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**JULY – 01**

1. Veer Chotrani is associated to which sports?

- (a) Athletics
- (b) Wrestling
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Squash

Ans : (d)

2. Who is the current director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)?

- (a) Anil Dhasmana
- (b) Arvind Kumar
- (c) Samant Kumar Goel
- (d) Rajiv Jain

Ans : (b)

3. Which state government has launched free crop insurance scheme for farmers?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Rajasthan

Ans : (c)

4. Abburi Chaya Devi, who passed away recently, was the famous fiction writer of which language?

- (a) Telugu
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Malayalam
- (d) Kannada

Ans : (a)

5. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of World Vitiligo Day (WVD)?

- (a) Children, Research, and Hope for the Future
- (b) The Quality of Life of a Vitiligo Patient
- (c) Mental and Medical Journey of Living with Vitiligo
- (d) How I feel

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 02**

1. Which state government has launched Dastak campaign against AES & JE disease?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) MP
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Ans : (c)

2. Which city is hosting the first-ever ISA's joint security exercise "ISALEX19"?

- (a) Pune
- (b) Paris
- (c) New York
- (d) Abu Dhabi

Ans : (d)

3. STRIDE, which is in news recently, is associated to which of the following issues?

- (a) To boost research culture
- (b) To boost women empowerment
- (c) To promote tribal handicraft
- (d) To promote child education

Ans : (a)

4. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Olympic Day (IOD) is observed?

- (a) June 23
- (b) June 30
- (c) June 25
- (d) June 27

Ans : (a)

5. The first-ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (ICTF) will be held in which of the following cities?

- (a) Pune
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Dehradun
- (d) Bhopal

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 03**

1. Which water conservation campaign has been launched by Central Government?
- Jal Bachav Abhiyan
  - Jal Tarang Abhiyan
  - Jal Suraksha Abhiyan
  - Jal Shakti Abhiyan

Ans : (d)

2. On which date, the 2019 edition of International Day of the Tropics is observed?

- June 27
- June 28
- June 29
- June 30

Ans : (c)

3. Which country has officially resumed commercial whaling?

- Japan
- South Korea
- New Zealand
- UK

Ans : (a)

4. Which of the following butterfly species has been officially declared as state butterfly of Tamil Nadu?

- Cirrochroa thais
- Papilio bianor
- Papilio Buddha
- Troides Minos

Ans : (a)

5. Indo-French Joint Air Exercise "Garuda-V" has started in which of the following sites?

- Montpellier
- Pune
- Jodhpur
- Mont-de-Marsan

Ans : (d)

**JULY – 04**

1. The first UIDAI-run Aadhaar Seva Kendra (ASK) operational in which of the following cities?

- Delhi & Vijayawada
- Bhopal & Jaipur
- Nagpur & Varanasi
- Varanasi & Delhi

Ans : (a)

2. Where is the headquarters of Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) is located?

- Delhi
- Hyderabad
- Lucknow
- Indore

Ans : (b)

3. Who is the author of the autobiography 'Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly'?

- Sanjay Dutt
- Irrfan Khan
- Anupam Kher
- Naseeruddin Shah

Ans : (c)

4. The 2nd edition of International Day of Parliamentarism (IDP-2019) was observed on which of the following dates?

- June 27
- June 28
- June 29
- June 30

Ans : (d)

5. Who has been elected new chairman of Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN)?

- Harsh Shrivastava
- Vineet Chattree
- Manoj Kumar Nambiar
- Jagadish Ramadu

Ans : (c)

**JULY – 05**

1. Dragonfly mission, which is in news to explore Saturn's Moon Titan, is associated to which space agency?

- (a) Roscosmos
- (b) CNES
- (c) ISRO
- (d) NASA

Ans : (d)

2. Which state government has launched toll-free CM helpline 1076?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Rajasthan

Ans : (a)

3. Which Indian sprinter has won gold in women's 200 m at the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix in Poland?

