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1. In 2018, Kerala declared which fruit as its official fruits ?

A jackfruit

B melon

C coconut

D banana

E mango

Solution

- Option A is the correct answer.
- Jackfruit to be official state fruit of Kerala from March 21,2018.
- State to promote its organic and nutritious qualities at home and abroad. The Kerala government on Wednesday declared jackfruit as its official fruit. The official announcement in this regard was made by the Agriculture Minister, VS Sunil Kumar, in the State Assembly.
- State Agriculture Minister V S Sunil Kumar said the core objective of the government was to give a fillip to the production and sale of jackfruit and its value-added products.

- Total revenue of Rs 15,000 crore is expected through sale of jackfruit and its allied products through the branding of the fruit.
- Initiatives for the jackfruit
 1. The government plans to promote the 'Kerala Jack fruit' as a brand in markets across the country and abroad, highlighting its organic and nutritious qualities
 2. The government also plans to distribute maximum jackfruit tree saplings among the public to grow it in their backyards as part of plans to expand the cultivation
 3. A research centre has already been opened at Ambalavayal area, backed by the Agriculture Department, to carry out studies on jackfruit and tap its potential further.
 4. The government also conducts a 'jack fruit fest' every year to popularise the fruit and its products among public.

2. **The Government of India welcomes the election of Judge named to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) when the UN General Assembly and UN Security Council convened independently in New York on 20 November 2017 ?**

A NV Ramana

B Vineet Saran

C Dalveer Bhandari

D R.Subhash Reddy

E K.M. Joseph

Solution

- Option C is the correct answer.
- The Government of India welcomes the election of Judge Dalveer Bhandari to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) when the UN General Assembly and UN Security Council convened independently in New York on 20 November 2017 to fill the fifth vacancy for the 2018-2027 term.
- The UN Security Council and the General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in support of India. Judge Dalveer Bhandari

received all 15 votes in the UN Security Council and 183 out of the 193 votes in the UN General Assembly.

- The extraordinary support from the UN membership is reflective of the respect for strong constitutional integrity of the Indian polity and the independence of the judiciary in India.
- It may be recalled that the Indian National Group to the Permanent Court of Arbitration had re-nominated Judge Dalveer Bhandari as India's national candidate in June 2017.
- Government of India has been supporting the campaign of Judge Bhandari through diplomatic efforts at different fora.

3. As per Maternity Benefits (Amendments) Act 2017, the maternity leaves has been increased to ?

A 22 weeks

B 36 weeks

C 20 weeks

D 26 weeks

E 24 weeks

Solution

- Option D is the correct answer.
- The Maternity Benefit Amendment Act has increased the duration of paid maternity leave available for women employees from the existing 12 weeks to 26 weeks.
- Under the Maternity Benefit Amendment Act, this benefit could be availed by women for a period extending up to a maximum of 8 weeks before the expected delivery date and the remaining time can be availed after childbirth. For women who are having 2 or more surviving children, the duration of paid maternity leave shall be 12

weeks (i.e. 6 weeks before and 6 weeks after expected date of delivery).

- Maternity leave for adoptive and commissioning mothers: Maternity leave of 12 weeks to be available to mothers adopting a child below the age of three months from the date of adoption as well as to the "commissioning mothers". The commissioning mother has been defined as biological mother who uses her egg to create an embryo planted in any other woman.

4. Under the KUSUM Scheme, farmers can earn extra income by selling extra to DISCOMs.

A rice

B maize

C fruits

D solar power

E vegetables

Solution

- Option D is the correct answer.
- The Government of India is in the process of formulating a Scheme ‘Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)’ which, inter alia, provides for:

(i) installation of grid-connected solar power plants each of capacity up to 2 MW in the rural areas; (ii) installation of standalone off-grid solar water pumps to fulfill irrigation needs of farmers not connected to grid; (iii) solarization of existing grid-connected agriculture pumps to make farmers

independent of grid supply and also enable them to sell surplus solar power generated to DISCOM and get extra income; and (iv) solarization of tube-wells and lift irrigation projects of Government sector.

