CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DECEMBER-2009

1. Who is the first Indian and the second player after Pakistan's Javed Miandad to have played in ODIs for 20 years?
Sachin Tendulkar

2. The person who prosecutors alleged worked as a Nazi guard at the Sobibor death camp, accused of helping to murder nearly 28,000 Jews at this camp, went on trial in country court in Munich, southern Germany on November 30, 2009?
John Demjanjuk.
Mr Demjanjuk, who is 89 and was deported from the US in May, entered the courtroom in a wheelchair. If found guilty, Mr Demjanjuk could be sentenced to 15 years in jail.

3. Who has been elected as the new president of Honduras in the recent elections?
Porfirio Lobo of the right of centre National party has been elected as president of Honduras. He defeated his nearest rival, Elvin Santos of the ruling Liberal party, winning 56 per cent of the vote.

4. The lawyer for 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Mohammed Ajmal Amir Kasab, who was sacked by Special Judge M.L. Tahaliyani for "non-cooperation"?
Abbas Kazmi. K P Pawar was appointed Kasab's new lawyer in place of Kazmi.

5. Who has been given the award for Cricketer of the year as well as test batsman of the year in Ceat cricket awards 2008 /09?
Gautham Gambhir

Other Award winners are:
ODI Batsman of the Year – Virender Sehwag (India)
Test Bowler of the year – Mitchell Johnson (Australia)
ODI Bowler of the year – Ajantha Mendis (Sri Lanka)
Spirit of Cricket Award – Thilan Samaraweera (Sri Lanka)
300 Wickets Felicitation Award – Harbhajan Singh (India)
Lifetime Achievement Award – EAS Prasanna (India)
Team of the year: Australia

6. Who won the ATP World Tour Finals title with a straight sets victory over Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro at London's O2 Arena?
Nikolay Davydenko

7. Which film declared as the best film in the last 96 years after an innovative on-line contest "T20 of Indian Cinema" launched by the Entertainment Society of Goa (ESG), co-host of the International Film festival of India (IFFI), in commemoration of the IFFI-09?
Meghe Dhaka Tara, a Bengali film by director Ritwik Ghatak.

The top 20 films selected are:
Meghe Dhaka Tara – Ritwik Ghatak (Bengali, 1960)
Charulata – Satyajit Ray (Bengali, 1964)
Pather Panchali – Satyajit Ray (Bengali, 1955)

Sholay- Ramesh Sippy (Hindi, 1975)
Do Bigha Zameen – Bimal Roy (Hindi, 1953)
Pyaasa – Guru Dutt (Hindi, 1957)
Bhuvan Shome – Mrinal Sen (Hindi, 1969)
Garam Hawa – M S Sathyu (Hindi, 1973)
Mother India – Mehboob Khan (Hindi, 1957)
Ghattashradha – Girish Kassarvali (Kannada, 1977)
Elippathayam – Adoor Gopalakrishnan (Malayalam, 1981)
Mughal-e-Azam – K Asif (Hindi, 1960)
Nayagan – Mani Ratnam (Tamil, 1987)
Kaghaz Ke Phool – Guru Dutt (Hindi, 1959)
Apu Triology (Pather Panchali 1955, Aparajito 1956, Apur Sansar 1959) – Satyajit Ray (Bengali)
Sant Tukaram – Vishnupant Govind Damle, Sheikh Fattelal (Marathi, 1936)
Jaane Bhi Do Yaro – Kundan Shah (Hindi, 1983)
Guide – Vijay Anand (Hindi, 1965)
Madhumati – Bimal Roy (Hindi, 1958)
Anand – Hrishikesh Mukherjee (Hindi, 1971)

8. Jammu and Kashmir has stopped work on a road project under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in Demchok in south-east Leh in Ladakh after the objection of India's neighbouring country. Which is that country?
China

9. Name of the rival body formed by the disgruntled members of the official All India Chess Federation (AICF)?
Chess Association of India.
President: Sri Naveen Kumar Wal, U.P.
Vice Presidents: Sri Raja Climax (Tamilnadu),

10. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the I-League?
Mr.Sunando Dhar
All India Football Federation officially declared that Mr.Sunando Dhar has been appointed as the new CEO of the I-League and he will join from the month of January.