- (a) Dutee Chand
- (b) Hima Das
- (c) Sarita Gayakwad
- (d) Sathi Geetha

Ans : (b)

4. The world's largest burn and plastic surgery institute has started functioning in which of the following cities?

- (a) Yangon
- (b) Jakarta
- (c) Pune
- (d) Dhaka

Ans : (d)

5. Which international organisation has recently released its report 'Working on a Warmer Planet'?

- (a) ILO
- (b) UNICEF
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) FAO

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 06**

1. What is the theme of the 2019 edition of UN MSME Day?

- (a) Entrepreneurship: A way of success
- (b) Big Money For Small Business: Financing the SDGs
- (c) The Youth Dimension
- (d) Small business – big impact

Ans : (b)

2. Which of the following railway zones has commissioned the longest electrified tunnel in Indian Railways?

- (a) South Central Railway
- (b) Northern Railway
- (c) Central Railway
- (d) Western Railway

Ans : (a)

3. Which of the following Indian business leaders will receive 2019 Global excellence awards from US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)?

- (a) Anand Mahindra
- (b) Ratan Tata
- (c) Mukesh Ambani
- (d) Ajay Banga

Ans : (d)

4. Who is the author of the book 'Whispers of Time'?

- (a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- (b) Krishna Saksena
- (c) Vikram Seth
- (d) Rohinton Mistry

Ans : (b)

5. Where is the headquarters of National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR)?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Raipur

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 07**

1. The scientists of India and which country have identified a new gene linked to schizophrenia?
- (a) South Africa  
(b) Russia  
(c) Australia  
(d) Belgium

Ans : (c)

2. MOSAiC mission, which is in news recently, is a year-long expedition into which of the following oceans?

- (a) Arctic ocean  
(b) Antarctica ocean  
(c) Pacific ocean  
(d) Indian ocean

Ans : (a)

3. Which city of Rajasthan has recently declared UNESCO World Heritage site?

- (a) Bikaner  
(b) Udaipur  
(c) Jaipur  
(d) Jodhpur

Ans : (c)

4. The Government of India (GoI) has signed pact with which tech company for pilot study on using AI in Agriculture?

- (a) Infosys  
(b) Wipro  
(c) Microsoft  
(d) IBM

Ans : (d)

5. On which date, the 2019 edition of National Doctor's Day (NDD) is celebrated in India?

- (a) July 5  
(b) July 1  
(c) July 3  
(d) July 7

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 08**

1. Who is the author of the book "War over Words: Censorship in India, 1930-1960"?

- (a) Rohinton Mistry  
(b) Devika Sethi  
(c) Amitav Ghosh  
(d) Sudeep Nagarkar

Ans : (b)

2. Which UT / state has decided to introduce Bi-cycle sharing scheme?

- (a) Tamil Nadu  
(b) Karnataka  
(c) Odisha  
(d) Puducherry

Ans : (d)

3. Arinjeeta Dey, who won silver in 2019 World Youth Cup, is from which state?

- (a) West Bengal  
(b) UP  
(c) Jharkhand  
(d) Haryana

Ans : (a)

4. Reliance Jio has partnered with which social media platform for its Digital Udaan?

- (a) Instagram  
(b) Twitter  
(c) Facebook  
(d) WhatsApp

Ans : (c)

5. Which public sector bank has set up a centralized hub Cen-MARG to process retail and MSME loans?

- (a) SBI  
(b) Punjab National Bank  
(c) Punjab & Sind Bank  
(d) Dena Bank

Ans : (c)

**JULY – 09**

1. Which state government has decided to produce its own seeds under brand name Sah-Beej?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Ans : (d)

2. Who has been appointed as Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA)?

- (a) Saurav Ganguly
- (b) V V S Laxman
- (c) Anil Kumble
- (d) Rahul Dravid

Ans : (d)

3. Budj Bim Cultural Landscape is located in which country?

- (a) West Indies
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Australia
- (d) England

Ans : (c)

4. The Asia's first Six Sigma Institute of Mountain Medicines and High Altitude Rescue is set to come up in which Indian state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Jammu & Kashmir
- (d) Sikkim

Ans : (b)

