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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. Which Indian State flagged off India's 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind 'Fruit Train' Carries a load of 980 metric tonnes of Bananas under brand name 'Happy Bananas' (January 2020)?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Tamil Nadu

**Answer - 4) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

India's first of its kind fruit train was launched from Tadipatri Railway Station in Anantapur district & from Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. This is the first time an entire train carrying a load of 980 metric tonnes of locally grown bananas. The bananas will be exported under the brand name 'Happy Bananas'. Guntakal Railway division (is one of the four divisions of South Coast Railway zone of the Indian Railways) has loaded bananas for export to West Asian countries from Tadipatri at very first time and also it has been sent to the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNP) in Mumbai, Maharashtra from where it will be exported to Iran.

**2. The 34<sup>th</sup> edition of Surajkund International Crafts mela was Inaugurated by President Ram Nath Govind in February 2020 (Feb 1-16, 2020). The Surajkund International Crafts mela the largest crafts fair in the world was conducted in which Indian State?**

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Goa

**Answer - 3) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela in Haryana. Surajkund International Crafts Mela the Largest crafts fair in the world will be held every year at Surajkund in Faridabad district, Haryana.

**3. Which Indian State has been chosen as 'theme state' in 34<sup>th</sup> edition of Surajkund International Crafts mela 2020?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer - 5) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Himachal Pradesh is the 'Theme State' of the 34<sup>th</sup> Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2020, which is showcasing its unique culture and rich heritage through various art forms and handicrafts from the state. There is also a replica of Also a replica of 'Bhima Kali Temple' and the already existing 'Maheshwar Devta Temple', promises to be the main attraction of this year's Mela.

**4. Which country has banned the export of N95 masks and all kinds of protective equipment's (February 2020) with immediate effect to avoid the increasing demand of the products (due to outbreak of nCoV)?**

- 1) China
- 2) United States of America

- 3) Singapore
- 4) India
- 5) Germany

Answer - **4) India**

**Explanation:**

On February 01, 2020 Export of all kinds of personal protection equipment, like clothing and masks for protecting people from airborne particles including coveralls and N95 masks were banned by India with immediate effect. The move has been taken assuming that there could be a growing demand for such products due to the recent outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (nCoV).

**5. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) along with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) have launched Clean Air Project (CAP) in which Indian city/cities?**

- 1) Lucknow
- 2) Nasik
- 3) Kanpur
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) All of the Above

Answer - **5) All of the Above**

**Explanation:**

In order to improve air quality, TERI along with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) have launched Clean Air Project (CAP) in 4 Indian cities namely, Uttar Pradesh's (UP) Lucknow and Kanpur and Maharashtra's Pune and Nashik. This move will support the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) which aims to reduce the PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10 concentrations by 20-30 % by 2024. NCAP was launched by Environment Ministry in January 2019.

**6. In the 3 day Narmada Mahotsav celebrated (Jan1-Feb3, 2020), one day is reserved for theme 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao'. The Narmada Mahotsav was held at?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer - **3) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

In Madhya Pradesh (MP), Bhopal, 3-day Narmada Mahotsav was celebrated on 31st January to 2nd February 2020, on the plains of Amarkantak, MP, on the occasion of Narmada Jayanthi. Among 3 days of celebration one day will be reserved for all women activities under the theme of "Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao"

**7. The India's biggest rural technical festival 'Antapragnya 2020' with the theme 'Spot and encourage rural tech innovators' held at which Indian State?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer - **3) Telangana**

**Explanation:**

India's biggest rural technical festival 'Antahpragnya 2020' was held in Rajiv Gandhi University of knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, Nirmal district, Telangana and the festival was inaugurated by M Prashanthi, District Collector of Nirmal, Telangana. The festival was held for 3 days from 31st January to February 1, 2020. The theme for the year 2020 was "Spot and encourage rural tech

innovators". The festival displays 300 prototypes, working models, exhibits technologies such as automatic switch for water, homemade electricity, smoke absorber, automatic street lighting system, smart dustbins, zero budget farming, automatic irrigation etc.

**8. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian State to declare novel coronavirus as 'State Disaster' (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Kerala

Answer - **5) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

The Kerala government has declared the novel coronavirus epidemic as a "state calamity" after three people were tested positive for the infection in the state, which was announced by State Health Minister KK Shailaja, nearly 25 countries were infected by novel coronavirus so far.

**9. Supreme Court (SC) has directed the state Governments to issue notification regarding establishment of mobile village courts 'Gram Nyayalayas' within 4 weeks. Who is the Head of SC bench which directed the order?**

- 1) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
- 2) Justice Jasti Chelameswar
- 3) Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana
- 4) Justice Indira Banerjee
- 5) Justice Aniruddha Bose

Answer - **3) Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana**

**Explanation:**

Supreme Court (SC) bench headed by Justice Nuthalapati Venkata (NV) Ramana has directed the state governments to issue notifications for establishing mobile village courts called "Gram Nyayalayas" within 4 weeks. It also asked the High Courts (HC) to speed up consultation with department concerned on the matter.

**10. The Cabinet gives in-principle approval for setting up new port Vadhavan (Feb 2020) at a cost of Rs. 65,544.54 crores in which Indian state?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Goa
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) West Bengal

Answer - **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

The cabinet has given its 'in-principle' approval for setting up a Major Port at Vadhavan near Dahanu in Maharashtra at a cost of Rs. 65,544.54 crores. The port will be developed on "land lord model".

**11. The Cabinet has approved to provide Institution of national important status for which among the following Institutions in Feb 2020?**

- 1) IIIT Surat
- 2) IIIT Bhopal
- 3) IIIT Agartala
- 4) IIIT Raichur
- 5) All the above

Answer - **5) All the above**

**Explanation:**

The cabinet has approved introduction of the Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 the bill has provision to provide the Five IIITs in Public-private partnership (PPP) as institution of national importance to Surat (Gujarat), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhagalpur (Bihar), Agartala (Tripura) and Raichur (Karnataka) will now be able to use the nomenclature of Bachelor of Technology, BTech or Master of Technology or PhD degree.

**12. The Central government has relaxed the rule (The airline need to have minimum 20 aircraft to operate internationally) to Alliance Air in operating flights between India and \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) China

Answer - 2) Sri Lanka

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi, has approved exemptions in Air India's subsidiary- Alliance Air for the operation of international flights between India & Sri Lanka with prior effect by waiving the rule that an airline needs to have minimum 20 aircraft to operate internationally.

**13. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 15-member trust named 'Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Tirtha Kshetra trust' to construct ram temple in Ayodhya. The Ayodhya is located in which Indian state?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Haryana

Answer - 2) Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in Parliament about the formation of a trust to oversee the construction of a Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. In this regard, 67.703 acres of land near the temple area has been allocated to the trust.

**14. With which country India has signed 1<sup>st</sup> ever term contract for importing 2 Million Metric Tonnes of Urals grade crude oil to India for the year 2020?**

- 1) Oman
- 2) UAE
- 3) USA
- 4) Russia
- 5) Iran

Answer - 4) Russia

**Explanation:**

The union cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Petroleum and natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan signed the 1st ever term contract with Mr. Igor Sechin, Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O) and Chairman of Rosneft (Russia's largest oil producing Company). The term contract is between State-Owned Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Rosneft for Importing 2 Million Metric Tonnes of Urals grade crude oil to India for the year 2020.

**15. Along with Which Institute/Organization the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to establish 7 high performance centers across the country to train the young players to participate in 2024 and 2028 Olympics?**

- 1) Hockey India
- 2) Ministry of youth affairs and sports
- 3) Athletics Federation of India
- 4) Archery Association of India
- 5) Special Olympics Bharat

**Answer - 1) Hockey India**

**Explanation:**

Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Hockey India announced the establishment of the High Performance Centers in 7 places across the country, for the young hockey players (14 to 24 years of age) to participate in 2024 and 2028 Olympic games.

**16. The Arun-III hydro project is backed by India and secured NPR 100 Billion for 900MW project built on the river Arun. Where is river Arun located at?**

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Myanmar

**Answer - 4) Nepal**

**Explanation:**

The Arun-3 hydropower project, the largest Indian-backed project in Nepal, secured NPR (Nepalese rupee) 100 Billion for the 900 MW (megawatt) hydropower project being built on the Arun River in Nepal's Sankhuwasabha District. India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Arun-III Power Development Company, the developer of the Arun-III hydropower project has signed the financial closure of the project with 7 banks in Kathmandu, Nepal.

**17. Where is India's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Glass floor bridge built at replacing iconic suspension bridge Lakshman Jhula?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Meghalaya

**Answer - 4) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Uttarakhand government has cleared the design of a glass floor suspension bridge, the first of its kind in the country, to be built across Ganga River in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand as a replacement to iconic Lakshman Jhula which was closed in 2019 due to safety reasons. It has been in place for 94 years. The glass floor suspension bridge design is prepared by Public Works Department (PWD). It will be safe for commutation for at least 150 years.

**18. The 15.6km long railway line between Agartala to Akhaura will be completed by September 2021. It is the Railway line between India and \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) China
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Myanmar

**Answer - 4) Bangladesh**



**Explanation:**

The 15.6km long railway line between Agartala, India(Tripura)-Akhaura in Bangladesh will be completed by September 2021, these railway routes will improve connectivity between Indian Railways and Bangladesh Railways and will boost trade between the two countries. Rs.580 cores has been sanctioned for the Indo-Bangla railway link in the Indian side. the process of acquisition of land for this project has been done and handed over to IRCON (Indian Railway Construction Company Limited) who is the Executing agency for the construction of the project for both countries. This will be the 1st train from the northeast India to Bangladesh.

**19. In which Indian state for the 1<sup>st</sup> time drones are used for village mapping (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer - **5) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Madhya Pradesh (MP) government, for the first time, will use drones for mapping villages. This will replace the land survey work, done either manually or with the help of satellite images. In this regard, state revenue department inked an agreement with Survey of India, the country's national mapping agency under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

**20. Which State/UT government has renamed the department of Public Health Engineering and Irrigation and Flood Control (PHE & IFC) as Jal Shakti Department?**

- 1) Puducherry
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Haryana

Answer - **3) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) administration renamed Public Health Engineering and Irrigation and Flood Control Department (PHE & IFC) as the 'Jal Shakthi Department'. The Administrative Council meeting was met under the Chairmanship of Girish Chandra Murmu, Lieutenant Governor of J&K, sanctioned the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to achieve 100% coverage of piped water supply by December 2021.

**21. Which state has allocated 5 acres' land to Sunni Waqf Board to construct mosque as per Supreme Court's order?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Bihar

Answer - **4) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) state Government cabinet chaired by its Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath has approved the allotment of 5-acre land to the Sunni Waqf Board for the construction of a new mosque in Ayodhya district. The land was in Dhannipur village along the Lucknow-Ayodhya highway, about 18 kilometres from the Ayodhya's Headquater, Faizabad.



**22. Which Indian city receives the UNESCO world heritage city certificate during the visit of General Audrey Azoulay Directorate General of UNESCO's visit to India (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) Jaipur
- 4) Ahmedabad
- 5) Mumbai

Answer - **3) Jaipur**

**Explanation:**

General Audrey Azoulay Directorate General of UNESCO visited Pink City or walled city Jaipur, which in June 2019 became 38th World Heritage site in India. She presented the World Heritage City certificate to Minister of Urban Development Shanti Dhariwal. In 2017, Ahmedabad became the first city of India to get the World Heritage City tag.

**23. Who heads the Indian National Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO, met the DG UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay in New Delhi (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 4) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- 5) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer - **4) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**

**Explanation:**

Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank who heads the Indian National Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO, met the DG UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay in New Delhi. During the meet, the two sides signed an agreement in the education sector.

**24. Which ministry has launched the assessment frameworks Ease of living Index (EoLI) and Municipal Performance Index (MPI) to access the quality of life of citizens in 100 smart cities and 14 other cities?**

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Health and Family Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Panchayat Raj

Answer - **4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has launched, two Assessment Frameworks, viz. Ease of Living Index (EoLI) and Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2019 to assess to assess quality of life of citizens in 100 Smart Cities and 14 other Million Plus Cities. This will empower the cities to use evidence to plan, implement them & then monitor their performance. This survey, which is being administered both online and offline, has commenced from 1st February 2020 and will continue till 29th February 2020.

**25. Which Metro has become country's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest operational metro recently (Feb 2020) with operational distance of 69.3 Km?**

- 1) Delhi metro rail corporation
- 2) Namma metro
- 3) Hyderabad metro rail
- 4) Chennai metro rail
- 5) Kochi metro rail

Answer - **3) Hyderabad metro rail**

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister of Telangana State Mr. K. Chandrashekhara Rao flagged off new Metro line from Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) connecting twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, and the stretch covering of 11-kms(Kilometers) becomes India's 2nd largest Metro Rail Network of total operational distance of 69.2kms, only next to Delhi Metro Rail Network having an operational distance of 231kms. Karnataka's Namma Metro rail network is India's 3rd largest network of operational distance of 42.3kms.

**26. Which department has notified the quality control norms of LPG rubber hose for import and manufacturing standard in India which comes into effect from August 1, 2020?**

- 1) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals
- 2) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- 3) Department of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Department of Biotechnology
- 5) Department of Internal Security

Answer - **2) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade**

**Explanation:**

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has notified Quality Control norms for LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas) Rubber Hose with an aim to contain import and production of sub-standard products in India. The norm will come into effect from August 1, 2020. The DPIIT has also come out with quality control norms for certain steel items and cables and pressure cooker.

**27. The 1<sup>st</sup> Disha Police station was inaugurated recently (Feb 2020) in which Indian state?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer - **2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP) Yeduguri Sandinti (YS) Jaganmohan Reddy has launched the 1st Disha Police Station in the State at Rajamahendravaram in East Godavari district with the aim to provide speedy justice to female victims of sexual assaults and other heinous crimes under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. AP government has approved the A.P. Disha Bill, 2019 that makes it mandatory to settle cases of atrocities against women in 21 days and punishment including a death penalty for the offences of rape and gang-rape.