5. "Master of Roster" refers to the power of CJI to

A quo warranto

B allocation of cases to Benches of the Supreme Court.

C prohibition

D mandamus

E 'Habeas Corpus'

Solution

- Option B is the correct answer.
- CJI is the Master of Roster; "Chief Justice" cannot be read as "Collegium" for allocation of matters: Supreme Court.
- Chief Justice in his individual capacity is the Master of Roster and it cannot read as Collegium of first three or five Judges.
- Thus, it is his prerogative to constitute the Benches and allocate the subjects which would be dealt with by the respective Benches“.
- Chief Justice of India is the Master of Roster for allocation of cases to Benches of the Supreme Court.

- The term “Chief Justice” appearing in Supreme Court Rules, 2013 cannot be read as “Collegium” of 5 senior most Judges for the purpose of allocation of matters.
- The matters need to be listed and assigned to the Benches in accordance with the Supreme Court Rules, 2013 and the Handbook of Practice and Procedure.
- There is no harm in adopting healthy practices in foreign Judicial systems. “Reforms in the administration of Justice is a continuing process.

6. **The first Raj Kapoor Award for excellence in cinema has been given to whom ?**

A Anil Kapoor

B Neena Gupta

C Ramesh Sippy

D Amir Khan

E Akshay Kumar

Solution

- Option C is the correct answer.
- The Third Eye program partnered with the World Bank's DIME Program, UNICEF, CMS, WIFT, Cinepolis Foundation and other international partners and stalwarts from the Bollywood Industry to unveil the trophy for the Raj Kapoor Awards for Excellence in Entertainment at a special reception organised by ACEE on Wednesday, 14th February 2018 at the Kaveri, JW Marriott, Juhu, Mumbai. The event saw a discussion on 'The Unparalleled Social

Commentator, the Showman Raj Kapoor' by Randhir Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor and Rajiv Kapoor and moderated by Shekhar Gupta.

- The inaugural Raj Kapoor Awards for Excellence in Entertainment were awarded to
- Ramesh Sippy for his contributions to Indian cinema.
- The Kapoor brothers Randhir Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor and Rajiv Kapoor for their contributions to Bollywood.
- R. Balki for having created a socially relevant movie like PadMan.
- Umesh Shukla, director of the film 102 Not Out was also awarded.

7. **What was the theme of 8th Theater Olympics 2018 hosted by NSD (National School of Drama)?**

- A** Literacy and Skills Development' UNESCO-UNEVOC
- B** A paraphrase of the title of a speech that Jerzy Grotowski gave in 1976
- C** **Flag of friendship**
- D** teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond,”
- E** 'Time for Nature,'

Solution

- Option C is the correct answer.
- Organised by National School of Drama (NSD) and Ministry of Culture, the festival's theme this year is: Flag of friendship — an attempt at bridging borders and bringing together different cultures. And taking part in the coveted event will be artists from India and abroad.
- The National School of Drama (NSD), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture is taking various steps to preserve, develop, protect and rejuvenate the culture of India. For this purpose, NSD, is

taking various steps through the medium of theatre in this direction.

Some of the steps taken/ being taken are mentioned below:-

- Under the Out-reach/Extension Programme, production oriented theatre workshops across the country for preservation and promotion and to rejuvenate of rural folk and tribal culture of India are conducted in collaboration with the local theatre groups and plays are also performed, as part of these workshops.
- Further, NSD has also opened centres in North -East at Sikkim, Tripura and Bengaluru to introduce, encourage, promote and preserve and rejuvenate the culture and traditions of the local people in this area, through the medium of theatre.
- As part of the curriculum, the students of the NSD also visit various regions of the country to perform, research and develop theatre forms prevalent in the regions, which are quite diverse in nature. This helps to make the people aware of various dramatic arts prevalent in these areas through the medium of Theatre.
- Apart from the above, NSD also organizes theatre festivals like Bharat Rang Mahotsav (annually) at Delhi and in few selected cities of the country , in which Theatre groups from foreign countries also participate.