5. The term Utkarsh 2022 in news is related to which organization?

- (a) IRDA
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SEBI
- (d) RBI

Ans : (d)

**JULY – 10**

1. Who has become the first Indian sprinter to win Gold in the 100m event at the 30th World University Games (WUG-2019)?

- (a) Ashwini Akkunji
- (b) Sathi Geetha
- (c) Hima Das
- (d) Dutee Chand

Ans : (d)

2. The famous Kataragama temple is located in which country?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Bangladesh

Ans : (b)

3. The Skill development training programme for jail inmates has started in which district of Assam?

- (a) Cachar
- (b) Bongaigaon
- (c) Karbi Anglong
- (d) Kokrajhar

Ans : (b)

4. Who has been adjudged as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2019?

- (a) Jeje Lalpekhlua
- (b) Lallianzuala Chhangte
- (c) Abdul Samad
- (d) Sunil Chhetri

Ans : (d)

5. Which state government has recently implemented Center's Witness Protection Scheme (WPS)?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Gujarat

Ans : (c)

**JULY – 11**

1. Prasar Bharati has signed MoU with which IIT for research collaboration in newly emerging technologies?

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IIT Indore
- (d) IIT Kanpur

Ans : (d)

2. On which date, the 2019 edition of World Population Day (WPD) is observed?

- (a) July 10
- (b) July 11
- (c) July 12
- (d) July 13

Ans : (b)

3. Who has been sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Greece?

- (a) Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- (b) Dimitris Koutsoumpas
- (c) Alexis Tsipras
- (d) Fofi Gennimata

Ans : (a)

4. Which Indian movie has won the NETPAC Award for Best Asian Film at the 23rd Bucheon Film Festival 2019?

- (a) Gully Boy
- (b) Kabir Singh
- (c) Bharat
- (d) Super 30

Ans : (a)

5. Under whose chairmanship, the 2nd India-Russia Strategic Economic Dialogue (IRSED) was held in New Delhi?

- (a) Ajay Narayan Jha
- (b) Subhash Chandra Garg
- (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (d) Rajiv Kumar

Ans : (d)

**JULY – 12**

1. Which Indian weightlifter has won Gold in 81 kg category at the 2019 Commonwealth Championships in Apia?

- (a) Gurdeep Singh
- (b) Rustam Sarang
- (c) Ajay Singh
- (d) Deepak Lather

Ans : (c)

2. Who has been appointed as Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs?

- (a) Sumanta Chaudhury
- (b) Anup Wadhawan
- (c) Anant Narayan Nanda
- (d) Vikas Swarup

Ans : (d)

3. Which is the India's most expensive office location, as per Commercial Real Estate Services (CBRE)'s latest survey?

- (a) Connaught Place
- (b) Nariman Point
- (c) Bandra Kurla Complex
- (d) India Gate

Ans : (a)

4. The Operation Thirst has been launched by which Indian organisation?

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) ISRO
- (c) Indian Railway
- (d) BARC

Ans : (c)

5. Which international organisation has released the 2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)?

- (a) WHO
- (b) UNDP
- (c) FAO
- (d) ILO

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 13**

1. The Asia's largest solar Power project is located in which district of Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) Jabalpur
- (b) Chhindwara
- (c) Indore
- (d) Rewa

Ans : (d)

2. Who has been appointed as MD & CFO of the World Bank (WB)?

- (a) Sunil Mehta
- (b) Anshula Kant
- (c) Karnam Sekar
- (d) R A Sankara Narayanan

Ans : (b)

3. Anthony Amalraj is associated to which sports?

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Golf
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Table Tennis

Ans : (d)

4. M J Radhakrishnan, who passed away recently, was the renowned film maker of which regional cinema?

- (a) Malayalam
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Telugu
- (d) Odia

Ans : (a)

5. The first-ever Himalayan states' conclave is slated to be held in which state?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir

Ans : (c)

**JULY – 14**

1. Which Indian organization has collaborated with Ministry of Health to conduct largest pan-India oral health survey?

- (a) Tata memorial
- (b) Sanjeevan Hospitals
- (c) Apollo Hospital
- (d) AIIMS

Ans : (d)

