

1-4 June

1) What is the theme for Reserve Bank of India's "Financial Literacy Week" that started from 4 June 2018? – **Consumer Protection**

Explanation: "Consumer Protection" is the chosen theme for RBI's "Financial Literacy Week" that commenced from 4 June 2018. This week long event ending on 8 June 2018 will focus on creating awareness among customers of banks about financial products and services, good financial practices and going digital.

- The week will focus on four consumer protection messages like 'know your liability' for unauthorised electronic banking transaction and Good practices for a safe digital banking experience.

- Among various messages, customers will be told through banners and posters that in case of unauthorised digital transaction if bank is informed within 3 days, the liability of the account holder is zero.

2) Indian economy grew 7.7% in the January-March quarter of 2017-18, the biggest expansion in seven quarters, as was disclosed in the government data released on 31 May 2018. What is India's economic growth for financial year 2017-18? - **6.7%**

Explanation: Indian economy grew 7.7% in the January-March quarter of 2017-18, the biggest expansion in seven quarters, on account of robust performance in manufacturing, construction and service sectors as well as good farm output. This was disclosed in the government data released on 31 May 2018.

- However, the economic growth slowed to 6.7% in 2017-18 compared to 7.1% in 2016-17.

- GDP at 2011-12 prices in the fourth quarter of 2017-18 registered growth rate of 7.7% as against 5.6%, 6.3% and 7%, respectively, in the first three quarters of 2017-18. The previous high GDP growth of 8.1% was recorded in April-June quarter of 2016-17.

3) Tata Chemicals exited the chemical business by selling which fertilizer unit in West Bengal, as was disclosed by the company on 1 June 2018? – **Haldia fertilizer unit**

Explanation: Tata Chemicals on 1 June 2018 disclosed that the company completed the sale of its Haldia fertiliser unit in West Bengal and the trading business to Netherlands-based Indorama Holdings BV for Rs. 872.84 crore.

- The company sold the Phosphatic fertiliser business and the trading business comprising bulk and non-bulk fertilisers by way of slump sale on a going concern basis to IRC Agrochemicals, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Indorama Holdings BV.

- The divestment is in line with Tata Chemicals' strategic direction to focus on speciality chemical and food businesses while maintaining leadership in inorganic chemicals.



4) The foundation stone of an advanced DNA forensic laboratory especially to assist in investigation and prosecution of crimes including those committed against women and children was laid at which place on 1 June 2018? – **Chandigarh**

Explanation: Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi laid the foundation stone of an advanced DNA forensic laboratory in Chandigarh on 1 June 2018. This lab will come up at the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) campus and is being established especially to assist in investigation and prosecution of crimes including those committed against women and children.

- This lab will help to meet the demand for more admissible, accurate and powerful forensic proof in the cases of crime against women and children.

- As per data collected from 23 labs across the country, 20,000 new cases of sexual assault are received annually for forensic analysis but the labs are not adequately equipped to deal with the ever increasing cases.



5) Which is the only Indian institution to make it to the top 100 universities in the Times Higher Education's World Reputation Rankings 2018 that was released on 31 May 2018? - Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru

Explanation: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has made it to the top 100 universities in the Times Higher Education's 'World Reputation Rankings 2018', becoming the only Indian institution to make it to the prestigious list this year. IISc has been ranked in the 91-100 band of the annual list topped by American universities Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Stanford, with the United Kingdom's Cambridge and Oxford completing the top five.

- With this IISc making into the list, India featured has in the table for the first time since 2011.

- The 'World Reputation Rankings' are created using what 'Times Higher Education' describes as the world's largest invitation-only academic opinion survey and unique piece of research.

5 June

1) On 4 June 2018 India received its cheapest LNG under a long-term deal from which country? - Russia

Explanation: India got first of its cheapest liquefied natural gas (LNG) consignment from Russia at a delivered price of close to \$7 per million British thermal unit (mmBtu) on 4 June 2018.

- LNG carrier 'LNG Kano', bringing cargo from Russian gas supplier Gazprom, docked at Petronet LNG Ltd.'s import facility in Dahej on 4 June 2018.