11. Which pair clinched their third ATP Challenger doubles title of the season after defeating Jarkko Nieminen and Henri Kontinen 6-2, 7-6 in the final of the Helsinki event in Finland?
Rohan Bopanna (India)and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi(Pakistan).

12. Who has been named European Footballer of the Year to win the prestigious Ballon d'Or award?
Lionel Messi.
French magazine France Football said that Messi, 22-year-old Argentinian, and Barcelona playmaker forward beat last year's winner Cristiano Ronaldo into second place by a massive margin – 473 points to 233.

13. Which Tennis player has been fined $175,000 and put on probation for two years by the International Tennis Federation for her foul-mouthed tirade at the US Open?
Serena Williams

14. Which scientist had won the first Infosys Prize for Physical Sciences, which comes with a cash award of Rs 50 lakh?
Thanu Padmanabhan. He is an Indian theoretical physicist, currently the Distinguished Professor at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, (IUCAA) at Pune, India

15. Malayalam-Tamil actress who won the prestigious Golden Lamp Tree award for the best short film at the IFFI in Goa for her directorial debut “Kelkkunundo”

Geetu Mohandas. The award carries Rs. 5 lakhs and the film “Kelkkunundo was selected from among 206 films from 26 countries.

16. Veteran Japanese diplomat who was elected new director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in a closely contested election?
Yukiya Amano

17. Name of the former Miss Argentina who died after complications arising from cosmetic surgery on her buttocks?

Solange Magnano.
Solange Magnano, a mother of twins who won the crown in 1994, died of a pulmonary embolism after three days in critical condition following a gluteoplasty in Buenos Aires.

18. Malayalee director who won the Vasudha award for the best environmental film at this year’s International Film Festival of India (IFFI) that concluded in Goa?
Sanjeev Sivan
The award was for his movie ‘Underground Inferno’ produced by News and Entertainment Television, which he co-directed with Umesh Agarwal. The movie shared the award with ‘’Meltdown in Tibet’’ directed by Micheal Beckley and the award carries Rs.3 lakhs.

19. Who has been appointed as “Director-Media to the Prime Minister of India” recently ?
Binoy Job

20. Which car has managed to beat even the entry entrants and scored the highest in the entry mid-size segment according to J.D. Power Asia Pacific 2009 India initial quality study released recently?
Ford Ikon

21. Who has been elected the first President of the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA), the organization created by the July merger of the World Association of Newspapers and IFRA, the research and service organization for the news publishing industry?

Gavin O’Reilly, the Chief Executive Officer of Ireland-based Independent News & Media

PLC.

22. Which film was awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock for best film at the 40th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Goa?
“I Can’t Live Without You” (Taiwanese film). The award, a citation and cash prize of Rs.40 lakh (Rs.4 million), was awarded to the film’s director Leon Dai.

23. Who was awarded the prestigious Silver Peacock for best director at the 40th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Goa?
Ounie Leconte. She won the award for her French-South Korean film “A Brand New Life”. Special Jury award went to the Georgian filmmaker George Ovashvili for his film “The Other Bank”

24. Who won the Lifetime Achievement Award instituted for the first time by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy at the International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK)?
Mrinal Sen. He is an acclaimed Bengali film maker who made significant contributions to international cinema.

25. Name of a new force which will be created by the Indian Navy to protect Naval bases and border the coastline areas?
Sagar Prahari Bal (SPB).
SPB will comprise of 1000 personnel and will have 80 fast interception crafts for sea front patrolling.

26. Who was named the Sports Illustrated Sportsperson of the Year-2009?
Saina Nehwal.
This shuttler became the first Indian to win a Super Series title with her triumph in Indonesian event in June and also earned a place into the top-10 zone this year.

27. Who has won the sports category of CNN-IBN Indian of the year 2009?
Saina Nehwal.

28. Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has selected which city for its award for the Best Solid Waste Management City from among 63 cities where JNNURM projects have been implemented?
Kochi (Kerala)

29. Which country’s cabinet held meeting on Mount Everest to raise awareness of the effects of climate change?
Nepal

30. Which country hosted South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup In 2009?
Bangladesh

31. Former Wimbledon and Australian Open champion who retired from professional tennis recently?

Amelie Mauresmo.
At her retirement Mauresmo was ranked 21st in the world, after winning only one title in

2009.