**28. The Prime Minister Modi has attended the celebration of signing Bodo peace accord in Feb 2020. The Bodo is single largest tribe community in which Indian state?**

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Assam
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer - **3) Assam**

**Explanation:**

Bodos are the single largest tribal community in Assam, making up over 5-6 per cent of the state's population. They have controlled large parts of Assam in the past. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has attended the rally at Kokrajhar in Assam to celebrate the signing of the Tripartite Bodo Agreement, which was signed between the Centre, Assam Government and the banned Assam-based insurgent group National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) on 27th January 2020.

**29. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has paired up \_\_\_ best performing cities with \_\_\_ poorly performing cities will work as 'Sister City' to help most backward smart cities.**

- 1) 10, 10
- 2) 15, 15
- 3) 10, 20
- 4) 20, 20
- 5) 15, 20

**Answer - 4) 20, 20**

**Explanation:**

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has paired up the 20 best performing cities with the 20 bottom cities. The top 20 smart cities of the country will work as "sister city" & tasked to help make the most backward 20 cities smart cities.

**30. As per Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs which city will act as 'sister city' of Varanasi (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Diu
- 2) Surat
- 3) Ahmedabad
- 4) Amritsar
- 5) Chandigarh

**Answer - 4) Amritsar**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has decided to pair the 20 best performing smart cities as 'sister cities' with the poorly performing 20 smart cities. According to the list, PM Modi's parliamentary constituency Varanasi will guide Amritsar. Varanasi has been paired with another holy city Amritsar. Now, Varanasi will help Amritsar to improve its performance under the smart cities mission.

**31. Which Ministry is organising an 18-day long Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat campaign across India to promote cultural Unity (Feb 10 – 18, 2020)?**

- 1) Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Culture
- 3) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 4) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 5) Ministry of Rural Development

**Answer - 3) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

**Explanation:**

On February 10, 2020, an 18-day long "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat Campaign" has commenced across India with the aim of bringing various states into the thread of cultural unity. The campaign is being organised by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, till 28th February 2020.

**32. The Hornbill festival was conducted at Which Indian state for the 1<sup>st</sup> time on February 8, 2020?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer - 3) Tripura**

**Explanation:**

The Hornbill festival was celebrated in Tripura, Agartala. Chief Minister (CM) Biplab Kumar Dev inaugurated the 2-day hornbill festival at Baramura hill (in western Tripura). The festival was

celebrated for the 1st time in Tripura. The Hornbill festival is a celebration held every year from December 1 to 10, in Nagaland, Northeast India. It is also called the 'Festival of Festivals'.

**33. Recently (Feb 2020) Which state government has launched its helicopter service under Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) which is the 260<sup>th</sup> operational route under connectivity scheme?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Punjab

**Answer - 2) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Trivendra Singh Rawat along with Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation Jointly Inaugurated the 1st ever Helicopter services from Dehradun's Sahastradhara helipad to Gauchar and from Sahastradhara to Chinyalisaur under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik(RCS-UDAN) of Government of India. The main objective of this Helicopter Services is to Improve the Aerial Connectivity of the Hilly areas in the Country.

**34. Which State/UT doesn't cover under UDAN 4.0 Scheme?**

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Odisha

**Answer - 5) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

UDAN 4.0- Aim to connect priority regions (North Eastern Region, Hilly States, Jammu Kashmir, Ladakh, and Islands) for the Common People.

**35. India's 1<sup>st</sup> home based global platform to promote Fintech innovation India FinTech Festival (IFF) in March 2020 will be held in \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Bengaluru
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Hyderabad
- 5) New Delhi

**Answer - 3) Mumbai**

**Explanation:**

India FinTech Festival (IFF) 2020, India's 1st home based global platform to promote Fintech innovation will be held in Mumbai, Maharashtra in March 2020. Medici is the program partner for the IFF 2020.

**36. The 1<sup>st</sup> "Jerusalem-Mumbai festival" to be held in Mumbai on Feb 15-16, 2020 to provide special link between two cities. Jerusalem is the Capital of which country?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Israel
- 4) Jordan
- 5) Lebanon

**Answer - 3) Israel**

**Explanation:**

The first "Jerusalem-Mumbai Festival" will be held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya Museum, Mumbai, Maharashtra on February 15 & 16, 2020. The Festival aims to provide special links between two cities and also to promote ties between India and Israel and creates a platform for cooperation among artists, tourism, cinema.

**37. The Ministry of Coal (MoC) launched a web portal for star rating of coal mines to promote green and safe mining practices. Who is the current Coal Minister (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 2) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- 3) Pralhad Joshi
- 4) Giriraj Singh
- 5) Prahalad Singh Patel

Answer - **3) Pralhad Joshi**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Coal (MoC) launched a web portal for star rating of coal mines, to promote green, safe and sustainable mining practices. Union Minister of Coal & Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi launched the web portal in New Delhi, India.

**38. Which state government has launched the "Reading Mission" (Feb 2020) based on central government's "Reading Mission-2022" to encourage habit of reading books?**

- 1) Goa
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Kerala

Answer - **4) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

On February 10, 2020 Kanwar Pal, Haryana education minister, launched 'Reading Mission- Haryana' to inculcate reading habits among students. Book review sessions will be organized by students once a month in educational institutions & 45-minute mass- reading Programme will be held on 4th Saturday of every month.

**39. Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi was formed as 28<sup>th</sup> district of which Indian State/UT?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Odisha

Answer - **2) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, inaugurated Gaurela-Pendra-Maewahi as the 28th district state of the state. The new district, carved out of Bilaspur, has 3 tehsils (taluk) & 3 development blocks namely Gaurela, Pendra and Marwahi.

**40. Which Indian State/UT has announced the Cauvery Delta region as the Protected Special Agricultural Zone (SAZ) (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Puducherry
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer - 4) Tamil Nadu

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K. Palaniswamy announced that Cauvery delta regions in Tamil Nadu is going to be declared as a protected Special Agricultural Zone (SAZ). He also added that a special team will be formed to produce special law to make the Delta region as a Protected Zone.

**41. The 2<sup>nd</sup> BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise with the themes “A cultural heritage site that suffers severe damage in the Earthquake” & “Flooding or Storm” held at which Indian state (Feb 11-13, 2020)?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Gujarat

Answer - 1) Odisha

**Explanation:**

The “2<sup>nd</sup> BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2020 (BIMSTEC DMEx-2020)” was held at Bhubaneswar/Puri, Odisha from 11-13 February, 2020 with themes “A cultural heritage site that suffers severe damage in the Earthquake” & “Flooding or Storm”. Organized by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), on behalf of the Government of India, BIMSTEC DMEx-2020 was inaugurated by Chief Minister Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik on Feb 11, 2020.

**42. The 20<sup>th</sup> Hunar Haat showcases the handmade indigenous products of master artisans and craftsman to be held at New Delhi with the theme “Kaushal ko kaam” in February 13, 2020. The Hunar Haat is the initiative of which Indian Ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- 2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 3) Ministry of Culture
- 4) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer - 4) Ministry of Minority Affairs

**Explanation:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> ‘Hunar Haat’, an initiative of the Minority Affairs Ministry, showcases handmade indigenous products of master artisans and craftsmen are made available to the people, will be held from February 13-23, 2020 based on the theme of “Kaushal Ko Kaam” at India Gate Lawns, Rajpath, New Delhi.

**43. Which Indian state hosts “CLIMFISHCON-2020” the International conference on climate change and ocean health in February 2020 with the theme “Climate change-effective adaptation for a secure Future”?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer - 3) Kerala

**Explanation:**

The “CLIMFISHCON” is a Four-day International Conference on changes in Hydrological cycle, Ocean ecosystem, Fisheries and Food security due to Global climate change. And the conference is going to be held at the Le Meridian Convention center in Kochi, Kerala from February 11 to February 14, 2020. The Theme for the conference is ‘Climate Change-Effective Adaptation for a Secure Future’.



**44. Union Health Ministry has issued notification declaring all the medical devices used on Human & Animal as “Drugs” under which Act?**

- 1) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940
- 2) Society registration Act, 1960
- 3) The drug and cosmetics rules, 1945
- 4) Indian medical council Act, 1956
- 5) The drugs control Act, 1950

Answer - **1) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940**

**Explanation:**

In order to ensure all medical devices is of the same standard & quality, the Union Health Ministry has issued a notification declaring all medical devices used on humans or animals as the category of “drugs”. This notification, effective from April 1, 2020, was made in accordance with sub-clause (iv) of clause (b) of section 3 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

**45. Government of India has decided to rename the National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad, Haryana. The NIFM will be named after which Indian Former Finance minister?**

- 1) Yashwant Sinha
- 2) Pranab Mukherjee
- 3) Arun Jaitley
- 4) Manmohan Singh
- 5) Jaswant Singh

Answer - **3) Arun Jaitley**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India decided to rename the National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad, Haryana, as “Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM).

**46. Which Indian city going to get the largest air quality monitoring network in India (February 2020)?**

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) Bengaluru
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Kolkata

Answer - **4) Mumbai**

**Explanation:**

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) will develop an air quality monitoring network across 90 locations in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It will be the largest network in India.

**47. Which organization has collaborated with Zonal cultural centres of cultural ministry to compile the National list of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)?**

- 1) The Drama School Mumbai
- 2) Sangeet Natak Academy
- 3) The Shiamak Dance Academy
- 4) Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute
- 5) Sangam Academy of Music

Answer - **2) Sangeet Natak Academy**

**Explanation:**

Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) has collaborated with Zonal Cultural Centers of Culture Ministry to prepare a list of ICH elements for the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). The information was provided by the Union Minister of State (I/c) of Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel.



**48. Former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid recently inaugurated Salem Cricket Foundation (SCF) in Feb 2020. Salem is the district in which Indian state/UT?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Puducherry
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer - 1) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniwami along with National Cricket Academy Head and Former Indian cricketer Rahul Dravid inaugurated the Salem Cricket Foundation (SCF) ground at Valapadi, Salem in Tamil Nadu.

**49. Which Indian state signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 11 Agricultural Institutions to help farmers in February 2020?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer - 3) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government (govt.) signed MoU (Memorandum of Understandings) with 11 agricultural institutions in the country to establish revolutionary changes in the agriculture sector through technology & sustainable increase in farmers' income using organic and natural farming processes.

**50. Which Indian state's cabinet approves the Ground Water Act 2020 which aims to improve the falling level of the ground water level (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Odisha
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Maharashtra

**Answer - 2) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) state Cabinet, chaired by its Chief Minister(CM) Yogi Adityanath has approved the Ground Water Act-2020 with the aim to improve the falling level of ground water. The cabinet has also approved the provisions of penalty and punishment against the person who contaminate the ground water level.

**51. Along with which organization the Ministry of Human Resource & Development and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare developed the curriculum for School Health Ambassador Initiative under Ayushman Bharat's School Health Programme?**

- 1) Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE)
- 2) Central Institute of Education Technology (CIET)
- 3) National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
- 4) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- 5) University Grants Commission (UGC)

**Answer - 3) National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT)**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank", Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan jointly released curriculum for School Health Ambassador Initiative under Ayushman Bharat's School Health Programme (SHP) during an occasion in New Delhi. The curriculum teachers will act as "Health and Wellness Ambassadors". Ministry of Human Resource & Development and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) along with National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed curriculum framework and training material for training of nodal teachers.

**52. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) has issued notification on January 10, 2020 which prohibited carrying of \_\_\_\_\_ in both domestic and International airports under Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS).**

- 1) e-Cigarettes
- 2) Vape pens
- 3) e-hookah
- 4) both 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

Answer - 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

**Explanation:**

The prohibition of electronic-cigarettes by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, it has been decided that e-cigarettes includes all forms of electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS), heat not burn products, e-hookah and the like devices," stated the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security circular dated January 10.

**53. The Cabinet gives in-principle approval to infusion of capital of amount Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ to three public sector general insurance companies named Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL), National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) and United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL).**

- 1) 1000 Crore
- 2) 1500 Crore
- 3) 2000 Crore
- 4) 2500 Crore
- 5) 3000 Crore

Answer - 4) 2500 Crore

**Explanation:**

Cabinet has given it's in principle approval for capital infusion for three Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGICs), namely, Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL), National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) and United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL). In this regard, Rs 2500 crore will be released reflecting critical financial position of these 3 PSGICs.

**54. The Union Cabinet approves the changes in 'Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Bill, 2020' to increase the scope of scheme will also include the disputes below \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 1 Crore
- 2) 5 Crore
- 3) 10 Crore
- 4) 10 Lakh
- 5) 50 Lakh

Answer - 2) 5 Crore

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet approved changes in the 'Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Bill, 2020' with the aim of reducing litigations related to direct taxes pending in various debt recovery tribunals (DRTs)

involving over Rs 9.32 lakh crore the new changes seek to increase the scope of scheme will also include the disputes below Rs 5 crore. The scheme will remain open till June 30, 2020.

**55. With which country India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the sustainable development in fisheries department September 2019 (cabinet approval in Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Iceland
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Bhutan

Answer - **3) Iceland**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Iceland in the field of sustainable fisheries development. This MoU was signed by India and Iceland on September 10, 2019.

**56. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> UT to pass resolution against Citizen Amendment Act (CAA), National Register for Citizens (NRC) and National Population Register (NPR) in assembly?**

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Puducherry
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Chandigarh
- 5) Lakshadweep

Answer - **2) Puducherry**

**Explanation:**

The Puducherry Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019, the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the National Population Register (NPR). The Legislative Assembly of Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh had passed a resolution against the CAA.

**57. Which state police has implemented "Operation Nakail" allotting unique number for auto-rickshaw drivers to curb crime?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Telangana

Answer - **3) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Senior Superintendent of Police Kalanidhi Naithani has announced that the Ghaziabad police station in Uttar Pradesh has launched "Operation Nakail" under which all auto-rickshaw drivers are allotted with a unique 4-digit number and all the drivers should paint the number on front, left, right and rear side of the auto-rickshaw which is used identify/verify the driver later. Customers can file complaints using the number if they face any harassment.

**58. Which Indian state signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with eGOV foundation for state-wide Implementation of Municipal finance accounting platform?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Gujarat

5) Telangana

Answer - **1) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

A Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) was signed between the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government and eGov foundation, Bengaluru, Karnataka, to implement the municipal financial accounting system.