2. The rare footage of 1948 film Vande Mataram has become part of NFAL. The film was directed by whom?

- (a) Sudhir Phadke
- (b) Satish Jakatdar
- (c) P L Deshpande
- (d) Ram Gabale

Ans : (d)

3. The researchers of which country have found that Electronic cigarettes damage brain stem cells?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) India
- (c) France
- (d) United States

Ans : (d)

4. The Agri-Business Incubation Centre in Raipur has been set up under which central scheme?

- (a) RAFTAAR
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- (c) Soil Health Card
- (d) National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture

Ans : (a)

5. The 2019 Kharchi Puja Festival has celebrated in which state?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Tripura

Ans : (d)



**JULY – 15**

1. Who won the men's title at the 2019 Wimbledon tennis tournament?

- (a) Rafael Nadal
- (b) Roger Federer
- (c) Andy Murray
- (d) Novak Djokovic

Ans : (d)

2. Who has been adjudged player of the tournament at the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup?

- (a) Eoin Morgan
- (b) Ben Stokes
- (c) Mark Wood
- (d) Kane Williamson

Ans : (d)

3. Pardeep Singh, who has created a new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category, is from which state?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Uttarkhand

Ans : (b)

4. Which Indian woman wrestler has won gold in the 53kg category at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul?

- (a) Kavita Devi
- (b) Babita Kumari
- (c) Vinesh Phogat
- (d) Sakshi Malik

Ans : (c)

5. Which state has become the first Indian state to have water policy?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 16**

1. Which Bollywood personality is set to be honoured with honorary doctorate by Melbourne's La Trobe University?

- (a) Priyanka Chopra
- (b) Shah Rukh Khan
- (c) Madhuri Dixit
- (d) Aishwarya Rai Bachan

Ans : (b)

2. Which Indian surgeon has been conferred the Honorary Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons (FRCS) of Thailand?

- (a) Ramakanta Panda
- (b) Deep Goel
- (c) P Raghu Ram
- (d) Pradeep Chowbey

Ans : (c)

3. Which of the following NBFCs has become the first NBFC to get \$100 million loan from AIB for Green Energy Funding?

- (a) L&T Finance Holdings
- (b) HDB Finance Services
- (c) Muthoot
- (d) Tata Capital

Ans : (a)

4. Who won the women's title at the 2019 Wimbledon tennis tournament?

- (a) Angelique Kerber
- (b) Naomi Osaka
- (c) Serena Williams
- (d) Simona Halep

Ans : (d)

5. Which state has become the first Indian state to get fund through World Bank's climate resilience program?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Odisha

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 17**

1. Who has been selected for Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships in the field of performing arts?

- (a) Tarun Bhattacharya
- (b) Zakir Hussain
- (c) Rajiv Naik
- (d) Malini Awasthi

Ans : (b)

2. Ursula von der Leyen, who has been elected as the European Commission's first female president, is from which country?

- (a) Austria
- (b) Poland
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

Ans : (d)

3. Swarup Dutta, who passed away recently, was the veteran actor of which regional cinema?

- (a) Odia
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Bengali
- (d) Telugu

Ans : (c)

4. The researchers at which University have developed a low-cost filter to remove arsenic from water?

- (a) Delhi University
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) Tezpur University
- (d) IISC Bangalore

Ans : (c)

5. Which state / UT government has launched "Happiness Utsav" in its schools?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Delhi

Ans : (d)

**JULY – 18**

1. Which state government has raised financial aid for Martyrs' Kin to Rs.1 crore?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Maharashtra

Ans : (d)

2. Which country has become the 76th signatory country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement?

- (a) Norway
- (b) Palau
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Latvia

Ans : (b)

3. Which Indian woman sprinter has won gold in the 200m race at "Tabor Athletics"?

- (a) Dutee Chand
- (b) VK Vismaya
- (c) Hima Das
- (d) Swapna Barman

Ans : (c)

4. Which Indian Government campaign has won the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2019 in the "Marketing – Primary Government Destination" category?