32. Who is appointed as the Fielding consultant of the Indian Cricket Team for a three week period?
Mike Young.
He was the fielding consultant of Australian Cricket Team for last nine years.

33. Who won the prestigious Grawemeyer Award in Religion from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville?
Eboo Patel, a member of President Barack Obama's faith advisory council became the first Muslim to win this prestigious award.
Patel won the prize for his 2007 autobiography "Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation".

34. Central Government has recently rejected the Supreme Court collegium's move to elevate to the apex court Karnataka High Court Chief Justice in the wake of allegations of land grabbing against him and his family. Name of that High Court Chief Justice?
P D Dinakaran

35. From December 7, 2009, environment ministers and officials met in a European City for the United Nations climate conference to thrash out a successor to the Kyoto protocol. Which is that city?
Copenhagen, Denmark.
One hundred-and-ninety-two countries have signed the climate change convention. More than 15,000 officials, advisers, diplomats, protestors and journalists attended the meet, joined by heads of state.

36. The First Cyber Forensic and Digital Analysis Centre in India has started functioning in which city?
Thiruvananthapuram(Kerala)
The centre is functioning at the Police Headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram

37. Which team became only the third team to beat South Africa in a home one-day cricket series after the final match in Durban was abandoned because of rain?
England. England won the series 2-1. This is England's first ever ODI series victory in and against South Africa.
Paul Collingwood was named man of the series for his all-round performances, scoring 275 runs and claiming five wickets in an impressive international renaissance.

38. Who won the man of the match award in the third test between India and Sri Lanka held at Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai?
Virendra Sehwag. He scored 293 runs in the first innings.
India won the third test match by an innings and 24 runs and became the number one test team in the International Cricket Council's rankings. This is the first time that India has topped the ICC Test rankings since they were introduced in 2002.

39. Who won the Player of the series award in the recently held 3 test matches between India and Sri Lanka?

Virendra Sehwag.
He scored 491 runs in the series at an average of 123 at a strike rate of 108.

40. Who was elected as President of Bolivia for another five-year term winning 62.5 percent of the national vote and 78.5 percent in La Paz?
Evo Morales

41. Legendary actress who charmed Indian audiences with her performances in “Anarkali” and “Taj Mahal” died on the 6th of December 2009 due to cardiac arrest?
Bina Rai. She was a leading actress primarily of the black and white era of Hindi cinema and won the Filmfare Award for Best Actress for her performance in the film, Ghunghat (1960).

42. India signed a broad-based civil nuclear agreement with a country on the 7th of December 2009 which will ensure transfer of technology and uninterrupted uranium fuel supplies to its nuclear reactors and inked three pacts in the defence sector. Which is that country?
Russia. Under the agreement four new nuclear reactors would be set up by Russia in Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu and a site for the fifth one has been identified in West Bengal.

43. Which country have retained the Davis Cup after taking an unassailable 3-0 lead in the final against the Czech Republic by winning the doubles?
Spain

44. Which country has claimed consecutive Champions Trophy titles, scoring four unanswered second-half goals to beat Germany 5-3 in the final in Melbourne?
Australia.
Australia won a record 10th men’s Champions Trophy hockey title.

45. FIFA Club World Cup-2009 was played from 9 December to 19 December 2009 in which city?
Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates)
It was the sixth FIFA Club World Cup which was won by European champions Barcelona, who came from behind to defeat the South American entrants, Estudiantes, 2–1 after extra time.

46. Which player won the Man of the match award in the first 20-20 Cricket match between India and Sri Lanka held in Nagpur on 9th December 2009?
Kumar Sangakkara. He scored 78 runs from 37 balls. Sri Lanka won the match by 29 runs.

47. Which country has the world’s lowest fertility rate, with an average of one child per woman according to the latest population survey conducted by Population Reference Bureau (PRB), an organization of the United States?
Taiwan.
According to the survey, Taiwan registered only eight births per 1,000 population, the lowest level in the world.

48. Which was the most read news story of the past decade, surpassing the Iraq War and the attacks of Sept. 11, according to an analysis by a U.S.-based media tracking group?
The rise of China as an economic superpower.

