

1. India's Vice President will lead the Indian delegation at the 18th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to be held at Baku, Azerbaijan.

Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. India is one of the founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement which was established in 1961 with 29 members. It has since grown to 120 members to become one of the largest groupings of nation-states.
2. The theme for the Summit is -Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of the contemporary world.
3. The Ten Principles of Bandung, a political statement encapsulating the need to promote world peace and cooperation were formulated at the Asian-African Conference in 1955.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above

2. Consider the following statements :

1. The Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar (NDRGGSP) is given to Gram Panchayats (GPs) for their outstanding contribution to the socio-economic development by involving Gram Sabhas.
2. The Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP) is conferred to best performing Gram Panchayats (GPs) across the country which have developed their GPDs according to the State/UT specific guidelines prepared in line with the model guidelines issued by Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
3. E-Panchayat Puraskar is given to States/UTs or promoting e-enablement of PRIs for bringing in efficiency, transparency and accountability in their functioning.

Which of the above statements regarding National Panchayats award 2019 are true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above

3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the first national protocol to enumerate the snow leopard population in the country on the occasion of International Snow Leopard Day. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. Project Snow Leopard is an initiative of the Environment Ministry which aims to safeguard and conserve India's unique natural heritage of high altitude wildlife populations and their habitats by promoting conservation through participatory policies and actions.
2. India is believed to have 400 to 700 snow leopards spread across tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Assam.
3. The animal is listed among the 'vulnerable species' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
 (c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above

4. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi Crops of 2019-20. Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?

1. The increase in MSP for Rabi Crops for RMS 2020-21 is in line with the principle of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all India weighted average cost of production (CoP), which was announced in the Union Budget 2018-19.
2. This MSP policy whereby the farmers are assured of a minimum of 50 percent as margin of profit is one of the important and progressive steps towards doubling farmers' income by 2022 and improving their welfare substantively.
3. One of the most important drawbacks of MSP fixing in India is the neglecting of cost of production while calculating MSP.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All of the above
5. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has given ex post-facto approval to the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and St. Vincent & the Grenadines on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine recently. The island of Saint Vincent lies in which of the following seas ?
- (a) Tasman sea
  - (b) Caribbean sea
  - (c) Adriatic sea
  - (d) Baltic sea
6. Consider the following statements regarding Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS) :
1. Only individuals who are 60 or above the age of 60 can avail the benefits of Senior Citizens Savings Scheme.
  2. Among the various small savings scheme, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme offers the highest rate of interest.
  3. Interest earned from the scheme is fully taxable.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 3
  - (b) 1 only
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
7. Consider the following statements regarding Governors of States in India :
1. According to Constitution, the same person can be the Governor of two or more states.
  2. The impeachment process is similar to that of the President of India.
  3. Governor determines the amount payable by the Government of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram to an autonomous Tribal District Council as royalty accruing from licenses for mineral exploration.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 3 only
  - (d) 2, 3
8. Consider the following statements regarding Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) :
1. Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) is a periodic transmission of bulk taxpayer information by the source country to the residence country.
  2. It is the exchange of information between countries without having to request it.
  3. It is usually carried out under Common Reporting Standard (CRS) of OECD.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
9. Consider the following statements about Mobilise Your City (MYC) programme :
1. The MYC aims to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions related to urban transport
  2. India and France have signed an implementation agreement on "MOBILISE YOUR CITY" (MYC)
  3. It was launched at 24th Conference of Parties (COP24) meeting in Katowice, Poland.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2
  - (b) 1, 3
  - (c) 2, 3
  - (d) 1, 2, 3
10. Consider the following statements regarding Cyberdome :
1. It is the National Cyber Coordination Centre's premier facility dedicated to prevent cybercrime and mitigate cybersecurity threats.

