Answers with Explanation

1. (a) ML Srivastava
The Union Ministry of Culture has appointed ML Srivastava as Protem Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi. ML Srivastava is currently a Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Culture. He will hold the office till a full-time chairman is appointed by the Centre.

2. (b) 1 April 2018
The E-way bill was introduced from April 1, 2018 in India. The E-way bill is for the movement of goods between the states and it can be generated on the E-way bill Portal.

3. (c) Vineet Joshi
Vineet Joshi, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Manipur cadre, was appointed as the Director-General of the National Testing Agency (NTA) for a period of 5 years. The NTA under the Department of Higher Education is an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organisation.

4. (d) Abdel Fattah al-Sisi
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6. (b) Chandra Bhushan Kumar
Chandra Bhushan Kumar, a 1995 batch IAS officer of the Manipur cadre, was appointed as the new Deputy Election Commissioner as part of a major bureaucratic reshuffle affected by the government.

7. (c) Nepal
Nepal has launched its first accessible trekking trail in Pokhara as a part of three-day international conference on Accessible Tourism held for the first time in the Himalayan nation from March 29 to March 31 in Pokhara.

8. (b) India
India has replaced Vietnam to become the second-largest producer of mobile phones in the world, only after China. According to data shared by ICA, India accounted for 11 percent of global mobile production in 2017 compared to 3 percent in 2014.