Current Affairs April 2012

1. Name the freedom fighter with picture of whom Rs.5 coin would be introduced by RBI.

Ans. Bhagat Singh

- 2. Name the news search engine introduced by Rediff.com Ans. Relatime News Search
- 3. Tiger brand is associated with which company? Ans. Britannia
- 4. Name the cricketer who was honoured with lifetime membership of the Sydney Cricket Ground.
 Ans. Sachin Tendulkar
- 5. Which country has been ranked as the world's richest country in the list compiled by US magazine Forbes?
 Ans. Qatar
- 6. Which country did India beat to qualify for London Olympics men's hockey 2012?
 Ans. France
- 7. Name the service that is to be launched by Times Group to enable viewers to watch movies and TV shows online. Ans. BoxTV.com
- 8. Name the football player who led India to the gold in the inaugural Asian Games in New Delhi who passed away recently.
 Ans. Sailendra Nath Manna
- 9. Who won the Allan Border medal (Australia cricketer of the year) award 2012? Ans. Michael Clarke
- 10. Which west Asian country approved for new constitution recently?
 Ans. Syria
- 11. Which model of Nokia phone has been built with 41-megapixel sensor camera?

Ans. Nokia 808 Pureview camera phone

12. Name the digital music store launched by flipkart.com. Ans. Flyte $\,$

13. Name the online property search portal launched by ${\tt HDFC}$ in ${\tt Kolkata}$

Ans. HDFC Red

14. Name the application launched by Vigyan Prasar and IGNOU as a free SMS service for mobile users that delivers content on science and related areas.

Ans. Science@Mobile

15. Name the Kerala-based UAE business magnate who was awarded with Interfaith Harmony Award at Kuala Lumpur.

Ans. M.A.Yusuf Ali

- 16. Which country has India agreed 'in-principle' to the participation in hydro power-projects in the North-East?
 Ans. Bangladesh
- 17. Name the Tech-savvy state which set a record by winning the National Tourism Award for its website for 5th time in last 10 years.

Ans. Kerala

18. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of fruit drink maker rasna?

Ans. Genelia D'souza

19. Name the book which is set to be launched by model-turned-actress Diana Hayden.

Ans. A Beautiful Truth

- 20. Who has been awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize considered as Nobel prize in Architecture?
 Ans. Wang Shu
- 21. Which railway station became the first railway network to offer BluFi, a combination of Bluetooth and WiFi to provide information to passengers?

Ans. Bangalore City Railway Station

- 22. Name the Indian golfer who qualified for The Open Championship to be played in July at the Royal Lytham St Annes. Ans. Anirban Lahiri
- 23. Which state bagged the second best national award in the Comprehensive Development of Tourism category? Ans. Rajasthan

- 24. Name the men's mixed doubles winner of the ATP Dubai Open 2012.
- Ans. Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna
- 25. Who won the men's singles of ATP Dubai Open 2012? Ans. Roger Federer
- 26. Name the Indian American filmmaker who won the '2012 Rising Star Award' for his feature film '9 Eleven' at the Canada International Film Festival.

Ans. Manan Singh Katohora

- 27. Who has been elected as Russian President recently? Ans. Vladimir Putin
- 28. Name of Taslima Nasreen's autobiography? Ans. Nirbasan
- 29. Who is World's shortest man as per recent Guinness World Records?

Ans. 72-year old Chandra Bahadur Dangi of Nepal

- 30. Name the Romanian Prime Minister who quit recently. Ans. Emil Boc
- 31. Name the Maldives President who was appointed after Mohamed Nasheed quit.

Ans. Mohammad Waheed Hassan

32. Which singer is launching her own social networking website exclusively for her fans?

Ans. Lady Gaga [www.littlemonsters.com]

- 33. Which country released world's highest resolution lunar images taken by its 2nd moon orbiter, Chang'e-2?
 Ans. China
- 34. Who was honoured with Lata Mangehkar award by the Madhya Pradesh government recently?

Ans. Rajesh Roshan

35. Why zebras have black and white stripes (recently solved mystery)?

Ans. To keep blood-sucking files away

36. Who was honoured with a posthumous Grammy award for his contributions to the music industry in area other than

performance?
Ans. Steve Jobs

1. Name the yesteryear actress who featured in the popular song 'Ae Meri Zohra Jabeen' from the film 'Waqt'who passed away recently.

Achala Sachdev passed away at a Pune hospital on April 30, 2012. Achala was 91 year old.

