI, which is –
  - a. “Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India”
  - b. “Incredible India, Incredible Inventions”
  - c. “Indigenous India”
  - d. “India’s Own Gems”
  - e. “India’s Incredible Treasures”

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry has unveiled tricolour logo for geographical indication (GI) certified products. The logo has tagline “Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India” printed below it.

8. India will send an astronaut to space in the year 2022. This mission is known as:
  - a. Chandrayaan mission
  - b. Ganganyaan mission
  - c. Mangalyaan mission
  - d. Astronaut carrier mission
  - e. Either c or d

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

India plans to build a crew vehicle that can accommodate 2 or 3 astronauts and human rate its GLSV Mk-III launcher.

Three major areas that ISRO needs to master are, environmental control and life support (ECLS) system, crew escape system and flight suite.

9. The 141<sup>st</sup> birthday of Pingali Venkayya was celebrated on 2nd August. Who was he?
  - a. The first individual Satyagrahi
  - b. The first individual to sing Vande Mataram
  - c. The designer of the Indian National Flag
  - d. The first individual to raise the Indian National Flag at the Red Fort
  - e. None of these

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

141<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of freedom fighter and designer (architect) of Indian National Flag Pingali enkayya was observed on August 2, 2018. He was born on August 2, 1876 in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh and died in 1963. He was firm believer in Gandhian principles and ardent nationalist.

10. Repurpose Used Cooking Oil initiative is initiated by:
  - a. FAO

- b. FSSAI
- c. WTO
- d. UN
- e. IMF

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

McDonald's has already started converting used cooking oil to biodiesel from 100 outlets in Mumbai and Pune.



11. Which of the following organisations have launched the WOW mobile app?
- a. Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - b. Ministry of Health and Family Affairs
  - c. NITI Aayog
  - d. FICCI
  - e. Both b and c

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

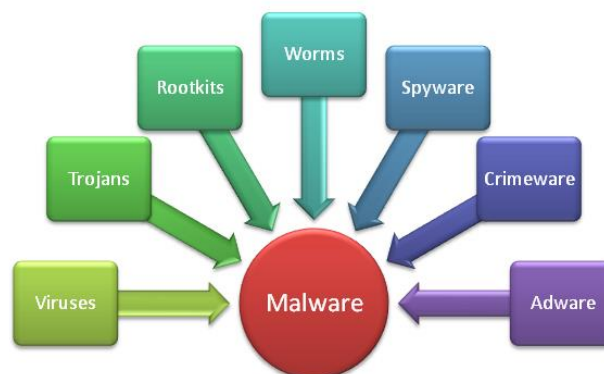
FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), the women's wing of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has launched WOW (Wellness of Women) mobile application aimed at creating awareness on preventive healthcare for women across the country.

12. Types of Malware are:
- a. Virus
  - b. Trojan
  - c. Worm
  - d. Both a and b
  - e. All a, b, c

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

Software designed for Illegal acts.

Malware can be classified based on how they get executed, how they spread, and/or what they do.



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The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has said the recent incident of cyber attack in Pune-based Cosmos Cooperative Bank, that has caused an over 90-crore loss, is due to a malware attack on the bank's system.

13. Which country's researchers have created the world's first single chromosome yeast?
- Japan
  - USA
  - Germany
  - Britain
  - China

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

Researchers from China's Centre for Excellence in Molecular Plant Sciences have claimed to have created the world's first single-chromosome yeast while not affecting the majority of its functions.

14. Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman Award is for the:
- Scholars of Urdu
  - Scholars of Arabic
  - Scholars of Pali
  - Scholars of Kannada
  - All of the above

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

Once a year on the Independence Day by the President.

Contributions in the field of Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit, Classical Oriya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam.

Pali : Dr. KaramTej Singh Sarao

Prakrit : Prof. Phool Chand Jain

Kannada : Dr. M. Chidananda Murthy

Classical Telugu : Dr. Bethavolu Ramabrahmam

15. The Government has recently achieved the target under the Ujjwala Yojana. The target was –
- providing 1 crore free LPG connections
  - providing 3 crore free LPG connections
  - providing 5 crore free LPG connections
  - providing 6 crore free LPG connections
  - providing 8 crore free LPG connections

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Union Government has announced that it has reached target of providing 5 crore free LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) almost eight months ahead of schedule (i.e. in 27 months instead of 35 months)

16. 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Philosophy was held in:
- Beijing, China.
  - Delhi, India
  - Kathmandu, Nepal
  - Jakarta, Indonesia
  - Islamabad, Pakistan

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The World Congress of Philosophy is organized every five years by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies (FISP) in collaboration with one of its member societies.