**59. Which Indian Navy Ship joined with Sri Lanka to carry out Joint Hydrographic Survey off the South West Coast of Sri Lanka?**

1) INS Shivalik

2) INS Vikramaditya

3) INS Sahyadri

4) INS Jamuna

5) INS Kamorta

Answer - **4) INS Jamuna**

**Explanation:**

Indian Navy's Sandhayak class Hydrographic Survey Ship, INS (Indian Naval Ship) Jamuna (J16) arrived Colombo, Sri Lanka to carry out Joint Hydrographic Survey off the South West Coast of Sri Lanka. The ship commanded by Captain HA Hardas has been deployed to Sri Lanka based on a mutual agreement.

**60. The Union Home Ministry is going to establish the training centre for Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) officials regarding the enforcement of the drug rules at?**

1) New Delhi

2) Mumbai

3) Kolkata

4) Bhopal

5) Chennai

Answer - **4) Bhopal**

**Explanation:**

The Union Home Ministry will establish a training centre for NCB officials regarding enforcement of drug laws, at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

**61. The Union External Affairs Ministry has announced renaming of two institutions Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra and The Foreign Service Institute. The Institutions will be named after which former Indian Minister?**

1) Arun Jaitley

2) Sushma Swaraj

3) Ananth Kumar

4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

5) Gopinath Munde

Answer - **2) Sushma Swaraj**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of External Affairs, announced that two Institutions, The Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra and The Foreign Service Institute have been named after former Indian Diplomat Sushma Swaraj for her Invaluable contribution in Public Service. The announcement is being made on her 68th Birth Anniversary falling on February 14, 2020.

**62. Which Indian Minister has attended the National workshop on e-office and launched the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) reforms in New Delhi?**

1) Jitendra Singh

2) Amit Shah

- 3) Nitin Gadkari
- 4) JaiShankar
- 5) Rajnath Singh

Answer - **1) Jitendra Singh**

**Explanation:**

On February 12, 2020, Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (I/C), Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space has attended the National Workshop on e-office held at Parvasi Bhartiya Kendra in Chankyapuri, New Delhi. He also launched the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) reforms, a 7.0 version aimed to reduce the grievance disposal time and improve the quality of grievance redressal.

**63. Which is India's 1<sup>st</sup> railway station to add 5-star hotel on the tracks built by famous hotel chain Leela group which will be completed by December 2020?**

- 1) The Howrah Railway Station
- 2) Vijayawada Railway Station
- 3) Charbagh Railway Station
- 4) Ghum Railway Station
- 5) Gandhinagar railway station

Answer - **5) Gandhinagar railway station**

**Explanation:**

According to the Chairman of the Indian Railway Board, Sri Vinod Kumar Yadav, Indian Railways has planned to prepare 5- Star Hotel on the tracks in Gandhinagar railway station of Gujarat to give passengers the experience of world class facilities. This will be the first experiment in India. The hotel, being built by the famous hotel chain Leela Group, could be completed by December 2020.

**64. According to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's (MoHFW), Tuberculosis (TB) notifications to the Government since the launch of National Strategic Plan (2017-2025) the number of cases increased by \_\_\_\_ to 23.98 lakhs in 2019?**

- 1) 32%
- 2) 38%
- 3) 26%
- 4) 17%
- 5) 9%

Answer - **2) 38%**

**Explanation:**

According to the Vikas Sheel, the Joint Secretary in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Tuberculosis (TB) notifications to the government has been increased to 38% , up from 17.36 lakhs in 2017 to 23.98 lakhs in 2019 Since the launch of the new National Strategic Plan (2017-25). The central Government planned to provide cash incentive to states, where, if a State reduces its TB incidence by 80 %, it will give ₹1 crore. Similarly, if the incidence reduces by 60 %, it will get ₹75 lakhs, while a 40 % reduction will attract a prize of ₹50 lakhs, and a 20 % reduction will see an infused additional funding of ₹25 lakhs.

**65. The Union Ministry of Shipping has announced 'Arth Ganga' project for a sustainable development model with a focus on economic activities along its Ganga bank. Who is the Union shipping minister?**

- 1) Mansukh Mandaviya
- 2) Sadananda Gowda
- 3) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 4) Prahalad Singh Patel
- 5) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer - **1) Mansukh Mandaviya**

**Explanation:**

According to Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge), Chemical, and Fertilizers, 'Arth Ganga' project implies a sustainable development model with a focus on economic activities along its Ganga bank.

**66. Which Indian State Government has launched toll free helpline numbers for students to solve queries ahead of board exams 2020?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Haryana

Answer - **1) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government launched toll-free helpline numbers to solve the queries of students ahead of the Board Examinations. The toll-free helpline number was launched by Dinesh Sharma, Deputy Chief Minister of UP, who holds the education portfolio.

**67. Which railway zone of India has become 1<sup>st</sup> to have 13 energy neutral stations which is highest among other zones?**

- 1) North central Zone
- 2) South central Zone
- 3) Central Zone
- 4) Western Zone
- 5) Eastern Zone

Answer - **2) South central Zone**

**Explanation:**

The Indian South Central Railways (SCR) zone becomes India's first to have 13 energy-neutral stations. The number is highest amongst all the zones across the Indian Railways network. The total capacity of all the solar panels installed at the 13 energy neutral stations is 99 kWp at a cost of Rs 50 lakh.

**68. The Union government has amended the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015 with the aim to make the arbitration speedy execution of the case and ensure the mediation of the arbitrator. Who is the Law and Justice minister of India?**

- 1) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 2) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 3) Madan Mohan Malaviya
- 4) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 5) Ramvilas Paswan

Answer - **1) Ravi Shankar Prasad**

**Explanation:**

The union government has amended the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 by the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015 with the aim to make the arbitration process smooth, cost efficient, speedy execution of the case and ensure the mediation of the arbitrator. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill 2019 was introduced in Rajya Sabha by the Minister for Law and Justice, Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, on July 15, 2019.



**69. Who flagged off the Khadi and Village Industries Commission's (KVIC) 'Apiary on Wheels' for bee keepers in New Delhi?**

- 1) Sadananda Gowda
- 2) Ramvilas Paswan
- 3) Harsh Vardhan
- 4) Nitin Gadkari
- 5) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer - **4) Nitin Gadkari**

**Explanation:**

Nitin Jairam Gadkari, the union minister for Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) flagged off 'Apiary on Wheels' in New Delhi in the presence of Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Apiary on Wheels is a unique concept for easy maintenance of BeeBox and migration of live colonies, designed by KVIC.

**70. Recently (Feb 2020) in Which Indian state Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 1<sup>st</sup> inter-city electric bus service of the state?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Odisha

Answer - **1) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, inaugurated the first inter-city electric bus service, between Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Pune (Maharashtra).

**71. The Government of India (GoI) to host the 3-day National organic food festival with the theme 'Unleashing India's organic market potential' at which Indian State/UT?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Kerala
- 5) New Delhi

Answer - **5) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (GOI) is to host the National Organic Food festival from February (21 to 23, 2020) at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, India. The festival will be inaugurated by Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). The 3-day festival is celebrated for the 1st time in order to boost organic products and to promote women entrepreneurship in the area of production & processing of organic products. Theme: Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential.

**72. Which Indian State Government launched 'Pyaar ka Paudha' (A plant of Love) under the Jal Jeevan Hariyali campaign to promote the practicing of planting trees?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer - **2) Bihar**



**Explanation:**

The state Government of Bihar's Department of Environment and Forest in Patna has launched 'Pyaar ka Paudha' (a plant of love) drive under the Jal Jeevan Hariyali campaign with an aim to promote the practice of planting trees in the state. As a part of this initiative, the environment department has appealed to the people to gift the plant of love to their close ones as it will be alive for years & also stalls of Patna plants have been planted for this purpose.

**73. Which Indian State Government has launched 'Anganphou Hunba' (Sowing of first paddy crop) Programme?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Manipur
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer - **4) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

Manipur Chief Minister, Nongthombam Biren Singh launched "Anganphou Hunba" (Sowing of First Crop Paddy) programme at Arapti Mayai Leikai in Imphal East. The programme was organised by Arapti Urup Farmers' Association under the supervision of Keirao AC Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Lourembam Rameshwor.

**74. The Government of India (GoI) has allocated 2 AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) and 9 other medical colleges for which Indian State/UT (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Punjab

Answer - **1) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

Jitendra Singh, Union Ministers for State, Public Grievances and Pensions, mentioned that Government of India (GOI) has allocated 2 AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) for Jammu & Kashmir(J&K)- one in Jammu & other in Kashmir. Jitendra Singh also mentioned that 9 medical colleges have also been sanctioned in J&K in addition to the 2 AIIMS.

**75. In which Indian state the seed sowing festival 'Lui-Ngai-Ni' celebrated with the 2020's theme "Oneness through culture"?**

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Assam

Answer - **3) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

The Naga tribes of Manipur celebrated seed sowing festival 'Lui-Ngai-Ni' at Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL) ground in Ukhrul, Manipur. It is the second major inter-tribe Naga festival after Hornbill Festival, which is celebrated by more than ten Naga tribes of Nagaland.

**76. Which Indian State has announced Rs. 6 Crore cash reward for gold medal winners from the state at Tokyo Olympics 2020?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttar Pradesh

- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Haryana

Answer - **5) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

The Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar has announced that the state government will provide Rs. 6 crores for the players who bagged gold medals, Rs. 4 crores for the silver medalist and Rs. 2.5 crores for the bronze medalists at the Olympics Games and also employment in Haryana Civil Service or Haryana Police service to the sportsperson.

**77. Which Indian State/UT government has renamed the Ambala city bus stand as Sushma Swaraj Bus Stand (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer - **3) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

The Haryana Transport Minister Mool Chand Sharma announced that the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has approved a proposal by Aseem Goel BJP MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) from the Ambala City Constituency requested to change the name of the newly constructed Ambala city Bus stand as Sushma Swaraj (former Union Minister and BJP veteran) bus stand.

**78. Which Indian State government has launched 'Appreciate and Commend' scheme to boost and Honour the police officer every month (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer - **3) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

Dinkar Gupta, Punjab DGB (Director General of Police), launched the 'Appreciate and Commend' scheme in Phillaur, Punjab, in order to boost the confidence of police officers who work extraordinarily and the best cops will be awarded every month.

**79. Uddhav Bal Thackeray has approved the renaming of the Latur Medical College as Vilasrao Deshmukh Institute of Medical Sciences. Uddhav Bal Thackeray Is the Chief Minister of Which Indian state?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Goa
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) West Bengal

Answer - **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Bal Thackeray has approved the renaming of the Latur Medical College as Vilasrao Deshmukh Institute of Medical Sciences and the proposal was initiated by the former MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) of Latur city, Maharashtra, Mr. Trimbakrao Shrirangrao Bhise.

**80. Which North State/UT to get North India's 1<sup>st</sup> Bird ringing station for observation and monitoring of migratory species?**

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Punjab

Answer - **3) Bihar**

**Explanation:**

Bihar becomes North India's first "bird ringing station" for observation, monitoring & research on migratory birds and 4th state in the country after Tamil Nadu (Chennai), Rajasthan (Jaipur) and Orissa (Bhubaneswar). The bird ringing station will be at Bhagalpur, Bihar, located close to the Ganges & is known to be a favorite destination of migratory birds.

**81. Which is India's 1<sup>st</sup> single use plastic free Airport?**

- 1) Chattrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
- 2) Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad
- 3) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh
- 4) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati
- 5) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

Answer - **5) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi**

**Explanation:**

According to the GMR Group-led Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), Delhi-based Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has become the 1st airport in India to be completely free of single-use plastic usage.

**82. Which Indian state has become 1<sup>st</sup> in country to enforce Performance regulation act 2019 for Power department?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Odisha

Answer - **1) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Uttar Pradesh (UP) state Government led by its Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath has implemented the Performance Regulation Act 2019 for the Power department. Consumers will now get financial compensation for delay in resolving their complaints by the department.

**83. The Central Government of India has renamed the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA). The Institution was named after which former Indian Minister?**

- 1) Sushma Swaraj
- 2) Arun Jaitley
- 3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 4) Manohar Parikkar
- 5) Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer - **4) Manohar Parikkar**

**Explanation:**

The Central Government has renamed Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) as Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in order to "honour the commitment and legacy" of late Manohar Parrikar. Late Manohar Parrikar was a former defence minister and Padma Bhushan awardee. The Defence Minister chairs the Executive Committee of the IDSA Institute, New Delhi. Late

Parrikar was Defence Minister from November 9, 2014 to March 14, 2017 & initiated several reforms in the Ministry.

**84. The Supreme Court (SC) of India's bench has approved to constitute permanent commission to women officers in the Army so that women military officers can work till the age of retirement. The bench constitutes of?**

- 1) Justice S.A. Bobde
- 2) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- 3) Justice Ajay Rastogi
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 2) and 3)

Answer - **5) Both 2) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

The Supreme Court(SC) bench of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud and Ajay Rastogi agreed on Delhi High Court's decision about eligibility of permanent commission and command post to short service commissioned (SSC) women officers in the army.

New changes: The grant of permanent commission means that women military officers can now work in the army till the age of retirement.

Background: Women officers in the Indian Military Service are recruited through the Short Service Commission (SSC) and can work in the army for a period of 10 years, extendable up to 14 years.

However, they are not given pension even after retirement due to not being able to work for 20 years. Male SSC officers can get permanent commission at the end of 10 years of service, but this option was not available to women officers.

**85. The Department of Animal husbandry & Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced doubling of Milk processing capacities to \_\_\_\_ by 2025?**

- 1) 100 MT
- 2) 104 MT
- 3) 108 MT
- 4) 112 MT
- 5) 120 MT

Answer – **3) 108 MT**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that the Government will facilitate the increase of milk processing capacity to 108 million metric tonne (MT) from 53.5 million metric tonne by 2025 .

**86. The All Indian Council of Technical Education (AICTE) has banned all the Universities in India from offering Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) courses simultaneously. Who is the Present chairman of AICTE?**

- 1) Mrinal Miri
- 2) Anita Karwal
- 3) R. Subrahmanyam
- 4) Anil Sahasrabudhe
- 5) D. P. Singh

Answer - **4) Anil Sahasrabudhe**

**Explanation:**

AICTE (All Indian Council of Technical Education), has banned all the government & private universities across the country to offer both PGDM (Post Graduate Diploma in Management) and MBA (Master of Business Administration) courses simultaneously.