- At current oil prices, the Russian rate is \$1.5 per mmBtu less than the price at which Qatar, India's oldest supplier, delivered LNG. This delivery is part of the historic 20-year import deal with Russian gas major Gazprom. India will import LNG worth an estimated \$25 billion over the contract period from Russia.



2) Who was appointed as the fourth deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the Union Government on 4 June 2018? - Mahesh Kumar Jain

Explanation: The government on 4 June 2018 appointed IDBI Bank CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain as the fourth deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), filling up a post that had been lying vacant for almost a year.

- The post of RBI deputy governor was vacant since S.S. Mundra retired in August 2017. The government had since conducted two rounds of interviews to find his successor. N. S. Vishwanathan, Viral V. Acharya and B.P. Kanungo are the other three deputy governors of RBI.

- Jain will be in charge of RBI's banking supervisory department which is instrumental in cleaning up the banking system. He had previously led Indian Bank for a couple of years.

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3) What is the name of the active volcano in Guatemala that erupted on 3 June 2018 resulting in death of at least 60 persons? - Volcán de Fuego

Explanation: Volcán de Fuego (which means "Volcano of Fire" in Spanish) is one of the most active volcanoes in the world and is located 44 kilometres from Guatemala City, the capital of central American country Guatemala. The volcano started erupting in the noon of 3 June 2018.

- It was Guatemala's deadliest volcanic eruption since the Santa María eruption of 1902 and resulted in death of at least 60 persons by 4 June 2018. Most of the casualties were reported from places mostly south of the volcano in the towns and villages of El Rodeo, Las Lajas and San Miguel Los Lotes.

- Heavy rainfall during the eruption led to the formation of dangerous lahars (mudflows) which buried several of the affected villages in volcanic material and cut off roadways.



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4) Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. achieved which landmark car production figure during June 2018? - 20 million units

Explanation: Suzuki Motor Corporation (Japan) on 4 June 2018 disclosed that it has achieved cumulative automobile production of 20 million units in India. With this, India became the second country after Japan where Suzuki has reached this milestone. The company crossed this milestone in India with the newly launched Swift produced at the Gujarat plant.

- Suzuki Motor Corp., which started its journey in India through a joint venture with MarutiUdyog, said the country is the fastest to reach 20 million units in 34 years and 5 months since starting production in December 1983, breaking the record of 45 years and 9 months in Japan.

- Suzuki, at present, produces automobiles in India through Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, in which it holds 56.21% stake and fully-owned arm, Suzuki Motor Gujarat that supplies exclusively to the Indian arm. While Maruti Suzuki produces cars at Gurgaon and Manesar plants, Suzuki Motor Gujarat rolls out vehicles from its Mehsana facility in the state.

6-8 June

1) On the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 June 2018 which Indian beach became the first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification, the tag given to environment-friendly and clean beaches? - Chandrabhaga Beach (Odisha)

Explanation: The Chandrabhaga beach on the Konark coast of Odisha became the first in Asia to get the Blue Flag certification. This tag is given to environment-friendly and clean beaches, equipped with amenities of international standards for tourists.

- The tag was awarded on World Environment Day on 5 June 2018. To achieve the Blue Flag standards, a beach must be plastic-free and equipped with a waste management system. Clean water should be available for tourists, apart from international amenities. The beach should have facilities for studying the environmental impact around the area.

- Twelve more beaches in the country are being developed in accordance with the Blue Flag standards. Among them are the Chiwla and Bhogave beaches in Maharashtra and one beach each from Puducherry, Goa, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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2) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hiked the Repo Rate, the rate at which banks borrow from RBI, by 25 basis points (bps) during its second bi-monthly monetary policy review of 2018-19 on 6 June 2018. When was the last time the RBI had hiked the Repo Rate? – January 2014

Explanation: The RBI on 6 June 2018 hiked the Repo Rate for the first time in 4.5 years by hiking it by 25 bps. The new Repo Rate is 6.25% while the Reverse Repo Rate is 5.75%. The last time the Repo Rate was hiked was in January 2014 when the rate was raised to 8%.

- RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) voted unanimously to hike the repo rate by 25 basis points and to keep its policy stance neutral, leaving the room open for further rate hikes. The rate hike decision was contrary to market expectation that the central bank will hold rates.

- Supporting the rate hike was the increase in the inflation forecast. The central bank has now forecasted average inflation for the fiscal year 2018-19 to be 4.8-4.9% in the first half and 4.7% in the second half.

3) The Defence Ministry gave its approval for construction of which port mouth on the Bay of Bengal in Odisha during June 2018? - Subarnarekha port

Explanation: The construction of Subarnarekha port in Odisha will begin soon as the defence ministry has given its clearance for the project. This was announced by the Odisha Government on 5 June 2018.

- Chennai-based Creative Port Private Ltd (CPPL) has proposed construction of an all-weather deep-draft

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commercial port at Subarnarekha river in Balasore district of Odisha.

- Defence Ministry's approval was required as proposed port project is located close to the integrated test range site of the Defence Ministry at Chandipur near Balasore. Earlier, the ministry had certain objections to the project.

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4) What is new minimum support price (MSP) for sugar, as was announced by the Union Government on 6 June 2018? – Rs. 29/kg

Explanation: The government has fixed a minimum support price at the mill gate of Rs. 29/kg for refined sugar, to ensure that retail prices of the sweetener do not fall further. This was announced by Cabinet Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan after a Union Cabinet meeting on 6 June 2018.

- The Government also decided to build a 3 million tonne stockpile of sugar to soak up excess supply from the domestic market, and grant soft loans worth Rs. 4,440 crore to help millers expand ethanol output capacity.

- The support measures are aimed at cutting a growing sugar surplus and propping up local prices, in order to help both loss-making mills and millions of cane growers. India's is the world's biggest sugar producer after Brazil.

- Large sugar surpluses have led to a sharp fall in prices that in turn have made it difficult for mills to pay the country's 50 million cane growers on time.

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5) What is the latest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) of India, as was disclosed in latest Sample Registration System (SRS) data released during June 2018? – 130

Explanation: As per the latest Sample Registration System (SRS) data, the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR), i.e., number of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births, has dropped from 167 (in 2011-2013, the last SRS period) to 130 for India.

- This 28% drop is an achievement arising from efforts reducing the MMR in each of the States.

- Kerala remains at the top with an MMR of 46 (down from 61). Maharashtra retains its second position with 61, but the pace of fall has been much lower, dropping from 68 during 2011-13. Tamil Nadu with 66 (79) is in the third position.

9-11 June

1) Spanish tennis great Rafael Nadal defeated which player to win his record 11th French Open men's singles title on 10 June 2018? - Dominic Thiem (Austria)

Explanation: Nadal won another French Open men's singles title on 10 June 2018 as he defeated Dominic Thiem by 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2 on 10 June 2018. This was his 11th French Open title in 14 years.

- He moves alongside Margaret Court for the most titles at the same slam, 11. His total of 17 majors edges him closer to the 23 owned by 36-year-old Roger Federer.



2) Who won the women's singles title of French Open 2018 to win her first ever tennis grand slam singles title on 9 June 2018? - Simona Halep (Romania)

Explanation: World number one Simona Halep finally won her first Grand Slam title with a gutsy comeback victory over American 10th seed Sloane Stephens in the French Open final played on Roland Garros on 9 June 2018.

- The 26-year old Romanian player battled back to take a see-saw second set against the US Open champion to win 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

- Halep had lost in two previous French Open finals - to Maria Sharapova in 2014 and Jelena Ostapenko in 2017 - and against Caroline Wozniacki in this year's Australian Open final.

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3) Which 117-year-old US agribusiness brand-name is poised to be dropped as German conglomerate Bayer on 7 June 2018 closed the \$63 billion merger with this company? – Monsanto

Explanation: German conglomerate Bayer on 7 June 2018 closed its \$63 billion merger with U.S.-based seeds maker Monsanto after getting the required nod from U.S. and EU regulators. After completion of the merger Bayer announced that Bayer will remain the company name. Monsanto will no longer be a company name. The acquired products will retain their brand names and become part of the Bayer portfolio.