- (a) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- (b) Find the Incredible You
- (c) India Shining
- (d) God's Own Country

Ans : (b)

5. Who is the author of the book "Kargil: Untold stories from the War"?

- (a) Rachna Bisht Rawat
- (b) Mrunal Thakur
- (c) Prakash Kovelamudi
- (d) Lakshmi Manchu

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 19**

1. Which Indian cricketer has been inducted into ICC Hall of Fame?
- (a) Saurav Ganguly  
(b) V V S Laxman  
(c) Javagal Srinath  
(d) Sachin Tendulkar

Ans : (d)

2. Which state / UT Cricket Association has been granted the status of a Full Member of the BCCI?
- (a) Daman & Diu  
(b) A & N Islands  
(c) Pondicherry  
(d) Lakshadweep

Ans : (c)

3. Paramarsh scheme is associated to which union ministry?
- (a) Ministry of Defense  
(b) Ministry of Railways  
(c) Ministry of Finance  
(d) Ministry of HRD

Ans : (d)

4. What name has been given to the recently launched UGC Guide to Student Induction Programme (SIP)?
- (a) Praveshika  
(b) Deeksha  
(c) Deeksharambh  
(d) Dakshina

Ans : (c)

5. On which date, the Nelson Mandela International Day (NMID) is observed?
- (a) July 19  
(b) July 20  
(c) July 18  
(d) July 21

Ans : (c)

**JULY – 20**

1. The 10th Jagran Film Festival (JFF-2019) has started in which city?

- (a) New Delhi  
(b) Mumbai  
(c) Kolkata  
(d) Kochi

Ans : (a)

2. The Andhra Bank has partnered with which company to launch AI chatbot "ABHI"?

- (a) Microsoft  
(b) Wipro  
(c) Infosys  
(d) Floatbot

Ans : (d)

3. Which former Indian athlete has been nominated for IAAF Veteran Pin?

- (a) Milkha Singh  
(b) PT Usha  
(c) Anju Bobby George  
(d) Manju Bala Swami

Ans : (b)

4. The 5th International Police Expo 2019 was held at which city?

- (a) Kanpur  
(b) Udaipur  
(c) New Delhi  
(d) Shimla

Ans : (c)

5. Prithu Gupta is associated to which sports?

- (a) Chess  
(b) Judo  
(c) Hockey  
(d) Football

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 21**

1. The Indian women team has defeated which team to win Gold at the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2019?

- (a) Australia
- (b) South Africa
- (c) England
- (d) Singapore

Ans : (d)

2. The 2019 Durand Cup is slated to be held in which state?

- (a) Bangaluru
- (b) Agra
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Kolkata

Ans : (d)

3. The scientists of which country have developed a concept named Ramanujan Machine?

- (a) United States
- (b) Israel
- (c) Japan
- (d) France

Ans : (b)

4. Which section of the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 empowers the states to send a list of wild animals to the Centre requesting it to declare them vermin for selective slaughter?

- (a) Section 61
- (b) Section 63
- (c) Section 62
- (d) Section 64

Ans : (c)

5. The AIFF Golden Baby Leagues handbook 2019-20 is associated to which sports?

- (a) Basketball
- (b) Football
- (c) Hockey
- (d) Badminton

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 22**

1. The Union Government has proposed which light urban rail transit system for small cities?

- (a) Metrolight
- (b) MetroTank
- (c) Metrolite
- (d) MetroRail

Ans : (c)

2. Arun Kumar Roy, who passed away recently, was the veteran Left leader of which state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Bihar
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Jharkhand

Ans : (d)

3. Who has become India's first gold-medallist at the President's Cup boxing tournament?

- (a) Vikas Krishan Yadav
- (b) Shiva Thapa
- (c) Mohammed Ali Qamar
- (d) Jagdish Sing

Ans : (b)

4. Which state government has decided to set up India's first Space Park?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Telangana

Ans : (a)

