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**1) When is the National Statistics Day 2019 observed?**

- A. June 26
- B. June 29
- C. June 28
- D. June 27
- E. June 30



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**Answer: B**

- The Government of India celebrates Statistics Day on June 29 every year to popularize the use of Statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how Statistics helps in shaping and framing policies. The theme of Statistics Day, 2019 is “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Indian scientist Prof. P C Mahalanobis, in recognition of his invaluable contribution in establishing the National Statistical System.

**2. Which of these days is observed as the International Asteroid Day?**

- A. June 29
- B. June 28
- C. June 30
- D. June 27
- E. July 1

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**Answer: C**

- Asteroid Day is an event observed on 30 June to provide online education about asteroid. This event is held on the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event that took place on 30 June, 1908
- It is a most harmful known asteroid related event on Earth in recent history. The United Nations passed a resolution for celebrating 30 June as Asteroid Day.

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**3. The International Day of Parliamentarism is observed globally on \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. June 30
- B. June 28
- C. June 27
- D. June 26
- E. July 1

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**Answer: A**

- The United Nations International Day of Parliamentarism is held on June 30 to celebrate parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over.
- The 2019 event is the second edition of the celebration.
- It also marks the anniversary of the Inter- Parliamentary Union, the global organization of parliaments that was established on June 30, 1889.

**4. What is the deadline set by government for implementing the 'one nation, one ration card' system?**

**A. December 31, 2020**

**B. July 31, 2020**

**C. September 30, 2020**

**D. June 30, 2020**

**E. September 1, 2020**



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**Answer: B**

- 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme, which will allow portability of food security benefits, will be available across the country from July 1, 2020.
- This means poor migrant workers will be able to buy subsidised rice and wheat from any ration shop in the country, so long as their

ration cards are linked to Aadhaar.

- All the States have been given one more year to use point of sale (PoS) machines in the ration shops and implement the scheme.

- Already, 77% % of the ration shops across the country have PoS machines and more than 85% of people covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) have their cards linked to Aadhaar

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**5. The Government has reduced the Interest Rates on Small Savings Schemes by how many basis points for July-September 2019 quarter**

- A. 2 bp
- B. 5 bp
- C. 10 bp

D. 15 bp

E. 20 bp

**Answer: C**

- The Finance Ministry said that interest rates for small savings schemes will be reduced by 10 basis points for July-September quarter of the ongoing financial year. Schemes that will fetch lower interest are Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP), Public Provident Fund (PPF), among others, barring interest on savings deposits that has been retained at 4%.
- PPF and National Savings Certificate (NSC) will yield 7.9% annual interest from the earlier 8%. KVP will fetch 7.6% with maturity of 113 months as compared with 7.7% with maturity of 112 months.
- The girl child savings scheme Sukanya

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Samriddhi Account will fetch a lower return of 8.4% as compared with 8.5%. Similarly, term deposits of 1-3 years will fetch interest rate of 6.9%, to be paid quarterly, while the five-year quarterly pegged at 7.7% and for recurring 7.2% from existing rate of 7.3%.



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**6. What will be the minimum Leverage Ratio for Basel III Capital Regulations for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs) from October 2019?**

- A. 3.5%
- B. 3%
- C. 4%
- D. 4.5%
- E. 2.5%

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Answer: C

- The Reserve Bank relaxed the leverage ratio (LR) for banks to help them boost their lending activities.
- The leverage ratio stands reduced to 4 per cent for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (DSIBs) and 3.5 per cent for other banks effective from the quarter commencing October 1, 2019.
- The leverage ratio, as defined under Basel-III norms, is Tier-I capital as a percentage of the bank's exposures. The framework is designed to capture leverage associated with both on and off-balance sheet exposures.

**7. Which of these is the first network provider in India to start phasing out 3G service in the country?**

- A. Airtel
- B. BSNL
- C. Jio
- D. Vodafone

## E. Aircel

### Answer: A

- Bharti Airtel switched off its 3G network in Kolkata and has refarmed the 900 MHz band spectrum to further strengthen its 4G network. This is one of the first phase-outs of 3G technology globally.
- Airtel mobile broadband services in the city will now be available on high-speed 4G.
- The telco is deploying state-of-the-art L900 technology in the 900 MHz band to complement its 4G services in the 2300 Mhz and 1800 Mhz bands.

**8. Which company has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in social development?**

**A. CONCOR**

**B. NMDC**

**C. RINL**

**D. PGCIL**

**E. NALCO**

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**Answer: E**

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• Odisha-based Navaratna Company NALCO has been selected for President's award for utilisation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund in social development.

• To promote the education of Girls of BPL families, NAVARATNA Company NALCO

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has started “Aliali Jhia” a new scheme on the line of BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO” from 2015. Under this scheme, 416 girls from BPL families of 66 villages of Anugul, Damanjodi and Potangi area in Anugul and Koraput district.s have been adopted by Company.

- These girls are reading in 45 different schools.

Under this scheme. The Company is bearing all the expenditure for education and promotion of talent from 8th to 10th class. The employees of the company have now joined the scheme.