- However, the companies' separately listed Indian units, Bayer CropScience Ltd. and Monsanto India Ltd., will continue to operate independently for the time being.

- Monsanto, which was established in 1901 in Missouri, has been the largest maker of genetically modified seeds and thus has been a lightning rod for environmentalists' opposition to the technology. The company has also drawn criticism for pursuing its intellectual property rights with farmers, many of which depend on its seeds, more aggressively than its peers.

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4) Union Government on 8 June 2018 constituted a bankers' committee to study setting up of asset

reconstruction firms (ARCs) for clean-up of non-performing assets (NPAs). This committee was set-up in the backdrop of the state-owned banks reeling under bad loans and losses. Who is heading this committee? - **Sunil Mehta (PNB)**

Explanation: Sunil Mehta, non-executive chairman, Punjab National Bank (PNB) is heading the bankers' committee setup on 8 June 2018 to study setting up of asset reconstruction firms (ARCs) for clean-up of NPAs. The committee will come out with its recommendations in two weeks.

- The committee was constituted in the backdrop of the state-owned banks reeling under bad loans and losses, and conservatism setting in among bankers vis-a-vis lending. It will consider whether such an arrangement will be good for the banking system; it will also consider the modalities by which such an ARC should be set up.

- ARCs or asset management companies (AMCs) are floated primarily for faster resolution of stressed assets.

5] Which state topped the first ever national disaster risk index to map hazards and vulnerabilities across 640 districts that was released by the Union Government on 9 June 2018? - **Maharashtra**

Explanation: A national disaster risk index mapping hazards and vulnerabilities across 640 districts puts Maharashtra at the top of the chart followed by West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, while Delhi is most at risk among Union territories (UTs).

- The index factors in exposure of population, agriculture and livestock and environmental risk in drawing up the rankings. The top states are followed by Rajasthan, Karnataka, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Bihar while those vulnerable to disasters like cyclones, landslides and earthquakes, like Andhra Pradesh and hill states, are relatively lower in the index.

- The index is currently in the form of a draft report prepared by the Union home ministry with support

from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

12-20 June

1] The historic meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea's Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un took place at which place on 12 June 2018? – **Singapore**

Explanation: U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea's Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un met on 12 June 2018 at Sentosa, a resort island off Singapore's port. Enemies since the 1950-53 Korean War, leaders of North Korea and the United States have never met previously, or even spoken on the telephone.

- The first meeting of a sitting U.S. President and a North Korean leader was the product of dizzying weeks of negotiations over logistics and policy. The two leaders conversed through interpreters.

- The two leaders pledged to work towards complete de-nuclearisation of the Korean peninsula while Washington committed to provide security guarantees for North Korea. However, a joint statement signed at the end of their historic summit in Singapore gave few details on how either goal would be achieved.



2] The US reclaimed the title of having the fastest supercomputer in the world from China, as it unveiled a new supercomputer during June 2018. What is the name given to this supercomputer? – **"Summit"**

Explanation: The US has reclaimed the title of having the fastest supercomputer in the world, with the unveiling of a machine known as "Summit". "Summit" was unveiled at the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

- It is capable of performing 200,000 trillion calculations per second, known as 200 petaflops. This is more than twice the previous record holder, China's Sunway TaihuLight, capable of 93 petaflops.

- Summit weighs in at 340 tons, needs 4,000 gallons of water to stay cool, and uses the same amount of energy required by 8,000 US homes. It spans about 860 square meters (9,250 square feet), roughly three times the size of a tennis court.



3) Who was appointed as the chief operating officer (COO) of ICICI Bank by bank's board on 19 June 2018 after MD and CEO ChandaKochhar went on leave? - **SandeepBakhshi**

Explanation: The ICICI Bank board, in its meeting on 19 June 2018, appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO SandeepBakhshi as whole-time director and Chief Operating Officer (COO), creating a new top position at India's second largest private bank, to steer all its businesses.