5. Which Indian bodybuilder has clinched 2019 Mr. South Asia title?

- (a) Yatinder Singh
- (b) Miihier Singh
- (c) Yogesh Kumar Sanan
- (d) Ravinder Kumar Malik

Ans : (d)

**JULY – 23**

1. Yukiya Amano, who passed away recently, was the Chief of which international organisation?

- (a) UNICEF
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) FAO
- (d) IAEA

Ans : (d)

2. Chandrayaan-2 will explore & perform studies on which region of Moon?

- (a) North pole
- (b) West pole
- (c) South pole
- (d) East pole

Ans : (c)

3. Where is the headquarters of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)?

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Shimla

Ans : (a)

4. The 2019 International shark meet is slated to be held in which Indian city?

- (a) Cuttack
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Kochi

Ans : (d)

5. Who is the author of the book "Indo-Pak Relations : Beyond Pulwama & Balakot"?

- (a) Nirad C. Chaudhuri
- (b) Amish Tripathi
- (c) Vinit Goenka
- (d) U V Singh

Ans : (d)

**JULY – 24**

1. Which hockey player has been chosen for 2019 Mohun Bagan Ratna?

- (a) Udham Singh
- (b) Keshav Dutt
- (c) Leslie Claudius
- (d) Dhanraj Pillay

Ans : (b)

2. The scientists of which country have developed a method to convert Jute fibre into low-cost bio-degradable cellulose sheets?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) India
- (d) Bangladesh

Ans : (d)

3. Who has been appointed next Vice Chief of Indian Army?

- (a) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- (b) S Ghuman
- (c) A S Kler
- (d) Cherish Matheson

Ans : (a)

4. On which date, the 159th Income Tax Day (ITD-2019) is celebrated in India?

- (a) July 25
- (b) July 26
- (c) July 24
- (d) July 23

Ans : (c)

5. Which state government has decided to bring legislation for ensuring Journalists' job security?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 25**

1. Who officially took over charge as new British Prime Minister?

- (a) Jeremy Corbyn
- (b) Boris Johnson
- (c) Jeremy Hunt
- (d) Nigel Farage

Ans : (b)

2. Who has been appointed Britain's first Indian-origin home secretary?

- (a) Shailesh Vara
- (b) Priti Patel
- (c) Indarjit Singh
- (d) Virendra Sharma

Ans : (b)

3. Indian Railway's first printing press heritage gallery has opened in which city?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Delhi
- (d) Chennai

Ans : (a)

4. Who has been appointed the new Union Home Secretary of Government of India (GoI)?

- (a) Subhash Chandra Garg
- (b) Anshu Prakash
- (c) Atanu Chakraborty
- (d) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Ans : (d)

5. What is the India's rank in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2019?

- (a) 64th
- (b) 52nd
- (c) 45th
- (d) 33rd

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 26**

1. India's first dragon blood-oozing tree has recently discovered in which state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Tripura

Ans : (a)

2. Who is the author of the book 'Fire and Fury Corps — Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice'?

- (a) Brij Mohan Kaul
- (b) Ranbir Singh
- (c) Mukund Naravane
- (d) D Anbu

Ans : (b)

3. Which company has become the official sponsor for the Indian cricket team?

- (a) BYJU's
- (b) Jio
- (c) Vedantu
- (d) Airtel

Ans : (a)

4. SUPARCO is the official space agency of which country?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Pakistan

Ans : (d)

5. India's first space war drill "IndSpaceEx" has kick started in which city?

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Visakhapatnam
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Nellore

Ans : (c)

**JULY – 27**

1. Who is the newly appointed chairperson of National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA)?
- (a) Badri Narain Sharma  
(b) Amand Shah  
(c) R Bhagyadevi  
(d) J C Chauhan

Ans : (a)

2. Who is the author of the book “Chandra Shekhar – The Last Icon of Ideological Politics”?
- (a) Rama Devi  
(b) Harivansh  
(c) Bhupesh Baghel  
(d) Snehlata Shrivastava

Ans : (b)