49. According to a book published in Germany, the cause of the Holocaust was Hitler's "obsession with his mother's death after her treatment for cancer by a Jewish doctor". Name of that book?
"November 9: How World War One Led To the Holocaust"

The book is written by the German author, Joachim Riecker. According to the book, the Nazi leader believed that the Jewish doctor Eduard Bloch poisoned his mother and the anger, anguish and resentment led to the genocide with the death toll that spawns between 11 million and 17 million people.

50. Nuclear-capable ballistic missile of India successfully test fired at 11.31 am on December 13, 2009 from the Offshore Patrol Vehicle INS Subhadra of the Orissa coast?
Dhanush
'Dhanush' has a payload capacity of 500 kg and is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads. It can hit both sea and shore-based targets. The missile, which has liquid propellant, is the naval version of India's indigenously developed surface-to-surface 'Prithvi' missile system. Dhanush is developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

51. Best State Pavilion Award of International Flower show held in Bangalore from 5th to 9 th December 2009 won by?
State Horticulture Mission, Kerala.

52. Which commission's report was placed in the Lok Sabha on 18-12-2009 by Minority Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid?
Rangnath Mishra Commission.
The report of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, headed by former Chief Justice of India Rangnath Mishra has recommended 10 per cent reservation for Muslims and five per cent for other minorities in government jobs and favoured Scheduled Caste status for Dalits in all religions.

53. Who became the first Indian boxer to clinch a gold medal at the inter-continental President's Cup after out-punching Frenchman Nordine Oubaali 8-1 in the fly weight (51kg) finals held in Baku (Azerbaijan)?
Suranjoy Singh.

54. Who will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy the day before the Grammy Awards take place on January 30?
Michael Jackson. He will be the posthumous recipient of a special Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award and he has won 13 Grammy Awards previously.

55. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has severed ties with private security firm, whose employees helped load the drone aircraft tasked with killing targets in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Name of that private security agency?

Blackwater Worldwide.
Xe Services LLC), still usually referred to as “Blackwater”, is a private military company founded as Blackwater USA in 1997 by Erik Prince and Al Clark. Blackwater has a wide array of business divisions, subsidiaries, and spin-off corporations but the organization as a whole has courted much controversy.

56. Which player has been named World Player of the Decade by prestigious British magazine World Soccer?
Ronaldinho.
Barcelona’s Lionel Messi has been named Player of the Year by the same magazine.

57. Who is the doubles partner of Indian tennis star Sania Mirza for the Australian Open commencing next month?
Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain.

58. Which player won the Man of the match award in the second 20-20 Cricket match between India and Sri Lanka held in Mohali?
Yuvraj Singh. He took 3 wickets and scored 60 runs from 25 balls. India won the match by 6 wickets.
Man of the Series: Kumar Sangakkara.

59. Who has been named as the Miss World-2009?
Kaiane Aldorino (Gibraltar)

60. Who was recently sentenced to four years and nine months in prison and an additional three years of supervised release by a US court for posting hate messages in 2006 against former president George Bush and calling for bombings of American infrastructure?
Vikram Buddhi.

61. Which country won the fifth South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup title, by beating defending champions Maldives 3-1 via the penalty shoot-out in Dhaka?
India.
Arindam Bhattacharya (Indian Goalkeeper) was named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament
Fair Play Award: Bangladesh

62. Which Bollywood film is going to set a record in the Guinness Book of World Records as the only film in the world featuring the real-life father son duo in a role reversal on-screen?

Paa. The film is directed by Balki.
Real-life father and son Amitabh and Abhishek Bachchan are all set to enter the Guinness Book of World Records for being the only father-son acting duo to have played reversed roles on screen in Paa.

63. Which country has begun talks with Russia and a United Nations arms control committee about strengthening Internet security and limiting military use of cyberspace?

U.S.A

64. Prime Minister of Italy is recovering in hospital after an assault left his face covered in blood following a rally in Milan?
Silvio Berlusconi.
The alleged attacker, Massimo Tartaglia who has a history of mental illness, has been charged with throwing the souvenir.