2. Cyberdome has developed cyber-surveillance tools to detect and convict those responsible for industrial espionage.  
Which of the above statements is/are correct?  
(a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
11. Consider the following statements:  
1. As per the RBI Act, the central bank should have one governor and four deputy governors  
2. Financial Sector Regulatory Appointment Search Committee (FSRASC) is headed by Prime Minister  
Choose the correct option :  
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
12. Bhashan Char Island is located in  
(a) Arabian Sea (b) Pacific Ocean  
(c) Indian Ocean (d) Bay of Bengal
13. Section 11 in The Representation of the People Act, 1951 talks about  
(a) Use of Money in Election  
(b) Restrictions on Exit poles  
(c) Asset declaration of Candidates  
(d) Removal or reduction of period of disqualification.
14. From the following statements :  
1. Global Wealth Report is released by The Credit Suisse Group, USA  
2. The richest 10% own 82% of global wealth and the top 1% alone own 45%.  
Choose the correct option :  
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) None of the above
15. President of India inaugurated day long golden jubilee celebrations of Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World Peace Pagoda) today. Situated on Ratnagiri hillock, this iconic structure was constructed by Japanese Buddhist monk popularly known as Fujii Guruji in 1969. It is located in which of the following places in India ?  
(a) Lucknow (b) Buxa  
(c) Rajgir (d) Guwahati
16. India's ranking improved by 14 places in the recently released world bank Ease of doing business report (EODB). Which of the following statements regarding the same stands true ?  
1. While the improvements are impressive and the rise in overall rankings in the last few years is noteworthy, the fact is that India is still below its competitors for global capital, particularly China.  
2. India also figures in the top ten most improved countries in the world for the third consecutive year.  
3. However, the country lags in key metrics such as "Starting a business", "Enforcing contracts" and "Registering property".  
Choose the correct option :  
(a) 1 & 2 only (b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only (d) All of the above
17. Which of the following statements regarding WHO's global polio eradication strategy and progress stands true ?  
1. Polio invades the nervous system and can cause irreversible paralysis within hours. It cannot be cured, but infection can be prevented by vaccination - and a dramatic reduction in cases

worldwide in recent decades has been due to intense national and regional immunization campaigns in babies and children.

2. Cases of vaccine-derived polio can also occur in places where immunity is low and sanitation is poor, as vaccinated people can excrete the virus, putting the unvaccinated at risk.
3. Global polio cases have been cut by more than 99 per cent since 1988, which includes all the three types of the virus.

Choose the correct option :

- (a) 1 & 2 only                      (b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only                      (d) All of the above

18. Consider the following pairs of trees in India and their corresponding forest types :

1. Orchids : Moist evergreen
2. Cedar : Dry deciduous forests
3. Lantana : Montane forest
4. Sundari : Mangrove forests
5. Cassia : Swamp/Littoral forest

Which of the above pairs are correctly matched ?

- (a) 1, 2 & 3 only  
(b) 1, 3 & 4 only  
(c) 2, 4 & 5 only  
(d) 1, 2 & 5 only

19. Consider the following statements :

1. The NCRB, under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, is responsible for collecting and analysing crime data as defined by the Indian Penal Code and special and local laws in the country.
2. According to the latest data by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Uttar Pradesh was the state that recorded the most FIRs (over three lakh) in 2017.
3. The report also showed that cases of crime against women registered across the country continued the downward trend for the three consecutive years, following the Delhi rape case conviction of 2012.

Which of the above statements stands true ?

- (a) 1 & 2 only  
(b) 2 & 3 only  
(c) 1 & 3 only  
(d) All of the above

20. Consider the following statements :

1. Among Tomatoes-onions-potatoes (TOP), onion prices are the most volatile in the country.
2. Potato has the least price volatility because of higher processing-to-production.
3. Maharashtra and Karnataka are the major tomato producing states in India.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1, 2                      (b) 1, 3  
(c) 2, 3                      (d) 1, 2, 3

## **ANSWER KEYS**

01 d   02 c   03 c   04 a   05 b   06 c   07 b   08 d   09 a   10 b  
11 a   12 d   13 d   14 b   15 c   16 d   17 a   18 b   19 c   20 d