It was first organized in 1900.

17. With which bank has NHAI inked a Long Term, unsecured loan of Rs. 25,000 crore?
- Punjab National Bank
  - Allahabad Bank
  - Bank of Baroda
  - IDBI Bank
  - State Bank of India

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) for long term unsecured loan of Rs. 25,000 crore for 10 years with 3 years of moratorium on repayments. This is SBI's highest long term unsecured loan to any entity and also largest loan ever sanctioned to NHAI in one stroke by any institution.

18. What is the rank of Delhi in Global Liveability Index?
- 110<sup>th</sup>
  - 111<sup>th</sup>
  - 112<sup>th</sup>
  - 113<sup>th</sup>
  - 114<sup>th</sup>

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) releases the Global Liveability Index.

PARAMETERS : Political and social stability , Crime , Education , Access to healthcare.

Top 3 cities : Vienna , Melbourne , Osaka.

Last 3 : Nigeria's Lagos at 138 , Dhaka at 139 , Damascus at 140.

Mumbai at 117<sup>th</sup> position.

19. ISRO has postponed launch of Chandrayaan-2 to –
- December 2018
  - January 2019
  - February 2019
  - March 2019
  - April 2019

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has postponed Chandrayaan-2, India's second mission to moon to January 2019. This will be second time mission has been postponed. The ambitious mission was earlier planned to be launched in April 2018 and was later fixed for October 2019.

20. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is launched by:
- Postal Department
  - Telecom Department
  - National Payments Corporation of India
  - National Digital Payment of India
  - None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

It will allow users to link their overdraft account to UPI.

It is a system developed by the NPCI and the RBI to aid instant transfer of money using a cashless system.

It allows a payment directly and immediately from bank account.



21. President Kovind has given his assent to the FEO Bill, 2018. FEO stands for –
- Fund Embezzling Organisation
  - Fugitive Economic Offender
  - Failed Economic Organisation
  - Future Economic Offender
  - Fund Escalation Order

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent (under Article 111) to Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018 passed by Parliament.

22. Who has been elected as the Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI)?
- Nandula Raghuram
  - Rishi Verma
  - Keting Johnes
  - Rishab Dev
  - James Carlos

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

He is the first Indian and Asian to be elected to the Chair of INI.

It is an international program, set up in 2003 under sponsorship of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) and from the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program (IGBP).

Aims to optimise nitrogen's beneficial role in sustainable food production and minimise nitrogen's negative effects on human health.

23. Who won the silver medal at the World Championships 2018 of Badminton?
- Saina Nehwal
  - Kidambi Srikanth
  - P. Kashyap
  - Ashwani Ponnappa
  - P V Sindhu

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

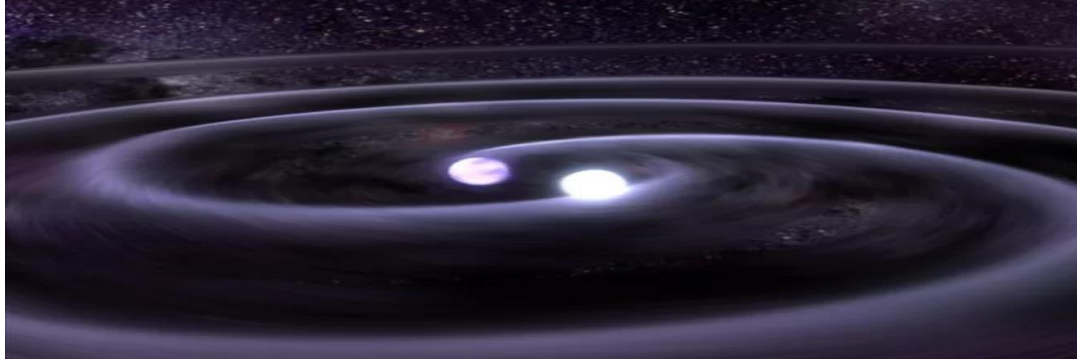
Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu finished second best winning silver medal at World Championships 2018 of Badminton in women's singles category held at Nanjing, China. It makes Sindhu only Indian to have four world championships podium finishes.