65. Which country won the Champions Challenge hockey tournament in Salta, Argentina beating rivals Pakistan in the final by four goals to two?
New Zealand.
With this win, New Zealand also qualifies for the next year's six-nation Champions Trophy. India won the bronze medal with a last minute goal over Argentina (3-2). Sardar Singh (India) named as Player of the Tournament and Kyle PONTIFEX (New Zealand) was distinguished as Goal-keeper of the Tournament.

66. A British court has issued an arrest warrant for Israel's former foreign minister over war crimes allegedly committed in Gaza this year. Name of that Israeli Minister?
Tzipi Livni.
Israel has reacted angrily to the issuing by a British court of an arrest warrant for the former Israeli Foreign Minister, Tzipi Livni.

67. Who won the man of the match award in the first ODI between India and Sri Lanka held in Rajkot on 15-12-2009?
Virendra Sehwag. He scored 146 runs from 102 balls. India won the match by three runs.

68. Indian American who has been sentenced to 12 years in prison by a Texas court and ordered to pay $68 million in restitution for his involvement in an elaborate rogue internet pharmacy scheme?
Rakesh Jyoti Saran.

69. Name of the upgraded version of a surface-to-surface Long-Range Missile successfully launched by Iran on 16th December 2009?
Sajjil-2.
The solid-fuel, high-speed Sajil-2 missile has "great maneuverability" and can access targets more than 2,000 kilometers (1,242 miles) away, making Israel and U.S. military bases in the Gulf reachable.

70. Former BJP leader and Member of Parliament who resigned from the post of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman by sending his resignation letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar?
Jaswant Singh

71. Former Russian prime minister and one of the leading architects of free market reforms in post-Soviet Russia, died at the age of 53?
Yegor Gaidar.
He is an economic reformer who served as Russia's acting prime minister under former Russian president Boris Yeltsin

72. One of the country’s top drug kingpins who was killed by the Mexican Navy special forces in a shootout in the central city of Cuernavaca recently ?
Arturo Beltrán Leyva. He called himself “The Boss of Bosses” and was one of Mexico’s three most-wanted drug lords, came after a four-hour battle at a condominium complex in Cuernavaca.

73. Which country decided to phase out 300-year-old tradition of paying by cheque in favour of more modern payment methods?
Britain

74. Which cricketer blasted the fifth fastest Test century of all time en route to his 13th Test hundred, shocking Australia’s bowlers on the second day of the third and final Test at the WACA?
Chris Gayle

75. Which films won the prestigious golden crow pheasant award for best feature film at 14th edition of International Film Festival of Kerala 2009 [11-18 December, 2009] which was held in south Indian city of Trivandrum?
Indonesian film “Fishing Platform” directed by Ravi Bharwani and Iranian film “About Elly” directed by Asghar Farhadi jointly won the award.
“True Noon”, a Tajik film directed by Nosir Saidov won the best director prize whereas South African director Madoda Mcayiyana won best début director prize for his film “My Secret Sky”.

76. Who becomes the first female politician to be appointed as the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha?
Sushma Swaraj.

77. Which film won the FIPRESCI award for the best film in the just concluded 14th International Film Festival of Kerala?
A Fly in the Ashes (an Argentine film directed by Gabriela David)
NETPAC award for the best Malayalam Film: Kerala Café (a film comprising 10 short films; produced by Ranjith)
FIPRESCI award for the best Malayalam Film: Patham Nilayile Theevandi (directed by Joshy Mathew)

78. Who won the man of the match award in the second ODI between India and Sri Lanka held in Nagpur?
Tillakaratne Dilshan. He scored 123 runs off 113 balls and Sri Lanka won the match by 3 wickets.
Dilshan became the first and only batsman this year to register ten hundreds in international cricket – 6 in Tests and 4 in ODIs.

79. Name of the Florida inmate who has become the longest-serving prisoner to be exonerated using DNA evidence and he was released from a Florida prison, where he had spent 35 years for a crime he didn’t commit?
James Bain.
A court-mandated DNA test proved Bain was wrongly convicted of sexual assault in 1974.

80. Who has been ranked among top five best performing CEOs in the world by the prestigious Harvard Business Review?
Mukesh Ambani. He heads India’s most valuable company Reliance Industries,

81. Name of the book in which the first history of Clinton scandal has been written and the same book also alleges that Clinton had an affair with Susan McDougal of Whitewater infamy?