**9. Name the Journalist who was presented with a**

**Lifetime Achievement Award in London for his**

**contributions to the UK-India relationship.**

- A. Mark Tully
- B. Sam Querrey
- C. Philipp Kohlschreiber
- D. Alexander Zverev

E. None of these

Answer: A

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• Veteran British journalist Sir Mark Tully was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in London for his contributions to the UK-India relationship.

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• Tully, who has been previously knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in the UK and conferred with the Padma Bhushan in India

While British Indian actor Kunal Nayyar – best known for his role as Rajesh

Koothrappali on the US sitcom The Big Bang

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Theory – was named Global Indian Icon of the Year, Indian-origin peer and Cobra Beer founder Lord Karan Bilimoria was presented with a special Significant Contribution to UKIndia Relations Award.

10. The first edition of the joint security exercise ISALEX19 among the members of International Security Alliance (ISA) has been organised in which country?

- A. Singapore
- B. UAE
- C. France
- D. Spain
- E. Germany

**Answer: B**

• The first edition of the joint security exercise of International Security Alliance (ISA) named ISALEX19 kicked off in Abu Dhabi, UAE on June 30, 2019 to test the readiness of the different teams and to evaluate the tools, strategies and procedures developed jointly between member countries.

• The International Security Alliance was launched in Abu Dhabi in 2017

• The alliance now comprises nine countries, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic.

**11. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have set an ambitious USD 50 billion target for bilateral trade over the next six years.**

**A. Japan**

**B. Indonesia**

**C. Maldives**

**D. Sri Lanka**

**E. None of the above**

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**Answer: B**

**• India and Indonesia set an ambitious USD 50 billion target for bilateral trade over the next six years as Prime Minister Narendra Modi**



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and President Joko Widodo discussed ways to deepen cooperation in a number of key areas including economy, defence and maritime security.

- The two leaders, who are in Osaka, Japan for the G20 Summit, met in the morning and discussed ways to boost bilateral ties and enhance cooperation in trade and investment.

- According to Ministry of External Affairs,

India and Indonesia set a USD 50 billion

target for bilateral trade by 2025.

**12. India has signed deal with which country to acquire 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missiles?**

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. United States
- D. Scotland
- E. Germany

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**Answer: B**

- India has signed a deal to acquire 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile from Russia for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers.
- The deal for the missiles is worth around Rs 200 crore and would give an added capability

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to the Mi-35 attack choppers to take out enemy tanks and other armoured elements.

- The Mi-35s are the existing attack choppers of the Indian Air Force and are set to be replaced with the Apache gunships being acquired from the US and slated to be delivered from next month onwards.

- India has been trying to acquire the Russian missiles for a long time but the deal has been signed under the emergency provisions after more than a decade.

**13. What is the current rank of India globally in terms of money parked in Swiss Bank?**

- A. 82
- B. 29
- C. 63
- D. 74
- E. 31



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**Answer: D**

**• India has moved down one place to 74th rank in terms of money parked by its citizens and enterprises with Swiss banks, while the UK has retained its top position, as per data released by the central banking authority of**

the Alpine nation.

- India was ranked 73rd last year, after jumping 15 places from its 88th position a year ago.

**14. A Book titled 'A Prime Minister to Remember: Memories of a Military Chief' was released on June 28, 2019. Who is the author of the book?**

A. Ashish Chhawchharia

B. VP Singh

C. Ravikumar Duraisamy

D. Naresh Goyal

E. Sushil Kumar

**Answer: E**

- A Book titled 'A Prime Minister to

**Remember: Memories of a Military**

**Chief' was released on June 28, 2019.**

- The book has been written by Admiral Sushil

**Kumar and speaks about the huge impact that**

**the late Prime Minister Vajpayee had on the**

**Armed Forces of India.**

- Author Sushil Kumar was the Chief of the

**Indian Navy during the Kargil War and**

**Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee**

**when Operation Parakram was launched**

**following the terror attack on the Indian**

**Parliament.**

**15. Who has won the women's single title of Eastbourne International tennis title 2019?**

- A. Garbiñe Muguruza
- B. Angelique Kerber
- C. Simona Halep
- D. Karolina Pliskova
- E. None of these

**Answer: D**

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• World number three Karolina Pliskova cruised to her second Eastbourne International title with a 6-1, 6-4 destruction of Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber.

• Taylor Fritz finally earned his maiden triumph, defeating compatriot Sam Querrey 6-3, 6-4 in 61 minutes to win the Nature Valley International in Eastbourne.