3. Securitypedia has been launched by which Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) of India?
- (a) SSB  
(b) ITBP  
(c) BSF  
(d) CISF

Ans : (d)

4. Which state has topped in solar rooftop installations?
- (a) Gujarat  
(b) Maharashtra  
(c) Rajasthan  
(d) Tamil Nadu

Ans : (a)

5. Attoor Ravi Varma, who passed away recently, was the renowned poet and translator of which language?
- (a) Tamil  
(b) Malayalam  
(c) Telugu  
(d) Kannada

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 28**

1. Who is set to become the first ever recipient of Tribute Actor Award at TIFF 2019?
- (a) Leonardo DiCaprio  
(b) Kirk Douglas  
(c) Meryl Streep  
(d) Ellen DeGeneres

Ans : (c)

2. Which Arab nation has recently launched its first Underwater Military Museum?
- (a) Kuwait  
(b) Saudi Arabia  
(c) Jordan  
(d) Oman

Ans : (c)

3. The GST Council has decided to reduce GST Rate on Electrical Vehicles from 12% to how much per cent?
- (a) 10%  
(b) 8%  
(c) 5%  
(d) 6%

Ans : (c)

4. Which Indian economist has unveiled an account aggregator model “Sahamati”?
- (a) Amartya Sen  
(b) Raghuram Rajan  
(c) Nandan Nilekani  
(d) Jagdish Bhagwati

Ans : (c)

5. The researchers at which IIT have developed a novel molecular framework for superbugs?
- (a) IIT Bombay  
(b) IIT Kanpur  
(c) IIT Madras  
(d) IIT Indore

Ans : (b)

**JULY – 29**

1. The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG-2020) is scheduled to be held in which city?

- (a) Kanpur
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Chennai

Ans : (b)

2. The Hindu Economic Forum (HEF) has launched its national chapter in which country recently?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Thailand

Ans : (b)

3. The scientists at which IIT have developed two-finger robotic hand to help paralysed stroke patients?

- (a) IIT-Bombay
- (b) IIT-Delhi
- (c) IIT-Kanpur
- (d) IIT-Indore

Ans : (c)

4. Which is the host country for the 2019 edition of World Hepatitis Day (WHD)?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) India
- (d) Pakistan

Ans : (d)

5. Jaipal Reddy, who passed away recently, was the veteran leader of which political party?

- (a) INC
- (b) BJP
- (c) CPI
- (d) BJD

Ans : (a)

**JULY – 30**

1. India's 7th Economic Census has started from which state?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Tripura

Ans : (d)

2. The 22nd National Conference on e-Governance 2019 is scheduled to be held in which North-Eastern state of India?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Nagaland

Ans : (c)

3. The scientists of which country have developed a statistical model that predict pollution levels using oceans' memory?

- (a) China & United States
- (b) India & France
- (c) Poland & Italy
- (d) France & Germany

Ans : (a)

4. Donkumar Roy, who passed away recently, was the speaker of which state assembly?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Nagaland

Ans : (b)

5. Who has been appointed chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)?

- (a) Meenakshi Lekhi
- (b) Girish Bhalchandra Bapat
- (c) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- (d) Kirit Premjibhai Solanki

Ans : (c)



**JULY – 31**

1. Who clinched the Formula One German Grand Prix 2019?

- (a) Daniil Kvyat
- (b) Lance Stroll
- (c) Sebastian Vettel
- (d) Max Verstappen

Ans : (d)

2. Who has been appointed the new Finance Secretary of India?

- (a) Neeraj Kumar Gupta
- (b) Girish Chandra Murmu
- (c) Atanu Chakraborty
- (d) Rajiv Kumar

Ans : (d)

3. Shawala Teja Singh temple, which is in news recently, is located in which country?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Cambodia

Ans : (c)

4. The researchers of which institute have discovered a new species of vine snake from the Western Ghats that dates back 26 million years?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Kharagpur
- (c) IIT Bombay
- (d) IISc – Bengaluru

Ans : (d)

5. According to the 2018 Tiger Census report, which state has recorded highest number of tigers?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Ans : (a)