24. Project LIGO is for detecting :
- Black hole waves
  - cosmic gravitational waves
  - Earth's magnetic waves
  - Nuclear radiations
  - All of the above

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

The Environment Ministry has allowed scientists to test the suitability of land in Maharashtra's Hingoli district to host the India wing of the ambitious Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) project.

The LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory) is a massive observatory for detecting cosmic gravitational waves and for carrying out experiments.



25. The Maitree 2018 was a joint military exercise between India and –
- Russia
  - Sri Lanka
  - Nepal
  - Philippines
  - Thailand

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

Joint military exercise Maitree 2018 between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army was conducted in Thailand from 6 to 19 August 2018. It contributed immensely in developing mutual understanding and bonhomie between armies of both countries in order to counter terrorism.

26. Where was the 11<sup>th</sup> World Hindi Conference being held:
- Singapore
  - India
  - China
  - Mauritius
  - USA

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

Theme : “Vaishvik Hindi Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti”.

10th World Hindi Conference held in Bhopal, India in September 2015.





27. Which country has tested the first hypersonic aircraft “Xingkong-2” successfully?
- Japan
  - South Korea
  - China
  - Philippines
  - Thailand

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

China successfully tested its first cutting-edge hypersonic “waverider” flight vehicle (aircraft) Xingkong-2 (Starry Sky-2).

28. Countries in Caspian Sea Agreement are:
- Russia
  - Azerbaijan
  - Iran
  - Turkmenistan
  - All of the above

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

It is a legal convention on ways to manage Caspian sea and its surrounding areas.



29. In which state will the world’s first thermal battery plant be unveiled?
- Kerala
  - Andhra Pradesh
  - Karnataka
  - Tamil Nadu
  - Telengana

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

The world’s first-ever thermal battery plant owned by Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST) was inaugurated in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh.

30. All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey 2016-17 is released by:
- NABARD
  - RBI
  - IMF
  - SEBI
  - RIDF

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

More than half the agricultural households in the country have outstanding debt.

NABARD found that 52.5% of the agricultural households had an outstanding loan on the date of the survey, and thus were considered indebted.

For non-agricultural households in rural India, that figure was 10 percentage points lower, at only 42.8%.

31. Who was appointed as the Head of the 4 membered GoM to decide on RCEP talks?
- Sushma Swaraj
  - Nirmala Sitharaman
  - Nitin Gadkari
  - Suresh Prabhu
  - Rajnath Singh

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

Union Government has constituted four-member Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu to decide on 16-member Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations.

32. All India Institute of Ayurveda has signed an MoU with IIT \_\_\_\_\_ to boost research in traditional medicine.
- Kanpur
  - Delhi
  - Roorkee
  - Indore
  - Dhanbad

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), a premier institute of Ayurveda under the AYUSH Ministry has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Delhi to boost research in traditional medicine and streamline hospital care facilities in the country.

33. What amount of dividend will be paid by the RBI to Government for Financial Year 2018?
- Rs. 10,000 crore
  - Rs. 20,000 crore
  - Rs. 30,000 crore
  - Rs. 40,000 crore
  - Rs. 50,000 crore

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has transferred surplus (dividend) of Rs. 50,000 crore to Government for the year that ended in June 2018, over 63% more than Rs 30,659 crore which it transferred in 2017.

34. Which High Court has recently decriminalized begging in the state?
- West Bengal
  - Delhi
  - Assam
  - Odisha
  - Bihar

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

Delhi High Court has declared 25 sections of Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 which have been extended to Delhi, as "unconstitutional". With this, it has struck down legal provision criminalising begging in national capital.

35. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women?
- Rekha Sharma

- b. Lalitha Kumaramangalam
- c. Geeta Mukherjee
- d. Swarnalata Sen
- e. Arundhati Banerjee

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Rekha Sharma (54) was appointed as chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW). Prior to this appointment, she was member of the Commission and was holding the additional charge of chairperson after Lalitha Kumaramangalam had demitted office in September 2017.