**87. The President of India Ram Nath Govind had a 2-day visit to Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu from February 17-18, 2020. The merger of the Union Territories (UT) Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu in effective from?**

- 1) 15 August, 2019
- 2) 26 January, 2020
- 3) 27 November, 2019
- 4) 9 December 2019
- 5) 17 February 2020

Answer - **2) 26 January, 2020**

**Explanation:**

The president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind paid a 2-day official visit to Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu from February 17-18, 2020. This is his 1st visit to the Union Territory (UT) of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, (DNHDD), is a union territory in western India. It was created through the merger of the union territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Plans for the proposed merger were announced by the Government of India in July 2019 and the necessary legislation was passed in the Parliament of India in December 2019 and came into effect on 26 January 2020.

**88. India to get world's cleanest petrol and diesel by proceeding to Bharat stage – VI engines in effective from?**

- 1) 1 April, 2020
- 2) 31 March, 2020
- 3) 1 July, 2020
- 4) 15 August, 2020
- 5) 1 October, 2020

Answer - **1) 1 April, 2020**

**Explanation:**

India to switch to World's cleanest petrol and diesel from April 1, 2020, when it proceeds to Bharat Stage (BS-VI) from BS-IV grades at present. India will join the select league of nations using petrol & diesel which contains 10ppm (parts per millions of Sulphur which cuts down vehicular discharge that is stated to be one of the reasons for pollution.

**89. The report by EY (Ernst & Young Private Limited) titled "Today for tomorrow: realising the potential of Life Sciences 4.0" was released in 17<sup>th</sup> BioAsia 2020. The BioAsia 2020 held at?**

- 1) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer - **3) Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Explanation:**

BioAsia 2020 was held at the life science capital of India i.e. Hyderabad, Telangana from 17th- 19th February, 2020 on the theme "Today for Tomorrow". It was hosted by the Government of Telangana in partnership with EY (Ernst & Young Private Limited). It was the 17th edition of the flagship international convention – BioAsia, whose CEO is Shakthi Nagappan. The event was attended by Piyush Goyal, Minister for Commerce and Industry.

**90. The Northeast Frontier railway construction has built India's largest pier bridge in which Indian state (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Sikkim

- 4) Manipur
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer - **4) Manipur**

**Explanation:**

The northeast frontier railway construction has constructed India's tallest railway pier bridge. It is built across the Makru river in the Tamenglong district, near Noney of Manipur.

**91. According to Union Minister of Coal & Mines Pralhad Joshi, India to stop import coal from which financial year (FY) \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 2020-2021
- 2) 2021-2022
- 3) 2022-2023
- 4) 2023-2024
- 5) 2024-2025

Answer - **4) 2023-2024**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Coal & Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi informed about the India will stop importing thermal coal from FY 2023-2024 at two-day national workshop called 'Chintan Shivir' at Kevada in Gujarat on 17th & 18th February 2020.

**92. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of 'Ganga Kayak festival' was celebrated in Which Indian state (Feb 17-20, 2020)?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Punjab

Answer - **3) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

8th edition of the "Ganga Kayak festival" was inaugurated by MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Vinod Kandari in Devprayag, Uttarakhand. The festival was celebrated for 3 days from Feb. 17, 2020 to Feb. 19, 2020.

**93. The Union Cabinet approved upgrading Gandhinagar based Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) as Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG(N)). The Institute will function under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 3) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 4) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
- 5) Ministry of Communications

Answer - **4) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology**

**Explanation:**

The union cabinet has approved the upgrading of Gandhinagar (Gujarat) based Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) as Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG(N)). It will function under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY), Government of India (GoI).



**94. The Union Cabinet allows signing the updated Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) between UK's Financial Conduct Authority(FCA) and which Indian Institute (Feb 19, 2020)?**

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Securities & Exchange Board of India
- 3) National Institute of Finance Management
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

**Answer - 2) Securities & Exchange Board of India**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of updated Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) agreement between Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the UK's (United Kingdom) Financial Conduct Authority(FCA).

**95. The cabinet has approved to raise the interest subvention given to farmers in the dairy sector from 2% to \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 2.25%
- 2) 2.5%
- 3) 3%
- 4) 3.25%
- 5) 2.75%

**Answer - 2) 2.5%**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has given its approval to increase the interest subvention on loans given to farmers in the dairy sector from 2% to 2.5 % under the scheme Dairy processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) with the revised outlay of Rs 11184 Cr.

**96. To which sector cabinet has approved Rs. 4,458 crore fund on Feb 19, 2020?**

- 1) Infrastructure sector
- 2) Telecom sector
- 3) Dairy sector
- 4) Healthcare sector
- 5) Education sector

**Answer - 3) Dairy sector**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved a Rs 4,458 crore scheme to encourage the dairy sector, which will benefit about 95 lakh farmers. This will add new dimensions to the milk revolution in the country.

**97. The Central government has renamed 4 railway stations of Prayagraj. The Prayagraj is a city in which Indian state?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Punjab

**Answer - 1) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

On February 21, 2020 Four railway stations in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj will get new names, in order to recognise the identity of the ancient city. The names of the stations were changed by the State and Central Government. Allahabad Junction will now be Prayagraj Junction, Allahabad City will now be known as Prayagraj Rambag, Allahabad Chhioki has been changed to Prayagraj Chheoki & the name of Prayagghat to Prayagraj Sangam.



**98. Union Minister of State (MoS) for shipping Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated India's 1<sup>st</sup> floating jetty at which Indian state?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Goa
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Kerala

Answer - **3) Goa**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of State for shipping Mansukh Mandaviya, inaugurated the India's first floating jetty on the banks of Mandovi river, Goa and also an immigration facility office at a cruise terminal in Vasco, Goa.

**99. The MSME ministry has launched the National Level Awareness Programme (NLAP) 2020 to spread awareness about the schemes & Activities of the ministry. Who is the present MSME ministry?**

- 1) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 2) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 3) Sadananda Gowda
- 4) Prakash Javadekar
- 5) Ramvilas Paswan

Answer - **2) Nitin Jairam Gadkari**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched a National Level Awareness Programme (NLAP) 2020 from february 17, 2020 to february 28, 2020. The Union Minister for MSME is Nitin Gadkari.

**100. The 2-day long 1<sup>st</sup> ever Bharat-Bangla tourism festival held at (Feb 20-21,2020)?**

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Dispur, Assam
- 4) Agartala, Tripura
- 5) Imphal, Manipur

Answer - **4) Agartala, Tripura**

**Explanation:**

The first-ever 2 days long Bharat-Bangla Paryatan Utsav 2020 (Tourism Festival) was held at Ujjayanta Palace in Agartala, Tripura from February 20-21, 2020 to boost the Tripura tourism sector.

**101. The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, laid foundation of the new Army headquarters building in Delhi. The new Army headquarters is named as \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Swaraj Bhavan
- 2) Shastri Bhawan
- 3) Thal Sena Bhawan
- 4) Vayu Bhawan
- 5) Nau Sena Bhawan

Answer - **3) Thal Sena Bhawan**

**Explanation:**

Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of the Army Headquarters new building "Thal Sena Bhawan" in Delhi Cantonment. The Army Headquarters is currently housed in the iconic South Block at Raisina Hill, Delhi.

**102. Which Union ministry runs 'Jiyo parsi scheme' with the aim to increase the population of parsi community?**

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Minority affairs
- 5) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

**Answer – 4) Ministry of Minority affairs**

**Explanation:**

According to the Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the population of Parsis (Zoroastrians), a notified minority community under National Commission of Minorities Act 1992, increased by 233 since the year 2013, when the government launched the Jiyo Parsi scheme.

**103. As per Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, which city ranked top in smart city mission that is paired with Chandigarh in 100-day challenge for the backward cities (as sister city) to enhance their position by June 25, 2020?**

- 1) Ahmedabad
- 2) Nagpur
- 3) Tirupur
- 4) Ranchi
- 5) Bhopal

**Answer – 1) Ahmedabad**

**Explanation:**

The central Government has come up with a 20-20 model according to which top 20 cities will be paired with the bottom 20 cities. In order to implement this mission in successful way, the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched a 100-day challenge for the backward cities to enhance their position by June 25, 2020, the 5th anniversary of Smart Cities Mission. The top ranked Ahmedabad has been paired with Chandigarh which is ranked 81st. Port Blair standing on 96th spot has been given Nagpur, which is rank 2.

**104. The National organic food festival for Women entrepreneurs held at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, New Delhi (Feb 2020). What is the theme of the festival?**

- 1) Healthy food, Organic food
- 2) Organic market, The future agricultural development
- 3) Organic market for women entrepreneurs
- 4) Good for Women; Good for India; Good for You
- 5) Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential

**Answer – 5) Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential**

**Explanation:**

Union Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Union Minister of Women and Child Development inaugurated National Organic Food Festival for women entrepreneurs at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. The theme of the festival is 'Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential'.

**105. Name the Railway station, where Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) has installed India's 1st squat machine in a station as part of 'Fit India' initiative?**

- 1) Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus
- 2) Howrah Junction railway station
- 3) Thiruvananthapuram Central railway station
- 4) Anand Vihar Railway Station
- 5) Chennai Central railway station

**Answer - 4) Anand Vihar Railway Station**

**Explanation:**

to promote the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi-led "Fit India" initiative, Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) has installed a India's 1st squat machine at Anand Vihar Railway Station in Delhi, where a person who performs 30 squats in 3 minutes (or 180 seconds) will get a platform ticket for free.

**106. Which Indian state government has proposed (in state budget) 'Samruddha Krishi Niti-2020' to increase the income of farmers?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Odisha

Answer - **5) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

Odisha Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari with Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik presented the annual budget 2020-21 for Rs 1.5 Lakh crore, in 2019-20 for Rs 1.39 lakh crore. The budget is termed as paperless 'Green Budget', an initiative under 5T action plan to reduce printing of 75Lakhs pages hence to save around 1000 trees. To increase the income of farmers 'Samruddha Krishi Niti-2020' has been proposed.

**107. The 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shyama Prasad Mukherji National Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was celebrated on 21 February, 2020. Which Indian ministry has launched the Shyama Prasad Mukherji National Rurban Mission in 2016?**

- 1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Answer - **4) Ministry of Rural Development**

**Explanation:**

The 4th anniversary of the launch of Shyama Prasad Mukherji National Rurban Mission (SPMRM) has been celebrated on 21 February 2020. The Mission is launched by Ministry of Rural development on 21 February, 2016 which aims to boost the economic development at the local level, as well as to bring about a comprehensive transformation of these rural clusters by increasing basic services and creating well-organized rural clusters.

**108. Name the Indian Airport, which gets world's largest 'Export cold zone' to store & process agro and pharma products (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
- 2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- 3) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati
- 4) Kempegowda International Airport, Karnataka
- 5) Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair

Answer - **2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai**

**Explanation:**

Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), a joint venture (JV) of the GVK led consortium and Airports Authority of India (AAI), has unveiled Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport as the world's largest airport-based temperature-controlled facility, the 'Export Cold Zone' for processing and storage of agro and pharma products.

**109. Which Indian state/UT has operationalized Dial 112 as integrated number for police, medical and fire emergencies (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Goa
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Kerala

Answer - **5) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

The Kerala Police have operationalised Dial 112 (consolidation of police (100), fire (101), health (108)), the Pan-India number of the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), introduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs, for citizens in emergencies. The state launched the integrated emergency number in all 19 police districts for police, medical and fire emergencies, and also the women's helpline.

**110. Losar festival is celebrated in which Indian state?**

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer - **2) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Losar festival was celebrated at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The festival is celebrated on the 1st day of the lunisolar Tibetan calendar also called Tibetan New Year. Losar is a festival in Tibetan Buddhism.

**111. The Union Home Ministry has amended the provisions on Arms Act and Arms rules to provide adequate firearms and ammunition to the shooters for their practice. The Arms Act was passed on which year?**

- 1) 2000
- 2) 1986
- 3) 1968
- 4) 1959
- 5) 1992

Answer - **4) 1959**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Home Affairs has amended the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 and the Arms Rules, 2016 to provide adequate firearms and ammunition to the shooters for their practice. As per the provisions of the Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019, maximum number of firearms to be possessed by any person has been reduced from three to two. Those in possession of three fire arms have to surrender the excess gun by 13.12.2020.

**112. Name the Indian State, which becomes 1<sup>st</sup> in the country to launch unified vehicle registration and 2<sup>nd</sup> to launch unified driving license after Uttar Pradesh.**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Goa

Answer - **2) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Madhya Pradesh(MP) has become 1st state in the country to introduce unified vehicle registration & 2nd state to launch the unified driving license after Uttar Pradesh. The objective of the card is to provide unified smart cards for driving license & vehicle registration with QR code. MP is the first state to issue both smart cards together.

**113. Gangapuram Kishan Reddy (MoS – Home Ministry) has inaugurated National Cyber Research, Innovation and capacity centre at which Indian city?**

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Guwahati, Assam
- 5) Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Answer – **3) Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Explanation:**

The Minister of State (MOS) for Home Affairs Ministry, Mr. Gangapuram Kishan Reddy has Inaugurated National Cyber Research, Innovation and capacity centre at Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) in Hyderabad, Telangana State (T.S). The objective of the centre is to help the nation to combat cyber threats. It is one of the 7 major units under Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).

**114. Name the 1<sup>st</sup> National Democratic Alliance (NDA) state which passes resolution against National Register of Citizen (NRC)?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer - **3) Bihar**

**Explanation:**

Bihar became the 1st National Democratic Alliance (NDA) state in India, which passed a resolution against National Register of Citizens (NRC) and also passed a resolution to implement the National Population Register (NPR), according to 2010 format, with an amendment. In this regard, a unanimous resolution has been passed by the Bihar assembly.

**115. The 16<sup>th</sup> joint Ministerial commission (JMC) between India and Australia held at which Indian state?**

- 1) Bengaluru
- 2) Chennai
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Hyderabad
- 5) New Delhi

Answer - **5) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The 16th Commission of the Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) was held between India and Australia in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry, Government of India and Senator Simon Birmingham, Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment, Government of Australia.

**116. The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) organized the 1st 'National conference on Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (CDRR&R) at which Indian state/UT?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Odisha
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) West Bengal

**Answer - 4) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) organised 1st 'National conference on Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (CDRR&R) in Delhi. It is a one-day conference. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai presided over the valedictory session.