**Jammu & Kashmir Bifurcated:  
J&K, Ladakh to be Union Territories**

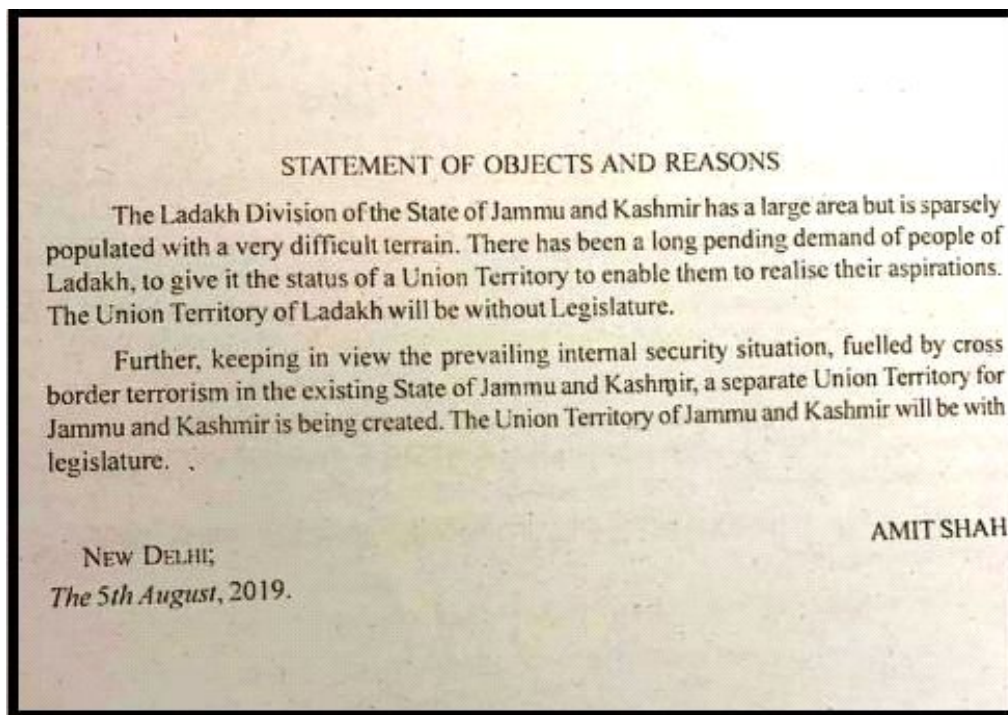


**J&K & Ladakh  
become  
Union Territories**

Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh Bifurcation: After scrapping Article 370 & Article 35A, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced bifurcation of Jammu & Kashmir into two Union Territories (UTs) – Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. Hence, Jammu & Kashmir is not a State now, but a Union Territory with Legislature; while Ladakh becomes a Union Territory without legislature. Have a look at the Order issued by Minister Shah:

With this move, there are now 9 Union Territories and 28 States in India. The decision came after President Ram Nath Kovind issued Government

Order in Jammu and Kashmir Gazette, scraping Article 370, except Clause 1 which states that J&K is a part of India. With the revocation of Article 370, Article 35A gets revoked as well.



## Difference between State and Union Territory

Category	State	Union Territory
Control	Elected Government	Union Government
Head	Governor (Constitution Head)	Lieutenant Governor (Executive Head)
Legislative Assembly	Yes	In some cases like Delhi, Puducherry and now Jammu & Kashmir No Legislative Assembly in UTs like Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and now Ladakh
Powers	State Government + Union Government	Union Government

**What does the status of UT imply for J&K?**

Now, there will be no separate elections and any amendment won't need the nod of Kashmir Assembly anymore.

On the other hand, Article 35A defines Jammu & Kashmir "permanent residents" and provides special privileges to permanent residents of J&K such as employment, acquisition of property, scholarships, settlement and so much more.

**Article 370 & Article 35A**

Article 370 of the Indian Constitution grants special status to Jammu and Kashmir and enables it to draft its own constitution. It bridges the gap between the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and the Constitution of India.



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