- ChandaKochhar, ICICI Bank's managing director and CEO, who is facing conflict-of-interest allegations, will remain on leave until a committee investigating allegations of impropriety completes its work.



4) Which India-born executive was named the CFO of US' largest automaker General Motors and will thus

become the first woman to get the position in the auto industry? - **DhivyaSuryadevara**

Explanation: 39-year old Chennai-born DhivyaSuryadevara has been named the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) of General Motors, which is the largest auto company of the United States. She is thus the first woman to get this position in the auto industry.

- She is currently the vice president, Corporate Finance, and will succeed Chuck Stevens, the GM's present CFO, on 1 September 2018. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Commerce from the University of Madras. She moved to the US at the age of 22 to pursue her MBA from Harvard University.

- GM's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Barra and Suryadevara are the first women in their respective positions in the auto industry.

5) Who took over as the acting chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on 20 June 2018? - **ArvindSaxena**

Explanation: Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) member ArvindSaxena was appointed as the acting chairman of the commission on 10 June 2018.

- Saxena, a 1978-batch Indian Postal Service officer, took over the charge from incumbent Vinay Mittal who completed his term at the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on 19 June 2018.

- He has also worked in the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) after he joined it in 1988.

- The UPSC conducts civil services examination annually in three stages - preliminary, main and interview - to select officers for the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS), among others.

6) During June 2018 which company became the first listed company in India to close the day's trade with a market capitalisation of over Rs. 7 lakh crore? - **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**

Explanation: India's IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on 15 June 2018 became the first listed company in India to close the day's trade with a market capitalisation of over Rs. 7 lakh crore (over \$103 billion).

- This happened after the company's board approved a share buy back for about Rs. 16,000 crore.

7) Which team posted the highest score of 481 runs in a men's one-day international (ODI) on 19 June 2018?

– England

Explanation: England broke the record for the highest score in a men's one-day international for the second time in two years at Trent Bridge by scoring 481 for six against Australia on 19 June 2018.

- England thus surpassed their own previous all-time record men's ODI total of 444 for three, also set at Trent Bridge, against Pakistan in 2016. With this mammoth total England humiliated Australia by 242 runs as the team was bundled out for mere 239 runs off 37 overs. This was England's biggest run-margin of victory in an ODI.

- Alex Hales (147) and Jonny Bairstow (139) played pivotal role in this match. England captain Eoin Morgan became England's all-time leading run-scorer in this format during a 67 that featured 21-ball fifty - England's quickest at this level.



8) Which team became the first Asian side to beat a South American one at the FIFA World Cup on 19 June 2018? – Japan

Explanation: Japan created footballing history as it defeated Colombia by 2-1 in a Group-H match on 19

June 2018 to become the first Asian side to beat a South American one at the FIFA World Cup.

- Till now Asian teams had managed three draws in 17 matches against South American sides.

- In this match Colombia midfielder Carlos Sanchez became the first player to get a red card in Russia. His sending-off in the third minute, for a deliberate handball, was the second fastest in World Cup history after Uruguay's Jose Batista was dismissed after 55 seconds against Scotland in 1986.

21-30 June

1) The Indian rupee crashed to a lifetime low of 69.10 against the US dollar on 28 June 2018 as rising crude oil prices deepened concerns about the country's current account deficit and inflation dynamics. When the rupee had touched its previous record low of 68.8650 per dollar? – On 24 November 2016

Explanation: The rupee plunged by 49 paise to reach the lifetime low level of 69.10 against the US dollar on 29 June 2018. Consistent dollar demand from banks and importers, mainly oil refiners, following higher crude oil prices kept the rupee under pressure.

- The rupee had touched its previous record low of 68.8650 per dollar on 24 November 2016.

2) Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) Arvind Subramanian on 20 June 2018 submitted his resignation and expressed his desire to return to the United States due to family commitments. When he took charge as India's CEA? – 16 October 2014

Explanation: Union Minister Arun Jaitley announced on 20 June 2018 that Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) Arvind Subramanian has submitted his resignation to the Finance Ministry. Subramanian also informed that he would like to go back to the United States on account of pressing family commitments.