**117. Name the Indian Minister, who launched the "Higher Education Leadership Development Programme for Administrator" a joint venture between UGC (University Grants Commission) and the British Council under the United Kingdom (UK) India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).**

- 1) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 4) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 5) Harsh Vardhan

**Answer - 1) Ramesh Pokhriyal**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal launched the "Higher Education Leadership Development Programme for Administrator" in New Delhi. The initiative is the joint venture between UGC (University Grants Commission) and the British Council under the United Kingdom (UK) India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).

**118. Name the Indian Ministry, which is going to organize the 1st Artificial intelligence summit, RAISE 2020- 'Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' between 11 & 12 April in New Delhi.**

- 1) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 2) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 3) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 5) Ministry of Earth Sciences

**Answer - 4) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India announced 1st Artificial intelligence summit, RAISE 2020- 'Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment', a 'First-of-its kind' summit organized by the Government of India along with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology along with Industry & Academia also organized the event to be held between April 11 & 12 in New Delhi.

**119. The union Cabinet has approved the bill to give Institute of National Importance (INI) status to which of the following institutions?**

- 1) National Institutes of Food Technology at Kundli, Haryana
- 2) National Institutes of Food Technology at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
- 3) National Institutes of Food Technology at Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 2) and 3)



Answer – 4) Both 1) and 2)

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved a bill to give the status of Institute of National Importance (INI) to 2 National Institutes of Food Technology at Kundli, Haryana and Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu(TN). The cabinet amended National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) Bill, 2019 to give status of national importance to the 2 food institutions.

**120. The Union Cabinet has approved the National Technical Textiles Mission, at the cost of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ to lead India in the manufacture of technical fabrics used in specific fields like medical, military.**

- 1) 750 Crore
- 2) 890 Crore
- 3) 1,160 Crore
- 4) 1,480 Crore
- 5) 2,140 Crore

Answer – 4) 1,480 Crore

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the National Technical Textiles Mission. It will cost Rs 1,480 crore. The objective of this mission is to lead India in the manufacture of technical fabrics used in specific fields like medical, military. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the formation of the National Technical Textiles Mission in the budget presented on February 1,2020. It is to be executed during 2020-21 to 2023-24.

**121. The Union Cabinet gave approval for exemption of the India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) from the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines for the smooth execution of Chabahar project. The Chabahar is a port in which of the following country?**

- 1) Iraq
- 2) Iran
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) UAE
- 5) Uzbekistan

Answer – 2) Iran

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet gave its nod for the exemption of the India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) from the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) guidelines. This will help in the smooth execution of the Chabahar project in Iran.

**122. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Government entity to adopt centralised invoicing platform, TreDS to help smaller MSME vendors to access working capital easily?**

- 1) Ordnance Factory Board
- 2) Prasar Bharti
- 3) National Housing Bank
- 4) Integral Coach Factory
- 5) All India Radio

Answer – 1) Ordnance Factory Board

**Explanation:**

Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), an industrial organisation, functioning under the Department of Defence Production of Ministry of Defence, Government of India (GoI), has become the 1st government entity to adopt centralised invoicing platform, TreDS (Trade Receivables electronic Discount System) which would help smaller MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) vendors access working capital easily.



**123. With which organisation the NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered to launch the artificial intelligence (AI) based module across 5000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in India?**

- 1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- 2) Electronic Component Industries Association (ELCINA)
- 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 4) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 5) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

**Answer – 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)**

**Explanation:**

NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has collaborated with Nasscom (National Association of Software and Services Companies) to launch the artificial intelligence (AI) based module including AI kits across 5000 Atal Tinkering Labs for the beneficial of 2.5 million students in the country from February 27, 2020 so that students can get for better knowledge of AI.

**124. Name the Indian state/UT, which passed the bill in legislative assembly to make Marathi as mandatory subject in all the schools?**

- 1) Goa
- 2) Daman & Diu
- 3) Chhattisgarh
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Maharashtra

**Answer – 5) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

The Maharashtra(MH) state government assembly has unanimously approved a law, compulsory "Maharashtra Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Marathi Language in Schools Bill, 2020" to make Marathi Language as a mandatory subject in all schools of the state. As per the bill, schools which fails to implement the new rule have to pay a penalty of Rs. 1 lakh.

**125. Name the Indian state/UT government, which approved the proposal to change the name of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University as Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Languages University.**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Jammu & Kashmir
- 5) Jharkhand

**Answer – 1) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a proposal to change the name of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Urdu, Arabi-Farsi University to Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Languages University in Lucknow.

**126. In which of the following North-East states, The President of India Ram Nath Govind approved the delimitation exercise (Feb 2020).**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) All the above

**Answer – 5) All the above**

**Explanation:**

President Ram Nath Kovind gave his nod for resuming delimitation exercise in the northeastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, and Nagaland by rescinding/cancelling the February 8, 2008 order. A Delimitation Commission was set up under the Delimitation Act, 2002 to readjust the division of each state and union territory into territorial constituencies for the purpose of Lok Sabha and state assembly elections on the basis of census figures of 2001. The Delimitation Commission completed the delimitation exercise on November 26, 2008 in respect of all the states, except in these four northeastern states due to threat to the peace and public order.

**127. Find the railway station where the Indian railways launched its First “Restaurant on Wheels” for railway passengers?**

- 1) Durgapura Station, Rajasthan
- 2) Asansol Station, West Bengal
- 3) Haridwar Station, Uttarakhand
- 4) Suratgarh Station, Rajasthan
- 5) Ajmer Station, Rajasthan

Answer – **2) Asansol Station, West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

Indian railways launched its First “Restaurant on Wheels” at Asansol Station (division of Eastern railway), West Bengal, for railway passengers and citizens of the city. Shri Babul Supriyo, Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoSEFCC) inaugurated the 1st “Restaurant on Wheels” at Asansol station.

**128. Name the Indian state which organized the 2 day ‘Nimad Chilli Festival 2020’.**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer – **5) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

1st edition of 2-day unique initiative “Nimad Chilli Festival 2020” organised by Madhya Pradesh Government begins at Kasrawad in Khargone district, Madhya Pradesh(MP) on 29th February & 1st March 2020. Mascot named “chilli chacha” was released during the festival for better marketing the famous spice. “gene bank” will be created to save the original varieties of chillies grown in the region. This festival is locally called ‘Mirch Mahotsav’.

**129. Name the Indian state, which reduced the retirement age of state government employees from 60 to 58 (Feb 2020).**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Punjab

Answer - **5) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

The Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal presented Punjab govt’s Rs ₹1, 54,805 crore budget for financial year 2020-21 in the state assembly. The retirement age of state government employees has been reduced from 60 to 58. Those who have turned 59 will retire on March 31 this year and those who are 58 will retire from September 30. The financial outgo on account of reducing the retirement age would be ₹3,500 crores.

## GOVT SCHEMES

**1. Which Indian State launched doorstep Pension delivery scheme in February 2020 following the route of Delhi government?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer - 2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

On February 01, 2020 the govt of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has launched a doorstep pension delivery scheme named YSR Pension Kanuka. Under the scheme various welfare pensions will be delivered to the pensioners. The old age pensioners age has also been reduced from 65 to 60 years. The beneficiaries will be delivered with the pension services through volunteers equipped with smartphones.

**2. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) provides Rs. 5000 to for the loss of wages of working women ensuring proper rest and nutrition during pregnancy or after delivery of the first child in how many installments?**

- 1) 1 installment
- 2) 2 installments
- 3) 3 installments
- 4) 4 installments
- 5) 5 installments

**Answer - 3) 3 Installments**

**Explanation:**

The aim of the scheme Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) is to provide incentives of Rs. 5,000 for the loss of wages of working women while ensuring proper rest and nutrition during pregnancy or after delivery of the first living child. The incentive will be sent to the bank account directly through Direct Benefit Transfer(DBT). The incentive of Rs 5000 is given in 3 installments – Rs. 1000 after early registration of pregnancy, Rs. 2000 after 6 month of pregnancy and Rs. 2000 after registration of child birth.

**3. Which Indian State banned online lottery scheme in January 2020 to check illegal sale of online lottery?**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Kerala

**Answer - 3) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

The government of Punjab has banned the sale of all types of online lottery schemes under section 5 of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998 in order to check for illegal sales. The act will not only check illegal lottery business but will also boost Punjab's tax and non-tax revenue.

**4. Which Initiative is launched by Department of Science and Technology that aims to create strong science and technology infrastructure in India (February 2020)?**

- 1) SATHI
- 2) Samwad
- 3) SAMRATH

4) Samadhan

5) Samridhhi

Answer - **1) SATHI**

**Explanation:**

DST (Department of Science and Technology) that works under the Ministry of Science and Technology, has launched a special scheme called "Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)" with the aim to create shared, professionally managed and strong Science and Technology infrastructure in India.

**5. Under Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik (RCS-UDAN) scheme Alliance air commenced direct daily flight operation for route Bhubaneswar to Varanasi. It is \_\_\_th route under RCS-UDAN?**

1) 100<sup>th</sup>

2) 150<sup>th</sup>

3) 200<sup>th</sup>

4) 250<sup>th</sup>

5) 300<sup>th</sup>

Answer - **4) 250<sup>th</sup>**

**Explanation:**

Alliance Air which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India commenced direct daily flight operations from Bhubaneswar (Odisha) to Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) under the RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) of Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA). This marked the 250th route under RCS-UDAN. Bhubaneswar to Varanasi route was the 58th route for Alliance Air under RCS-UDAN.

**6. As per Skill development and Entrepreneurship Ministry's data, The Number of people trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) from 2016-20 (till January 17, 2020) is/are?**

1) 69.84 Lakh

2) 71.97 Lakh

3) 73.47 Lakh

4) 75.09 Lakh

5) 77.79 Lakh

Answer - **3) 73.47 Lakh**

**Explanation:**

As on January 17, 2020 approximately 73.47 lakh candidates were provided skilling under Short Term Training (STT) courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across India from 2016-2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). It is a flagship program under the Skill India Mission of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E). Post placement support of Rs. 1500 per month per trainee will be given for special groups & special areas for 2 or 3 month after the training.

**7. 'Intivadhakey Pension' (Pension to your Doorstep) scheme covered 94% of 60Lakh pensioners in record time recently (launched on February 1, 2020). The Scheme is the initiative of?**

1) Telangana

2) Karnataka

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Odisha

5) Maharashtra

Answer – **3) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Andhra Pradesh (AP) state Government led by its Chief Minister (CM) N. Chandrababu Naidu, has created a record with its 'Intivadhakey Pension' (Pension to your Doorstep) Scheme by covering 94 % of about 60 lakh pensioners at their doorstep within a few days. The scheme was launched in 13 districts on February 1, 2020. AP is the 1st state in India to take up such an initiative of Door delivery of pension service.

**8. In Budget 2020, Rs 2.3 crores has been sanctioned for the scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) scheme. Which Ministry is implementing SFURTI?**

- 1) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- 2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Finance
- 5) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer – **2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) implemented a new scheme named "Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries" (SFURTI). Under this scheme, financial support will be given to set up traditional industries clusters in 5 years viz. Khadi, Coir & Village industries clusters and to make industries more profitable. Rs 2.3 crores has been sanctioned for the SFURTI scheme in the budget 2020.

**9. Which among the following schemes and interventions have been merged with the scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)?**

- 1) Rural Industries Service Center (RISC)
- 2) Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP)
- 3) Ready to Wear Mission
- 4) Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans scheme
- 5) All the above

Answer - **5) All the above**

**Explanation:**

The following schemes are being merged into SFURTI: The Scheme for Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans, the Scheme for Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP), the Scheme for Rural Industries Service Center (RISC) and other small interventions like Ready Warp Units, Ready to Wear Mission, etc. run by KVIC during XI Plan from Khadi Grants and VI Grants.

**10. Which state/UT government launched 'Janasevaka scheme' to provide delivery of government services at doorstep between 8 am to 8 pm with charge of Rs.115 for services (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – **4) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

The government of Karnataka launched the Janasevaka scheme in certain municipal corporation wards to provide home delivery of various government services like ration cards, senior citizen identity and health cards, etc. The scheme is launched by the chief minister of Karnataka Mr. B.S. Yediyurappa, and the scheme will contain 53 services from 11 departments.

**11. According to the Government's response to an RTI query, the number of a beneficiary in urban areas for every 100 Anganwadi beneficiaries is/are (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) 5
- 2) 7
- 3) 9
- 4) 11
- 5) 8

Answer - 2) 7

**Explanation:**

According to the government's response to a Right to Information (RTI) query has revealed that for every 100 anganwadi (or day-care Centre) beneficiaries in India, only 7 belong to urban areas. This shows poor coverage by the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in urban areas implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD). Anganwadi beneficiaries include children from 0-6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

**12. According to a study conducted by National Productivity Council (NPC), the use of chemical fertilizers has reduced by \_\_\_% due to soil health card scheme, whereas the productivity increased by 5-6%?**

- 1) 7-8%
- 2) 8-10%
- 3) 9-11%
- 4) 6-7%
- 5) 11-12%

Answer - 2) 8-10%

**Explanation:**

According to a study conducted by the National Productivity Council (NPC), a national level organization to promote productivity culture in India, the impact of Soil Health Card recommendations has led to a decrement of 8 – 10 % in use of chemical fertilizers as well as increased the productivity by 5 – 6%.

**13. Ministry of Food processing industries (MoFPI) has sanctioned to 39 mega food parks and 298 Integrated cold chain projects to fill gaps across value chain and establish cold chain grid. Under which scheme the food park and cold chain projects sanctioned?**

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- 3) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- 4) National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)

Answer - 1) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has sanctioned 39 Mega Food Parks and 298 Integrated Cold Chain Projects in India in order to fill the gaps across value chain and also to establish Cold Chain Grid. The foodparks and the cold chain projects have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).

**14. According to Minister of Petroleum & Natural gas, Dharmendra Pradhan under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme the coverage of LPG has reached \_\_\_% as on Jan 1, 2020?**

- 1) 87.8
- 2) 82.4
- 3) 99.6
- 4) 96.9



5) 92.7

Answer - 4) 96.9

**Explanation:**

According to the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri.Dharmendra Debendra Pradhan, a total of about 27.5 crore LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas) or cooking gas connections in India & out of this, 8 crore connections have been provided under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme. Also the LPG coverage has reached 96.9 % as of January 1,2020.