“The Death of American Virtue”
In this book, former White House intern Monica Lewinsky says former President Bill Clinton lied under oath when describing their romantic encounters. The author of the book is,” Ken Gormley

82. Who was elected unanimously as the National President of BJP?
Nitin Gadkari

83. Name of the two pops who were declared venerable by Pope Benedict XVI-the first step on the road to canonization as saints for both men?
Pope John Paul II and Pope Pius XII.
Pius XII, the Pope who led the Church during the Second World War (he was Pope from 1939 to 1958), and John Paul II (Pope from 1978 to 2005) are now officially to be called”Venerable” (meaning able to be venerated).

84. Who has been appointed as the Director of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)?
Dr K Sree Krishna Kumar

85. Iran’s most senior dissident cleric who is treated as the spiritual father of Iran’s reformists died at the age of 87?
Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri.

86. Who won the man of the match award in the third test between Australia and West Indies held at the WACA Ground?
Chris Gayle. He also named the man of the series.
Australia beat West Indies by 35 runs in third Test and won the series 2-0.

87. President of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) who has been denied a visa by Pakistan for attending a conference to be held in Islamabad?
Mehbooba Mufti

88. Who won the women’s singles title in the Syed Modi International Grand Prix Badminton tournament in Luknow?
Saina Nehwal

89. Who won the men’s singles title in the Syed Modi International Grand Prix Badminton tournament in Luknow?
Chetan Anand

90. Who won the man of the match award in the first test between England and South

Africa held in Centurion?
Graeme Swann.

91. Who has been appointed as deputy leader of BJP in the Lok Sabha?
Gopinath Munde, Former Maharashtra deputy chief minister.

92. American actress who gained fame in movies like “8 Mile” and “Just Married,” died at the age of 32?

Brittany Murphy

93. Who won the man of the match award in the third ODI between India and Sri Lanka held in Cuttack?
Ravindra Jadeja . He took 4 wickets for 32runs. India won the match by 7 wickets.

94. Who has been awarded the honorary life membership of the Professional Golf Tour of India?

Jeev Milkha Singh, top golfer of India.

95. Who has been named as its Rolex Player of the Year 2009 by the Professional Golf Tour of India?
Anirban Lahiri

96. Which country dominated in the Commonwealth Wrestling championship, which concluded at the PAP Indoor Stadium, Jalandhar?
India.
India won 7 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze medals and clinched the team championship trophy.

97. Who has been named Fifa World Footballer of the Year-2009?
Lionel Messi.(Club:Barcelona)
He becomes the first Argentine to win this award.
Cristiano Ronaldo was honoured for scoring the best goal of 2009, a 40-meter shot against Porto in last season’s Champions League
The late England player and manager Bobby Robson received FIFA’s fair play award, while the presidential award for contributions to football and society went to Jordan’s Queen Rania.

98. Who won the female equivalent of FIFA’s World Player Of The Year Award for the fourth consecutive time?
Marta, Brazilian striker.

99. Noted Malayali writer who got this year’s Kendra Sahitya Academy Award for his novel ‘Thrikkottoor peruma ‘?
U A Khader

100. 10th Auto Expo will be held in which city of India?
Delhi. Expo will start from January 5.

101. Who has been appointed to lead the UNDP Global Programme on Democratic Governance Assessment?
John Samuel.
He is a renowned policy researcher, democracy activist and the International Director of Actionaid.

102. New Zealand pace bowler who has retired from Test cricket due to concerns over his ability to play five-day matches?

Shane Bond

103. Managing director of the EMKE group, who has won elections to the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry?
M.A. Yusuf Ali.

104. Name of the mega public sector undertakings which got greater financial and operational autonomy after the government accorded the “Maharatna” status to these firms to help them emerge as global giants?
ONGC, SAIL and NTPC.
ONGC-Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
SAIL-Steel Authority of India Ltd.
NTPC-National Thermal Power Corporation.

105. Who won the man of the match award in the fourth ODI between India and Sri Lanka held in Kolkata?
Gautham Gambhir . He scored unbeaten 150 runs.. India won the match by 7 wickets.