- His term as CEA started on 16 October 2014 for a term of three years. On the completion of three years,

he was asked to continue for a year more, which would have taken his term to October 2018.

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3) The High Court of which state banned paragliding, and white water rafting and other water sports in the state on 18 June 2018 and directed the state govt. to enact suitable legislation for regulating adventure and water sports? – **Uttarakhand**

Explanation: The Nainital-based Uttarakhand high court on 18 June 2018 banned paragliding, and white water rafting and other water sports in the state until the administration puts in place a policy to regulate them in a move aimed at safeguarding both the environment and people engaging in these activities. The copy of the order was made available on 21 June 2018.

- A division bench of justices Rajiv Sharma and Lok Pal Singh ordered the ban in response to a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Rishikesh-based social activist Hari Om Kashyap.

- The petitioner said in his PIL that state authorities were giving illegal leases in favour of private agencies to organize water sports on the Ganga. According to the petitioner, temporary structures are being permitted to be set up on the banks of the river.

- In the past decade, adventure sports companies have mushroomed in the state, a popular destination for tourists from around the country, offering everything from white water rafting to paragliding to zip-lining with no regulatory oversight.

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4) Which state government during June 2018 launched the Surya shaktiKisan Yojna (SKY) under which grid-connected solar panels will be provided to farmers? – **Gujarat**

Explanation: With an aim to generate additional income for farmers, the Gujarat state government on 23 June 2018 launched the SuryashaktiKisanYojna (SKY) under which grid-connected solar panels will be provided to over 12,000 cultivators who have already

taken regular electricity connections for irrigation purpose.

- State government claimed that it will be the first time in the country that farmers will be able to produce solar energy, consume as much as they need and sell the remaining. Using solar panels, which will be connected to the feeders, farmers would get 12 hours of power supply for their pumps during the day time.

- The project will have 137 feeders located at different places in 33 districts, capable of generating 175 mega watts electricity through solar panels.

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5) The two agricultural scientists chosen for the 2018 World Food Prize, as announced on 25 June 2018, are

- **Lawrence Haddad** and **Dr. David Nabarro**

Explanation: The World Food Prize will be awarded this year to Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro – two scientists who have dedicated their careers to improving the availability of nutritious food for pregnant women and children in an effort to reduce the effects of malnutrition in developing countries.

- Lawrence Haddad, who is a British economist and food policy researcher, and Dr. David Nabarro, who has worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations (UN) on health and hunger issues, were named the 2018 prize recipients in a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington on 25 June 2018.

- The World Food Prize was created by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Norman Borlaug in 1986 to recognize scientists and others who have improved the quality and availability of food.

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6) Which country became the last in the world to officially lift the ban on women drivers on 23 June 2018? – **Saudi Arabia**

Explanation: On 23 June 2018 Saudi Arabia became the last country in the world to lift the ban on women driving. Overnight, the few women in the kingdom

who had licences ready were propelled to celebrity status.

- Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, had announced lifting the ban.

7) Which country announced legalizing marijuana sales from October 2018 by passing a legislation on 20 June 2018? – Canada

Explanation: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on 20 June 2018 announced that recreational use of marijuana will become legal in the country from 17 October 2018. This announcement came after a historic vote in the Canadian Senate on 19 June 2018 to pass Bill C-45, the government's legislation to legalize cannabis.

- After more than a year of intensive study in both the House and Senate, the bill cleared the final legislative hurdle, being passed by a vote of 52 to 29 with two abstentions.

- The legislation allows adults in Canada to legally possess and use small amounts of recreational cannabis. It sets out parameters around the production, possession, safety standards, distribution, and sale of the drug. It also creates new Criminal Code offences for selling marijuana to minors. The proposed federal law spells out that it will be illegal for anyone younger than 18 to buy pot, but allows for provinces and territories to set a higher minimum age.