**15. The Fund released for Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) between FY 16 to 20 as per Ministry of Textiles, Smriti Irani is/are \_\_\_\_\_?**

1) 6717.18 crore

2) 6171.81 crore

3) 7161.10 crore

4) 7611.81 crore

5) 8176.11 crore

Answer - 1) 6717.18 crore

**Explanation:**

During the period of 2015-16 to 2019-20, the Centre has released a total of Rs 6,717.18 crore under the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS). A total of 9,641 applications, covering employment of 2.86 lakh persons and investment of Rs. 40026.5 crore submitted by textile units, have been issued with UIDs (unique identification numbers) till January 2020. This information has been given by textiles minister Smriti Irani as a part of competitiveness of the textile industry.

**16. Which Indian state has launched the Mukyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana which provides financial assistance of Rs. 6000 to families below the poverty line (BPL)?**

1) Haryana

2) Odisha

3) Punjab

4) Maharashtra

5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer - 1) Haryana

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar and Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Dushyant Chautala of Haryana jointly launched Mukyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana scheme on the mark of successful 100 days of the present state government. The scheme is about providing financial assistance of Rs.6000 to the families below the poverty line.

**17. Which Indian State government unveils initiative of setting up 1,000 Kudumbashree hotels to serve meals at Rs. 25?**

1) Karnataka

2) Odisha

3) Tamil Nadu

4) Kerala

5) Telangana

Answer - 4) Kerala

**Explanation:**

On February 7, 2020, while presenting budget for 2020-21, Kerala's Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac has unveiled an initiative of setting up 1,000 'Kudumbashree' hotels to provide subsidized Kerala meals at Rs 25. In this regard, a budget hotel in each of the 1034 local bodies will be set up.

**18. Which Indian State government has launched 'Nadu-Nedu' scheme to modernize all the government hospital in 3 years with the allocated fund of 15,337cr?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer - 2) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister (CM) Yedugiri Sandinti JaganMohan Reddy launched the Nadu-Nedu scheme (roughly meaning then and now in Telugu) at STBC ground, Kurnool, AP. An amount of Rs 15,337 crore has been allocated to modernise all government (govt) hospitals in 3 years.

**19. The scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh government under which elderly people will get free eye screening across the state is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) YSR Matsyakara Nestham Scheme
- 2) YSR Amma void scheme
- 3) YSR Kapu Nestham scheme
- 4) YSR Arogya Asara scheme
- 5) YSR Kanti velugu Scheme

**Answer - 5) YSR Kanti velugu Scheme**

**Explanation:**

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched their one of the revolutionary healthcare scheme i.e. YSR KANTI VELEGU Scheme on 10th October 2019 at Anantapura District on the occasion of "World Sight Day". It is basically a free mass eye screening program which is going to be implemented in Andhra Pradesh in phased manner. On 18 February, 2020 CM launched third phase of YSR Kanti Velugu at a cost of Rs 560 crore under which 56,88,420 elderly people would get free eye screening across the state.

**20. Which Indian state/UT government has announced 50% subsidy for 'ulemas' (Muslim Scholars) to purchase 2-wheeler vehicle?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Jammu & Kashmir

**Answer - 4) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) Palaniswami has announced a 50 % subsidy for 'ulemas' (Muslim scholars who are recognized as having specialist knowledge of Islamic sacred law) to purchase a new two-wheeler and increase their pension to Rs 3,000.

**21. The total outlay for Phase II of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) between 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 approved by cabinet is Rs. \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 1,21,700 crore
- 2) 78,256 crore
- 3) 52,497 crore
- 4) 1,40,881 crore
- 5) 98,517 crore

**Answer - 4) 1,40,881 crores**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), that will be implemented from 2020-21 to 2024-25 in a mission mode with a total outlay of Rs. 1,40,881 crores. Under this program, open defecation free (ODF) campaign will be continued with focus on ODF Plus and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) will also be promoted.

**22. Which Indian state government has launched the Atal kisan – Majdoor canteens to provide affordable meals to the farmers (Rs. 10 per plate)?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Gujarat

Answer - **2) Haryana**

**Explanation:**

According to the Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya, the state Government will open Atal Kisan – Majdoor canteens (named after former Prime minister (PM) late Atal Bihari Vajpayee) in the 'mandis' and sugar mills across the state to provide affordable, cheap meals to farmers and labourers at concessional rate of Rs 10 per plate.

**23. Under which scheme the government has paid Rs. 50, 580 crores for farmers to meet farm input cost and domestic expenses (as on Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)
- 3) Gramin Bhandaran Yojna
- 4) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- 5) Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

Answer - **5) Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**

**Explanation:**

The centre stated that it has paid Rs 50,850 crore to farmers under Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme (Launched on February 24, 2019). The scheme is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Union Ministry of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar launched PM KISAN mobile application, which is aimed at broadening the reach of the scheme. Under the scheme farmers will be provided with Rs. 6000 in 3 equal installments to meet farm input cost and domestic expenses.

**24. Which Indian state government has launched scheme 'Jagananna Vasthi Deevena' to provide financial assistance to handle hostel and mess expenditure of students?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Karnataka

Answer – **3) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has launched an educational scheme called 'Jagananna Vasthi Deevena' in Vizianagaram district. Under the scheme, a financial assistance of Rs 2,300 crore will be provided to the students pursuing ITI, polytechnic, UG and PG education courses to handle hostel and mess expenditure.

**25. Name the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian state/UT which achieved 100% LPG coverage due to implementation of PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana) scheme?**

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Goa
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer – 5) Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Himachal Pradesh became the 1st state in the country to have 100% LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) coverage due to the implementation of PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana) scheme. In addition to PMUY scheme, the state government also launched 'Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojana' in May 2018 to cover the scheme to remaining households.

**26. Find the Indian state, which tops the list of number of outgoing patients for treatment under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) based on the analysis of National Health Authority (NHA).**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer – 2) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

According to the analysis carried out by the National Health Authority (NHA) on the portability feature of the Narendra Modi government's flagship insurance scheme, PM-JAY -Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana availed by 81,254 patients, People can seek treatment in other states under the PM-JAY, and MP (Madhya Pradesh) tops the list for outgoing patients at a number of at least 11,765.

**27. The Government of India (GoI) has approved Rs.162 crores for Operations Green (OG) scheme (Feb 2020). The OG scheme works under which ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- 2) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 3) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- 4) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**Answer – 1) Ministry of Food Processing Industries**

**Explanation:**

The government approved Rs 162 crore under Operations Green (OG) Scheme which was announced in 2018-19 budget with an outlay of 500 crores to stable the supply of TOP crops (Tomato, Onion & Potato) & to confirm their availability throughout the year without price volatility. The scheme works under Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI). The aim of the scheme is to enhance TOP Crops value chain & promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management.

**28. The 'Smart gram yojana' scheme of which Indian state, is named after Raosaheb Ramrao Patil the late former Deputy chief minister?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer – 2) Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

The Maharashtra's Government's "Smart gram yojana" will be named after former Deputy Chief Minister the late Raosaheb Ramrao Patil.

**29. The Central government has approved 32 projects (covers 17 states with the investment worth of Rs. 406crores) under the PMKSY scheme. The 'S' in PMKSY denotes?**

- 1) Swachh
- 2) Sadak
- 3) Sampada
- 4) Shiksha
- 5) Samriddhi

Answer – 3) Sampada

**Explanation:**

Government approved a total of 32 projects under 'unit' scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) [scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro Processing Clusters] in the meeting of Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee (IMAC) presided over by Union Minister of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) Harsimrat Kaur Badal. The project covers about 17 states, leveraging an investment worth of Rs 406 crores.

**30. The Union Tribal Affairs minister has launched the 'Capacity building program' and '1000 spring Initiatives' in an event in Odisha. Who is the present Tribal Affairs minister?**

- 1) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- 2) Ramvilas Paswan
- 3) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- 4) Giriraj Singh
- 5) Arjun Munda

Answer – 5) Arjun Munda

**Explanation:**

Shri Arjun Munda, the Union Tribal Affairs Minister has launched the "Programme for Capacity Building of Scheduled Tribe (ST) Representatives in Local Self Governments (LSG)" in Bhubhaneswar, Odisha in the presence of Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Navin Patnaik and Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs. He also launched "1000 Spring Initiatives" and an online portal on GIS (Geographic Information System)-based Spring Atlas with hydrological and chemical properties of the Springs during the event.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**1. Among Indian Institutions, Which Institution tops the 2019 Global Go to Think Tank report by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, United States?**

- 1) Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)
- 2) Observer Research Foundation (ORF)
- 3) Centre for Civil Society (CCS)
- 4) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- 5) Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF)

Answer - 2) Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

**Explanation:**

The 2019 Global Go to Think Tank Index Report (GGTTI), by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, United States(US) was released. The index ranked top think tanks from around the world. As per the report India's Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was ranked at 27th place among 176 global think tanks previously ranked

118 in 2018. The Index was topped by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) of United States.

**2. What is India's rank based on the number of think tanks in a country, as per 2019 Global Think Tank report by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, United States?**

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) 5

Answer - 2) 2

**Explanation:**

As per 2019 Global Think Tank report by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania, United States India has the 2nd-largest number of think tanks with 509 in the country. The US has the highest number of think tanks at 1,871. China ranks 3rd in large number of think tanks.

**3. Maldives Readmitted/joined again with the Commonwealth Nations in 2020. The Number of countries in Commonwealth family as on February 2020 is?**

- 1) 50
- 2) 51
- 3) 52
- 4) 53
- 5) 54

Answer - 5) 54

**Explanation:**

The Maldives became the 54th family member of the Commonwealth family. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Maldives announced that Maldives has once again become a member of the Commonwealth family after the meeting between Abdullah Shahid, Foreign Minister of Maldives & Patricia Scotland, Secretary General of the Commonwealth.

**4. Who is the world's 1<sup>st</sup> deaf person to row across Atlantic Ocean?**

- 1) Mo O'Brien
- 2) Kathleen
- 3) Curtis Saville
- 4) Bryce Carlson
- 5) Chris Martin

Answer - 1) Mo O'Brien

**Explanation:**

60-year-old pharmacy worker Mo O'Brien has become the first deaf person on record to row across the Atlantic Ocean by finishing a 3,000-mile journey, with her daughter Bird Watts, and their friend Claire Allinson and reached finish line.

**5. Which Country has declared locusts as 'National Emergency' after the worst invasion of Locusts causing major damage to the crops, in addition to Pakistan?**

- 1) India
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) Somalia
- 4) Uganda
- 5) Rwanda

Answer - 3) Somalia



**Explanation:**

The Government of Somalia announced a National Emergency on Locusts (family- Acrididae) attack because these insects caused major damage to the food supply in one of the world's poorest countries & and most vulnerable regions in the world. Somalia is the 1st country to make such a declaration & its declaration aims to intensify the national effort to combat these insects. The Prime Minister (PM) of Pakistan Imran Khan has also declared a national emergency due to the massive locust's attack. These locusts have destroyed entire crops in the Punjab province of Pakistan, which now needs Rs 730 crore to overcome this crisis.

**6. Which country has ended free entry of Indian tourists (Feb 2020) and decided to implement daily fee of Rs. 1200 for regional tourists from India from July 2020?**

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Myanmar
- 5) Bhutan

Answer - **5) Bhutan**

**Explanation:**

On February 5, 2020 The Government of Bhutan, Thimphu decided to implement a daily fee of Rs.1200 (\$17) for "regional tourists" from India, the Maldives, Bangladesh from July 2020. The fee is called SDF "Sustainable Development Fees" in order to regulate a new tourism policy (tourism facilities, better infrastructure).

**7. Who has been announced as Ambassador for British Asian Trust by British prince Charles while unveiling the Children's protection fund for India (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Lilly Singh
- 2) Katy Perry
- 3) Hima Das
- 4) Millie Bobby Brown
- 5) Isha Guha

Answer - **2) Katy Perry**

**Explanation:**

Britain's Prince Charles unveiled a new Children's protection fund for India as part of British Asian Trust and announced Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson (Katy Perry), American singer as the new ambassador for the British Asian Trust Children's Protection Fund for India during a function at Banqueting House in London, England.

**8. Which group of countries has announced to work with United Nation (UN), World Health Organization (WHO) and Republic of China to tackle the outbreak of novel coronavirus (nCoV) (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) G7
- 2) G20
- 3) ASEAN
- 4) SAARC
- 5) SCO

Answer - **1) G7**

**Explanation:**

On February 04, 2020 the G7(Group of 7) countries has announced to work with the World Health Organisation(WHO), the European Union (EU) and People's Republic of China, in order to tackle the recent outbreak of Novel Coronavirus(nCoV).

**9. Which country has announced the launch of 27 nation Religious Freedom Alliance (Feb 2020) for protecting and preserving the religious freedom across the world?**

- 1) India
- 2) China
- 3) Austria
- 4) U.S.
- 5) Finland

Answer - **4) U.S.**

**Explanation:**

The United States (US) launched the 27-nation International Religious Freedom Alliance, which will try to adopt a collective approach in protecting and preserving religious freedom across the world. It was announced by US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo. Among the prominent countries to join the alliance are Austria, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Israel, Ukraine, the Netherlands and Greece.

**10. United Nations (UN) has released \_\_\_\_ for humanitarian operations in Syria's Idlib province from Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)?**

- 1) \$ 10 Million
- 2) \$ 20 Million
- 3) \$ 30 Million
- 4) \$ 40 Million
- 5) \$ 50 Million

Answer - **3) \$ 30 Million**

**Explanation:**

On February 7, 2020, Syria's Idlib province has received additional USD 30 million for the humanitarian operations from United Nations' (UN) Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).

**11. As per World Health Organisation (WHO) the global annual cost to treat female genital mutilation (FGM) is \_\_\_\_, based on interactive tool released by WHO on occasion of International Day of Zero tolerance against FGM (Feb 6, 2020)?**

- 1) \$1 Billion
- 2) \$1.1 Billion
- 3) \$1.3 Billion
- 4) \$1.4 Billion
- 5) \$1.8 Billion

Answer - **4) \$1.4 Billion**

**Explanation:**

On the occasion of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (On February 6, 2020), the United Nations's (UN) health agency, the WHO (World Health Organization) has presented the interactive modelling tool. As per this tool, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) poses a serious threat to women's health & to avoid its ill effects, a burden of \$1.4 billion is incurred worldwide.