2. Where in India, largest solar power plant with an installed capacity of 40 MW started producing electricity?

Pokhran in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan

3. Which department in India plans to set up 1000 ATM's across 6 states?

Postal department

- 4. Who created history by becoming the first Indian female wrestler to have qualified for the London Olympics 2012? Geeta
- 5. Who has been appointed next Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission?

Ratan Kumar Sinha

6. In which part of India, Indo Tibetan Border Police headquarters is to be opened?

Bihar

7. Which state's High Court has insisted that banks cannot freeze accounts nor stop services of issuing cheque book or ATM facility where the account holder has not supplied KYC (Know Your Customers) documents?

Gujarat

8. Name the former Haryana chief secretary who took oath as state information commissioner ?

Urvashi Gulati

- 9. Which State becames the 3rd state in India to launch State Portal (SP) and State Service Delivery Gateway (SSDG) project? Nagaland
- 10. Who won the World Series Hockey 2012 title? Sher-E-Punjab
- 11. In which state Urdu medium Government schools would be setup as announced by Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav?
 Uttar Pradesh
- 12. Where is the World's first Virtual shopping store opened?

Korea

13. Who is named as HSBC's India CEO?

Stuart Milne

14. Which Indian state bans guthka from 1st of April 2012 to curb the increasing number of mouth cancer cases?

Madhya Pradesh

15. Which Indian state chief minister has urged union Finance Minister to bail it out of its huge burden?
West Bengal

16. Name the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice who was sworn in as Supreme court judge ?

F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla

17. Name the Gujarati techie whose name has emerged for India's President as the nation has to elect 16th President in July 2012 ?

Sam Pitroda

18. At what value Air India's restructuring plan was approved by a group of 19 banks led by SBI?

18,000 crore

19. Which services Airtel is planning to launch in Kolkata in April 2012?

4G services

20. Name the nuclear submarine which joined Indian Navy.

INS Chakra

21. Which education company bagged Rs.209 crore order from Assam Government?

Educomp

22. Which 2 north Indian states will have pipeline connected oil terminals for supply of diesel, petrol and kerosene?

Jammu and Himachal Pradesh

23. Which Asian country has issued tender to buy minimum of 30,000 tonnes of basmati rice from India and Pakistan? Iraq

24. NSE founder who passes away Recently?

RH Patil

Dr R H Patil, chairman, Clearing Corporation of India (CCIL) and founder-managing director of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) passed away in Mumbai

25. Who donated 1 million Singapore Dollars to Indian Heritage Centre?

Founder of Singapore-based IT company Si2i Mobility B.K.Modi

26. Name the world's highest and longest bridge that was officially opened to motorists in China.

Anzhaite Long-span Suspension Bridge in Jishou

27. Which bank has opened 16 Ultra Small branches in 16 locations in villages to cater to financial needs of the rural populace?

IDBI Bank

- 28. Who has been conferred with Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal? Narayana Murthy
- 29. In which city in Kerala will Infosys setup its 2nd campus? Thiruvananthapuram
- 30. Which bank will set up 1-person micro branches to serve remote areas of the northeastern region financially?

 Indian Overseas Bank
- 31. Which act does not allow to prosecute (no wife can claim compensation or maintenance) husband's girlfriend?
 Protection of Women from Domestic Vilonce Act, 2005
- 32. Name the 3 Indian hockey players after whom tube stations in London has been renamed.

Dhyan Chand, Roop Singh and Leslie Claudius

33. Who has been signed up as brand ambassador of Toyota Kirloskar Motors?

Virat Kohli

- **34. When was 63rd Rajasthan Day celebrated?** 30th March 2012
- 35. Where in Rajasthan Spices Board's first Spices Park is setup?

Jodhpur

36. Which Asian country recently became member of Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)?

India

37. Who won her 6th world sprint title at the world track cycling championships 2012?

Victoria Pendleton

- 38. Name the Malawi President who died after heart attack. Bingu wa Mutharika
- 39. Who was sworn in as Malawi's President following the death of Bingu wa Mutharika?

Joyce Banda

40. Which Asian country made Hindu marriage registration a must by bringing the law in lines with India?

Bangladesh

41. Israel has decided to setup its consulate office in which part of India?

Bangalore

42. Which Indian city is likely to get water taxis and air-conditioned trams?

Kolkata

43. Name the young doctor who is set to become the first foreign national of Indian origin to walk across Antarctica carrying the Indian Flag.