106. Indian cricketers who included in the All star2009-The Test XI of 2009 selected by the cricket expert Peter Roebuck?
Virender Shewag
Sachin Tendulkar
Mahendra Singh Dhoni.
Dhoni is selected as captain of the team.
Other Members: Andrew Strauss(England), Kumar Sangakkara(Sri Lanka), A.B. de Villiers(South Africa), Daniel Vettori (vice-captain)(New Zealand), Mitchell Johnson(Australia), Graeme Swann(South Africa), Mohammad Asif(Pakistan), Dale Steyn(South Africa).
12th Man : Thilan Samaraveera(Sri Lanka).

107. Name of the intercontinental ballistic missile successfully test launched by Russia?
‘RS 20 V’ Voevoda intercontinental ballistic missile.

108. Senior Congress leader and governor of Andhra Pradesh who resigned after an alleged sex scandal?
N.D. Tiwari.

109. Which country launched the world’s fastest train service covering a distance of 1,068 kms at the average speed of 350 kms an hour?

China

110. Which journal has won the award for the best journal in the cooperative sector in India?
‘Matsya’, the journal brought out by Matsyafed, Kerala won the award for the second consecutive year.
Matsyafed also won the Matsya Sahakar Seva Award for the best cooperative institution in the fisheries sector in the country.

111. Name of the woman who attacked Pope Benedict XVI at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, 24 December 2009, inside St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City?
Susanna Maiolo.

112. Sri Lankan all rounder who completed his 20 years in international cricket?
Sanath Jayasuriya.
The 40-year-old Jayasuriya played his first international cricket against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Dec 26, 1989.

113. The fifth and the final ODI between India and Sri Lanka was abandoned due to ‘dangerous’ playing conditions.. Where was the match scheduled?
Feroz Shah Kotla stadium, Delhi

114. Who was sworn-in as the new Governor of Andhra Pradesh following ND Tiwari’s resignation in the wake of a controversy over a sting operation purportedly showing him in with three women?
ES Lakshmi Narasimhan.

115. Which country sent army troops with shields and batons to evict some 4,000 ethnic Hmong asylum seekers y and send them back to Laos despite strong objections from the U.S.A?
Thailand

116. The remains of which Renaissance astronomer, excavated in 2005 by archaeologists in north-eastern Poland, are to be re-buried next year (i.e. .after 467 years)?
Nicolaus Copernicus.
Copernicus’s skull and leg bones were discovered during excavations by Polish archaeologists four year ago at the Frombork Cathedral, in the town where Copernicus made key observations.

117. Which countries decided to invest $600 million to set up a joint venture (JV) to produce a medium lift transport aircraft for their armed forces?
India and Russia

118. An Israeli former nuclear technician who, citing his opposition to weapons of mass destruction, revealed details of Israel’s nuclear weapons program to the British press in 1986 was arrested “by Jerusalem Police?

Mordechai Vanunu.
After revealing the secrets, he was transported to Israel and ultimately convicted in a

secret trial. Vanunu spent 18 years in prison, including more than 11 years in solitary confinement. Released from prison in 2004, he became subject to a broad array of restrictions on his speech and movement. On 28 December 2009, Mr. Vanunu was once again arrested “by Jerusalem Police in a hotel in the capital following an alleged meeting with his girlfriend, a Norwegian national.

119. The British national who was convicted and executed on 29 December 2009 in the People’s Republic of China for drug trafficking?
Akmal Shaikh.
Shaikh was the first national of today’s EU Member States to be executed in China in over 50 years.

120. Popular Kannada actor died of cardiac arrest in Mysore at the age of 59?

Vishnuvardhan

121. Who won the man of the match award in the third test between England and South Africa held in Durban?
Graeme Swann. He finished with 5-54 as England beat South Africa by an innings and 98 runs in the second Test

122. Who has been chosen for this year’s prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Journalist award?
N Ram, Editor-in-Chief of the ‘Hindu’
Vir Sanghvi of ‘Hindustan Times’ was the recipient of the Tilak award in 2009.

123. Who won the man of the match award in the first test between Australia and Pakistan held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground?
Nathan Hauritz (Australia) He bagged five wickets as Australia beat Pakistan by 170 runs.