**12. The BBIN member nations was deliberate to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement motor vehicle agreement during meeting held in New Delhi. The 'N' in BBIN represents which Nation?**

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Netherlands
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Norway
- 5) North Korea

Answer - **3) Nepal**

**Explanation:**

BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal) member nations discussed the proposed MoU (Member of Understanding) to implement Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA) for regulation of the passenger, personal & cargo vehicular traffic among the countries.

**13. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR conducted in Salisbury plain is between India and \_\_\_\_ (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Singapore
- 2) United States
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Russia
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer - **3) United Kingdom**

**Explanation:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Joint Military Exercise between Indian Army and United Kingdom(UK) Army AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 will be conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom(UK) from February (13 to 26) 2020.

**14. World Health Organization (WHO) has renamed the deadly coronavirus from China as 'COVID-19'. What is 'D' in COVID-19 refers?**

- 1) Defence
- 2) Disease
- 3) Deficiency
- 4) Data
- 5) Demolish

Answer - **2) Disease**

**Explanation:**

UN (United Nations) health agency, the WHO (World Health Organization) has officially renamed Coronavirus as 'COVID-19' ["co" stands for "corona", "vi" for "virus" and "d" for "disease", while "19" was for the year, as the outbreak was first originated in China's Wuhan area in December 2019].

**15. The 43rd session of the annual Governing Council meeting of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) 2020 based on the theme "Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030" held at Which country?**

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Rome, Italy
- 3) Washington D.C, United States
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer - **2) Rome, Italy**

**Explanation:**

A 2-day long 43rd session of the annual Governing Council meeting of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) 2020 based on the theme "Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030" was held at FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) headquarters in Rome, Italy from February 11- 12, 2020.

**16. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Arab country that issue license to operate the reactor in its nuclear reactor?**

- 1) Syria
- 2) Jordan
- 3) Yemen
- 4) United Arab Emirates
- 5) Qatar

Answer - **4) United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

The United Arab Emirates representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency Mr. Hamad al-kaabi announced that the National Nuclear Regulator has issued an Operating license for a reactor at its Barakah nuclear power plant and becomes the 1st arab country in the world to operate a nuclear power plant.

**17. With which country India has signed letter of intent (LoI) for collaboration on blue economy for sustainable development (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Norway
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Maldives
- 4) Australia
- 5) Singapore

Answer - **1) Norway**

**Explanation:**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan along with Norway's Minister for Climate and Environment, H.E. Mr Sveinung Rotevatn have jointly inaugurated the 'India-Norway Task Force on Blue Economy for Sustainable Development' at the 3rd meeting of the Task Force in New Delhi, India. The 2 countries also signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) & agreed to support and work together on Integrated Ocean Management & Research.

**18. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has announced, Pakistan will continue in grey list for another 4 months. The Headquarters of FATF located at?**

- 1) New York, United States
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) London, United Kingdom
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer - **3) Paris, France**

**Explanation:**

The Paris based Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an organization that monitors the financing of international terrorism, gave a 4-month extension to Pakistan & warned of action for its failure to combat money laundering and terror financing.

**19. During the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) Sri Lankan Government withdraws from UNHRC's resolution on war crimes. The Headquarters of UNHRC located at which of the following country?**

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Shanghai, China
- 3) Brussels, Belgium
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer - **5) Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

The Government of Sri Lanka has formally notified the United Nations (UN) that it is withdrawing from a United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution that called for accountability to human rights abuses committed during a decades-long conflict with Tamil separatists. This announcement was made by Dinesh Gunawardena, Sri Lanka's foreign minister during 43rd session of the UNHRC in Geneva, Switzerland.

## VISITS

**1. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister had a 5-day visit to India between Feb 7 -11, 2020 to boost the Bilateral Partnership. Who is The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?**

- 1) Mahendra Rajapaksa
- 2) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- 3) Maithripala Sirisena
- 4) Namal Rajapaksa
- 5) Sajith Premadasa

Answer - **1) Mahendra Rajapaksa**

**Explanation:**

Sri Lankan Prime Minister (PM) Mahendra Rajapaksa paid a 5-day visit to India from February 7-11, 2020 to boost bilateral partnership. This is his 1st official visit abroad after being appointed to the office by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, his younger brother.

**2. The Sri Lankan Prime Minister arrived at Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport for his 5-day visit to India (Feb 2020). Where is Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport located at?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Kerala

Answer – **4) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa arrived in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) at the Lal Bahadur Shastri airport and was given a warm welcome by senior officials and offered prayers at the famous Kashi Vishwanath temple.

**3. Dang Thai Ngoc Thinh who had a 3-day (Feb 11 – 13) visit to India is the Vice President of Which Nation?**

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Vietnam
- 4) China
- 5) South Korea

Answer - **3) Vietnam**

**Explanation:**

Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mrs. Dang Thai Ngoc Thinh paid a 3-day (February 11-13, 2020) visit to India, during which she held bilateral delegation-level talks with Vice President of India, Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu. The Joint Inauguration of the launch of direct flights between India & Vietnam was held at New Delhi.

**4. Which is India's 1<sup>st</sup> overnight journey private train inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi during his visit to Uttar Pradesh?**

- 1) Tejas Express
- 2) Maha Kaal Express
- 3) Suvidha
- 4) Rajdhani Express
- 5) Yuva Express

Answer - **2) Maha Kaal Express**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Modi flagged off the IRCTC's (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation) Maha Kaal Express through video link. The train will connect 3 Jyotirling Pilgrim Centres – Varanasi, Ujjain and Omkareshwar. This would be first overnight journey private train in the country. Every passenger travelling on the train will be covered with complimentary travel insurance of Rs 10 lakh. Facilities like security services, quality vegetarian food, bedrolls, and housekeeping services will also be available onboard. The Kashi Mahakal Express will run between Varanasi and Indore.

**5. Who has inaugurated the Indian pavilion at 70<sup>th</sup> edition of Berlin International Film festival (Berlinale) 2020 in Berlin, Germany?**

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 4) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 5) Harsimat Kaur Badal

Answer - **4) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**

**Explanation:**

External affairs minister(EAM) Dr S. Jaishankar inaugurated Indian Pavilion at the 70th edition of Berlin International Film Festival (Berlinale) 2020 in Berlin, Germany.

**6. Union Food processing industries Minister Harsimat Kaur Badal, has inaugurated Indian Pavilion at 25<sup>th</sup> edition of GulFood 2020. The GulFood 2020 held at?**

- 1) Dubai, UAE
- 2) Doha, Qatar
- 3) Rome, Italy
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) Moscow, Russia

Answer - **1) Dubai, UAE**

**Explanation:**

The Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal has paid a 3-day (February 16-18, 2020) visit to Dubai, UAE (United Arab Emirates) to attend the 25th Gulfood 2020. Food Processing Industries Minister, Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated the India Pavilion at 25th Edition of the GulFood 2020 in Dubai, UAE held from 16th to 20th February 2020.

**7. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah hold talks with Maldivian home minister Sheikh Imran Abdulla during his visit to India (Feb 2020). Who is the present president of Maldives?**

- 1) Ashraf Ghani
- 2) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- 3) Bidhya Devi Bhandari
- 4) Abdul Hamid
- 5) Lotay Tshering

Answer - **2) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih**

**Explanation:**

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah held extensive discussions with Maldivian home minister Sheikh Imran Abdulla during his 4-day visit to India from February 20 to 23, 2020 to strengthen the ties between 2 countries and discussed issues in the area of security & law enforcement cooperation, counter-terrorism, counter-radicalisation, drug trafficking. President - Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Capital – Malé & Currency - Maldivian rufiyaa.



**8. During the US president Donald Trump's visit to India (Feb 24-25, 2020), US has finalized the defence deal worth \_\_\_\_ for the sale of six AH-64E Apache Helicopters, and 24 MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopters to India.**

- 1) \$ 750 million
- 2) \$ 10 Billion
- 3) \$ 1175 million
- 4) \$ 3 Billion
- 5) \$ 7 Billion

**Answer - 4) \$ 3 Billion**

**Explanation:**

During the US president Donald Trump's visit to India (Feb 24-25, 2020), India - US closed defence deals worth \$3 billion which includes the sale of state-of-the-choppers, six AH-64E Apache Helicopters, and 24 MH-60R Sea Hawk helicopters to India under the Foreign Military Sales program of the US government.

**9. What is the Gift presented to US President Donald Trump by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to India (Feb 24-25, 2020)?**

- 1) Statute of Taj Mahal
- 2) Statue of 3 wise Monkeys
- 3) Statue of Gandhiji
- 4) Statue of Red fort
- 5) Statue of Donald Trump

**Answer - 2) Statue of 3 wise Monkeys**

**Explanation:**

A marble replica of Mahatma Gandhi's "three wise monkeys" statue, a copy of his Talisman or a piece of wisdom as well as a special edition of his autobiography were among the items gifted to US President Donald Trump and his wife Melania during their visit to the Sabarmati Ashram.

**10. Winston Peters who had a 4-day official visit (February 25-28, 2020) to India is the deputy Prime Minister of which country?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) France
- 3) Greece
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) Argentina

**Answer - 4) New Zealand**

**Explanation:**

The Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand (NZ) and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Winston Raymond Peters has paid a 4-day official visit to India (February 25-28, 2020). He was accompanied by NZ Trade Minister David Parker and a business delegation.

**11. Name the Indian organization which organized the India-New Zealand Business Forum 2020 in New Delhi.**

- 1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
  - 2) Electronic Component Industries Association (ELCINA)
  - 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
  - 4) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
  - 5) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)
- Answer - 1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**

**Explanation:**

FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), an association of business organisations in India has organized a 'India-New Zealand Business Forum 2020 in New Delhi.

## BANKING & FINANCE

**1. With which Credit rating agency Bank of Baroda (BoB) signed a pact for accessing credit qualities of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)?**

- 1) Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)
- 2) India Rating and Research Pvt. Ltd.
- 3) Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE)
- 4) Small and Medium Enterprises Rating Agency of India (SMERA)
- 5) Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited (ICRA)

**Answer - 3) Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE)**

**Explanation:**

The State owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) has partnered with Credit Analysis and Research Limited (CARE) for assessing the credit qualities of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME). Loan value for SMEs will be identified through 8 –Point scale. Number 1 indicates the highest creditworthiness and 8 - poor creditworthiness.

**2. NABARD approved loan to Punjab State Agricultural Development Bank (PSADB) worth \_\_ at low interest rate to strengthen and providing financial support to the Bank (January 2020)?**

- 1) 120 Crore
- 2) 125 Crore
- 3) 130 Crore
- 4) 135 Crore
- 5) 140 Crore

**Answer - 5) 140 Crore**

**Explanation:**

The National bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has given approval for the loan worth of 140 Crore at lower interest rate to Punjab State Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (PSADB) to strengthen and supporting the PSADB financially. The decision to provide Rs 140 crore was taken during a meeting between Punjab Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa-led delegation with NABARD Chairman Harsh Kumar Banwala in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**3. As per recently released Government Data (Scores given by MeitY) the Public Sector Banks which are rated as 'Good' in Digital Transactions in December 2019 is/are?**

- 1) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 2) Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- 3) Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 1) and 3)

**Answer - 5) Both 1) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

According to recently released data by Government of India via Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), State Bank of India (SBI) and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) are the only Public Sector Banks where are rated as 'Good' in Digital Transactions with the score of 68 and 77 respectively. The Scores for an individual bank are given by MeitY. A total of 9 private banks and 2 payment banks received good ratings on digital transactions in December 2019.

**4. The Target set by Government of India for the digital transactions in current fiscal year (FY 2020) by Volume is/are?**

- 1) 30 Billion
- 2) 35 Billion
- 3) 40 Billion
- 4) 45 Billion

5) 50 Billion

Answer - **3) 40 Billion**

**Explanation:**

The Government (Ministry of MeitY) has set a target of 40 Billion or 4000 Crore digital transactions for the current fiscal FY2020 (Financial year 2020)

**5. Which Indian digital payments company has launched all in one Quick response (QR), Point of Sale (Pos) device and merchant Software Development Kit (SDK) for third party integration (February 2020)?**

1) PayMate

2) Paytm

3) Airtel

4) PhonePe

5) Mobikwik

Answer - **2) Paytm**

**Explanation:**

Paytm, India's leading digital payments company, has launched an all-in-one QR (Quick Response), point-of-sale (POS) device for merchants across India & SDK (software development kit) for third-party integration. The PoS, launched by Infosys cofounder and UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) chairman Nandan Nilekani.

**6. Which Insurance company has launched comprehensive health insurance scheme "Infinity" (Feb 2020) with insurance limit of 3 lakhs to 1 crore?**

1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

2) HDFC General Insurance

3) Reliance General Insurance

4) Tata AIG Insurance

5) SBI General Insurance Company Ltd

Answer - **3) Reliance General Insurance**

**Explanation:**

Reliance General Insurance Company Limited, one of the leading insurance companies in India, has launched a comprehensive health insurance plan called "Reliance Health Infinity". Under the plan, the minimum sum insured will be Rs. 3 lakhs while the maximum sum insured limit will be Rs. 1 crore.

**7. To give protection to depositors, The Reserve Bank of India has increased (in effective from February 4, 2020) the Insurance cover on Bank deposits from 1 Lakh to?**

1) 2 Lakh

2) 4 Lakh

3) 5 Lakh

4) 10 Lakh

5) 15 Lakh

Answer - **3) 5 Lakh**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the Insurance cover on bank deposits to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh effective from February 4, 2020 with a view to giving protection to depositors.

**8. The Bank has to pay Insurance premium of \_\_\_ per Rs. 100 deposits to Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) in effective from Feb 4, 2020 for protection of depositors?**

1) 10 paise

2) 12 paise

3) 15 paise

- 4) 8 paise
- 5) 20 paise

Answer - 2) 12 Paise

**Explanation:**

The DICGC does not directly charge any premium from the depositor on this insurance. So Now Banks will pay a premium of 12 paise against 10 paise per Rs 100 deposit. This move comes after the Budget announcement by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who made an important provision in the Budget 2020-2021 on the protection of bank deposits of common people.