Dr.Alexander Kumar

44. Name the youngest Indian boxer who qualified for London Olympics 2012.

Shiva Thapa

- 45. What percentage hike was allocated for Karnataka by Planning Commission for current fiscal 2012-13 in the 12th Plan? 10%
- **46.** Who will be the sports ambassador for the state of Haryana? Leander Paes
- 47. Which category of women will be allowed to participate in the Miss Universe beauty pageant from next year?

Transgender women

48. Which rank does Bangalore hold as preferred entrepreneurial locations worldwide?

9th rank

49. Which TV has become the first Indian television channel to enter the Chinese market?

Zee TV

50. Which act was amended to include compulsory registration of marriages in India?

Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969

51. Where in Himachal Pradesh Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) would be opened?

Una district

52. What denominations of currency note will RBI introduce bearing rupee symbol?

Rs.20 and Rs.50 currency notes

53. Name the index on which NSE is set to launch derivative trade.

FTSE 100 index

54. What percentage and value of US based Max New York Life

Insurance was sold to Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance (MSI)? 26% and Rs.2,731 crore

- 55. Which country replaced China as Iran's top oil client? India
- 56. India has recently decided to allow Foreign Direct Investment from which Asian country?
 Pakistan
- 57. What value of equity infusion did Air India get spread over a period of 9 years?

Rs. 30,000 crore

- 58. Where in India Integrated Check Post was inaugurated on the occasion of Baisakhi to enhance trade between India-Pakistan?
 Attari
- 59. Which education council in India would have its own job portal for the students of technical and professional institutions?
- All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- **60.** Which 2 countries have agreed to resume dialogue on disarmament and non-proliferation after a gap of 9 years? India and China
- 61. Which repayment transaction is now allowed by RBI electronically i.e. NEFT?

Repayment of Loan EMI's

62. How many co-sponsors are against the Bill of outsourcing call centers in USA?

106 co-sponsors

- **63.** How much basis point did RBI cut key rates after 3 years? 50 basis points
- **64.** Name the Master Card's President and CEO who has been elected next chairman of the US-India Business Council? Ajay Banga
- 65. Which Indian FMCG company crossed \$1 billion mark in 2011-

Dabur India

66. Which 14 year old ICC cricket tournament would end after 2013?

ICC Champions Trophy

67. Which state has included services of the petroleum industry, including that provided by tanker operations as essential services under the state's Essential Services Maintenance Act 1971, (Act 20 of 1971)?

Andhra Pradesh

68. Which Indian state's 100th anniversary was celebrated recently?

Bihar

69. Who replaces Simon Leung chief executive of the greater China region of Microsoft?

Ralph Haupter

70. Bill to include children with disabilities under which Act was recently passed by Rajya Sabha recently?

Right to Education Act

- 71. Name the spy satellite launched by ISRO recently. $\ensuremath{\text{RISAT-1}}$
- 72. Which cricket player and lady actor were recommended for Rajya Sabha membership in India?

Sachin Tendulkar and Rekha

- 73. Name the Indian origin entrepreneur and educator who is named as the Goodwill Ambassador for Education Partnerships for UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). Sunny-Varkey
- 74. Who has been appointed as Governor of Goa, Rajasthan and Uttarkhand?
- B.V.Wanchoo, Margaret Alva and Aziz Qureshi
- 75. Who were given fresh terms as Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra?
- E.S.L.Narasimhan and K.Sankaranarayanan
- 76. Which Indian state will be showcased at the Cannes Film Festival?

Gujarat

77. Which 2 Asian countries will hold 1st ever economic dialogue on 30th April 2012?

India and Japan

78. Name the first of the four Dreamliner aircraft that Air India got from Nikki Haley's state.

Boeing 787

- **79. Who won the Asian Snooker Championship 2012?** Aditya Mehta
- **80. Who retained the crown as Britain's richest man?** Lakshmi Mittal
- 81. Where was the India Investrade 2012 organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata held?

Colombo, Sri Lanka

82. Name the mango variety named after the youngest Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

'Akhilesh aam', named after Akhilesh Yadav

83. Which Indian state is planning to make 100 the common number to dial in any emergency?

Tamil Nadu

84. Who became the 1st player to cross 2000 runs in cricket tournament IPL?

Suresh Raina

- **85. Which country is keen to boost trade ties with Kerala?** Singapore
- 86. Who became the 1st player to win Barcelona title for 7 times?

Rafael Nadal

 $87.\ \mbox{Name}$ the former BCCI president who passed away recently after whom the challenger trophy was named.

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