**16. Who is the winner of 2019 Austrian Grand Prix?**

- A. Sebastian Vettel
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Valtteri Bottas
- E. None of these



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**Answer: C**

- Red Bulls' Max Verstappen overtook

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc with three laps

remaining to win his second consecutive race

at the Spielberg circuit. This is Verstappen's

sixth career win

- Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas came home third



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ahead of Sebastian Vettel in the second  
Ferrari and defending five-time champion  
Lewis Hamilton in the second Mercedes

17. Recently, India's Veer Chotrani has won the  
Squash title in the Under 19 category at the Asian  
Junior Championship in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Japan
- E. Indonesia

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**Answer: A**

- **Veer Chotrani won the Asian junior**

**Individual squash championship in the U-19 category with a win over Yash Fadte in an all-India final in Macau**

- **Veer is now the third Indian to win this prestigious title after Ravi Dixit and Velavan**

**Senthilkumar**

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- **In the other two finals, India bagged two silver medals through Neel Joshi in the boys Under-17 category and Yuvna Gupta in the girls Under-15 section**

**18. Abburi Chaya Devi, the noted Sahitya**

**Akademi Award writer who passed away recently  
wrote in which language?**

- A. Telugu
- B. Malayalam
- C. Marathi
- D. Bengali
- E. Kannada

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**Answer: A**

- Famous Telugu writer Abburi Chaya Devi, a recipient of Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award in 2005. She was 86.
- Chaya Devi, who highlighted the cause of

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women in her writings, received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2005 for her book 'Thana Margam.'

19. When is the Chartered Accountants' Day observed?

A. June 30

B. July 1

C. July 2

D. June 29

E. June 27

Answer: B

• Chartered Accountants Day (CA Day) is celebrated on 1st July every year to commemorate the founding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by the parliament of India.

• ICAI is also the second biggest accounting organization in the world.

• In the year 1949, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was established on this day.

**20. July 1 is celebrated as \_\_\_\_\_ day.**

- A. International Asteroid Day
- B. National Doctors Day
- C. International Day of the Tropics
- D. International Olympics Day

## E. National Statistics Day

Answer: B

- National Doctors' Day is celebrated on July 1

all across India to honour the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of

West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy. He

was born on July 1, 1882 and died on the

same date in 1962, aged 80 years. 2019 theme

is 'Zero tolerance to violence against doctors

and clinical establishment'.

- India has shown remarkable improvements in

the medical field and July 1 pays a tribute to

all the doctors who have made relentless

efforts towards achieving this goal

irrespective of the odds.

**21. The GST Day is observed in India on \_\_\_\_\_**

A. July 5

B. June 30

C. July 1

D. July 15

E. June 25



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**Answer: C**

• India is observing July 1, 2019 as the GST Day to mark the second anniversary of the new indirect tax regime, Goods and Services Tax (GST), which was rolled out in the intervening night of June 30 and July 1 in

2017.

• The government will also introduce the new return system on a trial basis on July 1, 2019.

It will come into force from 1 October 2019 on a mandatory basis.



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22. World UFO Day is observed on 2nd July every year. The day was first observed on which year?

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- A. 2000
- B. 2001
- C. 2002
- D. 2005
- E. 2009

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Answer: B

- World UFO Day is observed on 2nd July every year. It was founded by the UFO hunter Haktan Akdogan.

- The first World UFO Day was celebrated in 2001 and spread awareness among people to gaze at the heavens scanning for unidentified flying objects.

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**23. The Jal Shakti Abhiyan launched for water conservation and security with focus on how many aspects?**

- A. Four
- B. Five
- C. Seven

D. Ten

E. Eleven

Answer: B

• Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will launch the Jal Shakti Abhiyan

in Delhi, amidst rampant water scarcity

prevailing in many parts of the country.

• The scheme aims to make water conservation and promotion of irrigation efficiency a mass movement.

• The Jal Shakti Abhiyan has been launched in two phases. The first phase is 1st July to 15th September and is for all participating States and the second phase will be between 1st

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October to 30th November for States with retreating monsoon

- Under Jal Shakti Abhiyan, focus will be on 256 water stressed districts and 1,592 water stressed blocks.
- There are five key intervention areas under the movement including water conservation and rainwater harvesting, renovation of traditional and other water bodies, reuse, borewell recharge structures, watershed development and intensive afforestation.



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**24. The government has extended the deadline to complete the enumeration process for updating the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam to \_\_\_\_\_?**

**A. December 31**

**B. September 30**

**C. August 31**

**D. July 31**

**E. September 1**



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**Answer: D**

**• The Centre has given one month extension to complete the enumeration process for updating the National Register of Citizens**

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(NRC) in Assam by July 31.

- The National Register of Citizens (NRC) for the state of Assam has been taken as the exercise to enumerate citizens in Assam. The exercise aims at identifying illegal immigrants in the state of Assam that borders Bangladesh.

- When the draft NRC was published on July 30 last year, there was a huge controversy over the exclusion of 4 million people from it.

The draft NRC included the names of 29 million people out of the total 32.9 million applications. The names of over a lakh more people were also excluded in a list published last month.

**25. The First Ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) is scheduled to be organised in which city?**

- A. New Delhi**
- B. Mumbai**
- C. Hyderabad**
- D. Pune**
- E. Bangalore**

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**Answer: A**

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- The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) is going to be held from

October 11 to October 13, 2019 at Pragati

Maidan.

- The Trade Fair is aimed at promoting

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**cooperative to cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity.**

- **The fair will provide an immense opportunity to the participants to collaborate and explore business opportunities with the Cooperative Organizations from India and abroad.**



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