8. Which state govt. has announced Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh Scheme on the occasion of International Women's Day ?

A Punjab

B Rajasthan

C Madhya Pradesh

D Andhra Pradesh

E Gujarat

Solution

- Option C is the correct answer.
- Madhya Pradesh govt. has announced Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh Scheme on the occasion of International Women's Day. Subsequently, govt. will provide pension to all such women who are single (unmarried) after they turn 50 years of age.
- Accordingly, Mahila Kosh Pension Scheme will make single girls independent and thus will play a major role in Women Empowerment.

- Under this scheme, govt. will provide pension on a monthly basis to make women self-reliant. Moreover, govt. will also focus on dignity and pride of such unmarried women. For this reason, govt. also ensures that any person who is found misbehaving with women will have to face severe consequences.
- Women are the most important part of society and stressed that most important posts of the country are held by women. CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan has launched this scheme on 8 March 2018.
- MP Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh Scheme – New Pension Scheme
The important features and highlights of this new pension scheme are as follows:-
 - All the women residents of MP who are single will now get pension after they turn 50 years of age.
 - Accordingly, this pension scheme is to transform the thoughts and attitudes towards such unmarried women.
 - Subsequently, all such unmarried women will receive pension on a monthly basis till the time they get married.
 - Govt. will ensure strict laws to ensure safety of women in the state and stop incidents of misbehaviour.
 - This Mahila Kosh Scheme will help unmarried women to lead a hassle free life and easy life after 50 years old.
 - Moreover, girls are holding important positions in the country and contribute towards overall development of society.
 - Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan launches this scheme on 8 March 2018.

9. Who among the following won 20th Grand slams (2018 Australian Open – Men's Singles)?

A Rafael Nadal Parera

B Novak Djokovic

C Roger Federer

D Rod Laver

E Pete Sampras

Solution

- Option C is the correct answer.
- Roger Federer successfully defended his title, defeating Marin Čilić in the final, 6–2, 6–7(5–7), 6–3, 3–6, 6–1 to win the Men's Singles tennis title at the 2018 Australian Open.
- It was Federer's 20th Grand Slam singles title and, at the time, record-equalling sixth Australian Open men's singles title (tied with Roy Emerson and Novak Djokovic).
- With the win, Federer became the first male player to win at least six titles at two Grand Slam tournaments (six at the Australian Open

and eight at Wimbledon). Federer became the oldest man to win a Grand Slam singles title in the Open Era since Ken Rosewall in 1972.

- The time span between Federer's first Grand slam win at Wimbledon and this latest, almost 15 years, is an Open era record in the men's singles field.
- This was also the 10th time that Federer has defended a Grand Slam title, with the previous time being at the 2008 US Open. Čilić became the first Croatian player to reach a singles final at the Australian Open.

10. **Madame Tussauds is a wax museum recently opened at which location in India ?**

A Kashmir

B Jaipur

C New Delhi

D Haryana

E Punjab

Solution

- Option C is the correct answer.
- Famous Madame Tussauds wax museum to open in Delhi
- The museum will be launched in the Regal Cinema at Connaught Place and will be spread over two floors.
- Merlin Entertainments, a leading visitor attraction operator will be opening a branch of the world-famous wax museum Madame Tussauds here in mid-2017.
- Madame Tussauds is famous for lifelike wax figures of celebrities.

- UK-based Merlin Enterprises runs 116 attractions in 24 countries and the company will be foraying in the Indian market with the launch of Madame Tussauds Delhi.
- “We are delighted to be announcing that our 22nd Madame Tussauds attraction will be opening in Delhi. Ever since we introduced Amitabh Bachchan as the first Bollywood figure in Madame Tussauds London in 2000, we have seen how Madame Tussauds appeals to the Indian consumer...having a permanent attraction in the heart of the country’s capital made perfect sense for the evolution of the Madame Tussauds story,” Merlin

Entertainments Chief New Openings Officer John Jakobsen said.



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