**9. According to latest data by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) the number of transactions (by volume) in Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app in Jan 2020 is?**

- 1) 1.60 crore
- 2) 1.78 crore
- 3) 1.85 crore
- 4) 1.67 crore
- 5) 1.92 crore

Answer - 3) 1.85 crore

**Explanation:**

According to the latest data from NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) comes against the backdrop of the decision made by government on encouraging digital payments. The Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app registered all time high volume of transactions with 1.85 crore transaction worth Rs.6611.22 crore in January 2020.

**10. According to latest data by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) registered a total of 25.95 crore transaction in January 2020 it amounts to \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 2.16 Lakh crore
- 2) 2.10 Lakh crore
- 3) 2.20 Lakh crore
- 4) 2.26 Lakh crore
- 5) 2.34 Lakh crore

Answer - 1) 2.16 Lakh crore

**Explanation:**

According to latest data by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) handle much of the online payments via internet banking, round the clock (24×7) & registered a total of 25.95 crore transaction, aggregating Rs.2.16 lakh crore in the first month of the calendar year 2020.

**11. As per Finance Ministry, the number of bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) till January 2020 is/are?**

- 1) 27 Crore
- 2) 31 Crore
- 3) 36 Crore
- 4) 38 Crore
- 5) 41 Crore

Answer - 4) 38 Crore

**Explanation:**

According to the Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Anurag Singh Thakur, bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) have registered around 38 crores till January 2020. Around 31 crore accounts are operative out of total 38 crores accounts & the number of these accounts has increased every year since the launch of the scheme.

**12. The current Reverse Repo rate is (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) 4%
- 2) 4.90%
- 3) 5.15%
- 4) 5.40%
- 5) 6%

Answer – 2) 4.90%

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2020-21 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. All members of the MPC unanimously voted to keep repo rate unchanged at 5.15% to continue other rates are, Reverse repo – 4.90, Bank rate – 5.40%, Marginal standing Facility (MSF) – 5.40%.

**13. To protect consumers and cost related to digital payments, Reserve Bank of India has decided to create Self Regulatory Organization (SRO) by?**

- 1) March 2020
- 2) April 2020
- 3) June 2020
- 4) December 2020
- 5) March 2021

Answer – 2) April 2020

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank has proposed to create a Self Regulatory Organization (SRO) by April 2020 to protect customers and costs related to digital payments. The SRO will work as a 2-way communication channel between the players and the regulator/supervisor.

**14. The Reserve Bank has announced the creation of DPI to assess and capture the extent of digitalization of payments in better manner. The “P” in DPI denotes?**

- 1) Payment
- 2) Prepaid
- 3) Purchase
- 4) Payments
- 5) Promissory

Answer - 4) Payments

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank has announced the creation of Digital Payments Index (DPI) to assess and capture the extent of digitalization of payments in better manner. The DPI, based on multiple parameters, will be made available after July 2020.

**15. To ensure better monetary transmission, Reserve Bank of India has decided to conduct 1 year and 3 year repos worth \_\_\_\_ from fortnight beginning midnight of February 15, 2020?**

- 1) 1 Lakh
- 2) 2 Lakh
- 3) 5 Lakh
- 4) 10 Lakh
- 5) 15 Lakh

Answer- 1) 1 Lakh

**Explanation:**

As per the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, RBI's decision to conduct new one-year and three-year repos worth Rs 1 lakh crore from the fortnight beginning on February 15, 2020 is aimed to ensure better monetary policy transmission that in turn will enable banks to reduce their lending rates.

**16. The Reserve Bank of India set to conduct Financial Literacy Week (FLW) from February 10 to 14, 2020. The Theme of FLW is?**

- 1) Theme: "Consumer Protection"
- 2) Theme: "Farmers"
- 3) Theme: "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)"
- 4) Theme: "Priority Sector Lending (PSL)"
- 5) Theme: "Educate the Customers"

**Answer - 3) Theme: "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)"**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is going to conduct the Financial Literacy Week (FLW) 2020 from February 10 – February 14, 2020 based on the theme "Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)". The RBI will also launch a centralized mass media campaign in February 2020 to broadcast essential financial awareness messages to MSME entrepreneurs.

**17. Which Bank/Organization has approved to sponsor \$2 million to combat the outbreak of novel Coronavirus (nCoV) (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Work Bank
- 2) New Development Bank
- 3) Asian Development Bank
- 4) International Monetary Fund
- 5) EXIM Bank

**Answer - 3) Asian Development Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved to sponsor \$2 million as funding to combat the outbreak of novel coronavirus (nCov). Under the funding, regional technical assistance will be provided in Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**18. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has increased the minimum net worth criteria for pension fund managers from 25 crores to \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 30 Crore
- 2) 35 Crore
- 3) 40 Crore
- 4) 45 Crore
- 5) 50 Crore

**Answer - 5) 50 Crore**

**Explanation:**

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), the regulator of the National Pension System (NPS), has doubled the minimum net worth criterion for pension fund managers to ₹50 crores from the ₹25 crore stipulated earlier. Provision has also been made for licenses to have indefinite validity.

**19. The Reserve Bank of India has eased the CRR requirement of commercial banks for 5 years for lending to automobiles, housing and MSME sector. What is 'C' in CRR stands for?**

- 1) Credit
- 2) Cash
- 3) Company
- 4) Current
- 5) Capital

**Answer - 2) Cash**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement of commercial banks for 5-years. So now the banks would not be needed to maintain the cash reserve ratio (CRR) for



5- years on their deposits for the amount equivalent to loans lent to automobiles, residential housing, and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) between 31 Jan-31 July, 2020 from their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) for maintenance of the CRR.

**20. The Union Ministry of Finance has released the notification of "Printing one-rupee currency note rules, 2020". The One rupee note feature will have the signature of \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Shaktikanta Das
- 2) Niramala Sitharaman
- 3) Rajiv Kumar
- 4) Ajay Bhusan Pandey
- 5) Atanu Chakraborty

Answer - **5) Atanu Chakraborty**

**Explanation:**

The Union Ministry of Finance has notified 'Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020' which will feature bilingual signature of Shri Atanu Chakraborty, Secretary, Ministry of Finance. It shall be rectangular 9.7 x 6.3 cms, with its paper made of 100% (cotton) rag content. The note will be 110 microns thick, weighing 90 GSM (Grams per Square Meter). The color of the note – pink green, the design surrounding will be of the Sagar Samrat, which is an oil exploration rig.

**21. As per Finance Minister, the Public Sector Bank(PSB) recovers record of Rs. \_\_\_\_ lakh crore in last 18 months (March 2018 – September 2019)?**

- 1) 1.87
- 2) 1.94
- 3) 2.03
- 4) 2.16
- 5) 2.29

Answer - **3) 2.03**

**Explanation:**

The Finance Minister informed that bad loans of PSBs stood at ₹7.27 lakh crore at the end of September 2019, down from ₹8.96 lakh crore at the end of March 2018. She also added Record recovery of ₹2.03 lakh crore over the one-and-half year period ending September 2019, 12 out of 18 PSBs reporting profit in the first half of the current financial year, and the highest provision coverage ratio in seven-and-half years."

**22. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published draft framework to set up new Pan-India New Umbrella Entity (NUE) for retail payment systems. It will be incorporated under which act? and further given authorization to RBI under section 4 of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007?**

- 1) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- 2) The Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- 3) Companies Act, 2013
- 4) The Banking Companies (Legal Practitioner Clients' Accounts) Act, 1949
- 5) Companies Act, 1956

Answer - **3) Companies Act, 2013**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published draft framework to set up new Pan-India New Umbrella Entity (NUE) for retail payment systems. It will be incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 and will be given authorization by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under Section 4 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act). RBI has invited comments on the draft framework from all stakeholders.

**23. As per the world's foremost financial site The Bakers' 'Top 500 Banking Brands 2020' report which Indian Bank tops the list of 'Highest increase in brand value' among global banks?**

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) IndusInd Bank
- 4) IDFC Bank
- 5) Yes Bank

**Answer - 3) IndusInd Bank**

**Explanation:**

As per the The Banker's 'Top 500 Banking Brands 2020' report, India's IndusInd Bank has topped the list of 'Highest increase in brand value' among global banks. Its brand value saw an increase of 122% over the past 12 months. The bank reported total assets of Rs 3.1 lakh crore at the end of Q3 FY20.

**24. As per the world's foremost financial site The Bakers' 'Top 500 Banking Brands 2020' report India's position in the list of 'Top 50 By Total Brand Value by Country' is/are \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 2
- 2) 5
- 3) 8
- 4) 3
- 5) 7

**Answer - 3) 8**

**Explanation:**

As per The Bakers' 'Top 500 Banking Brands 2020' report the list "Top 50 By Total Brand Value by Country" has been topped by China, followed by United States (US) at 2nd position while Canada and the United Kingdom (UK) ranked at 3rd and 4th spots. Japan has moved up to fifth spot. India ranked 8th in this list in comparison to 10th place in 2019. India's brand value is 26,516 \$m in 2020 showing an increase of 13% in comparison to 23,409 \$m in 2019.

**25. Which Indian Private sector bank signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) department of government of Odisha to boost startups?**

- 1) Yes Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

**Answer - 4) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department of government of Odisha has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank Limited to provide smart banking solutions to Startups recognised by the Startup Odisha and will also extend incubation and acceleration support to all Startups, banking with them.

**26. The Central Board of Directors of the RBI at 582nd meeting recommended aligning the financial year of RBI with the government's fiscal year (April-March) from the year 2020-21. The current Financial year of RBI is between?**

- 1) January - December
- 2) October - September
- 3) July - June
- 4) September - August
- 5) March - February

**Answer - 3) July - June**

**Explanation:**

The Central Board of Directors of the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) at its 582nd meeting recommended aligning the financial year of RBI, currently July-June, with the government's fiscal year (April-March) from the year 2020-21. Now, the proposal is sent to the government for its approval. The meeting was addressed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. She was accompanied by Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur, Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar and Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan, among other senior officials.

**27. As per Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) "Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies" the central bank has decided to conduct Long Term Repo Operations (LTROs) for one-year and three-year tenors for up to a total amount of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 1 Lakh Crore
- 2) 50,000 Crore
- 3) 1.2 Lakh Crore
- 4) 25,000 Crore
- 5) 10,000 Crore

**Answer - 1) 1 Lakh Crore**

**Explanation:**

The RBI released "Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies" which stated about Long Term Repo Operations (LTROs) for improving monetary transmission. It is aimed at providing cheaper money to banks at the repo rate so that it can be used to boost credit growth. RBI decided to conduct Long Term Repo Operations (LTROs) for one-year and three-year tenors for up to a total amount of ₹ 1,00,000 crores at the policy repo rate. Simply, RBI is injecting Rs 1 lakh crore into the banking system through auctions with long term maturity periods (compared to one day repos) of 1 year and 3 years. LTRO is in addition to the existing LAF (Liquidity adjustment facility) and MSF (Marginal Standing Facility) operations. The current repo rate is 5.15%.

**28. With Which Bank the Government of India (GoI) signed loan agreement worth \$450 Mn to support Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) – National Groundwater Management Improvement Program in 7 Indian states?**

- 1) World Bank (WB)
- 2) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 4) Export and Import bank of India (EXIM)
- 5) New Development Bank (NDB)

**Answer - 1) World Bank (WB)**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (GoI) and the World Bank(WB) have inked a \$ 450 million (mn) loan agreement to support Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) – National Groundwater Management Improvement Program that will be implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti in the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh (UP) and cover 78 districts.

**29. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has decided to tighten the norms to whom to protect the interest of investors with the proposed advisory capping fees of 2.25% of assets under management (AUM) / an amount of ₹75,000 per annum?**

- 1) Market Brokers
- 2) Investment advisors
- 3) Stock buyers
- 4) Stock Trader
- 5) Investment agents

**Answer – 2) Investment advisors**

**Explanation:**

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the regulator for the securities market in India, has decided to tighten the eligibility rules for investment advisors with the intention of protecting the interests of investors. It has also decided to set an advisory capping fees & proposed a fee of 2.25% of assets under management (AUM) / an amount of ₹75,000 per annum. The fee can be charged for up to 2 quarters at a time and cannot be fully charged upfront.

**30. Which Indian Private sector bank along with MasterCard and SAP concur jointly partnered for corporate spending?**

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) Yes Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer - **3) HDFC Bank**

**Explanation:**

HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation), MasterCard and SAP concur, jointly partnered for corporate spending for the travelers and it provides Integral solution for business related expenditure (plane tickets, hotel bookings) and Invoice management services.

**31. Which Indian private sector bank gets Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval for reducing the promotor's stake to 26%?**

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 3) Development Credit Bank
- 4) Bandhan Bank
- 5) IndusInd Bank

Answer - **2) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Explanation:**

Kotak Mahindra Bank, an Indian private sector bank has received final approval from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to reduce the promoter's stake to 26 %.

**32. As per RBI's 5-year National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (2019-2024), Public credit registry (PCR) made fully operational by \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) March 2020
- 2) January 2021
- 3) April 2021
- 4) March 2022
- 5) July 2022

Answer - **4) March 2022**

**Explanation:**

In order to promote financial literacy among customers and to provide access to formal financial services in an affordable manner, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2019-24. The strategy has been prepared by Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC) of the RBI. As per the report, the public credit registry (PCR) has to be made fully operational by March 2022.

**33. As per RBI's 5-year National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (2019-2024), Every adult enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dan Yojana (PMJDY) should be enrolled under an insurance scheme and pension scheme by \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) June 2021
- 2) June 2020

- 3) April 2020
- 4) March 2020
- 5) March 2021

Answer – **4) March 2020**

**Explanation:**

As per RBI's 5-year National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (2019-2024), by March 2020, every adult enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) should be enrolled under an insurance scheme and pension scheme.

**34. As per World Bank's report titled 'Delivering Road Safety in India' what is the extra estimated cost investment needed to half road crash fatalities in India?**

- 1) \$98 billion
- 2) \$119 billion
- 3) \$91 billion
- 4) \$109 billion
- 5) \$113 billion

Answer – **4) \$109 billion**

**Explanation:**

The report, Delivering Road Safety in India, by World Bank was released during the conference. It stated India needs to invest an estimated extra \$109 billion in road safety to halve its road crash fatalities. The India road safety report is part of a regional report, Road Safety in South Asia: Opportunities for Shared Regional Initiatives. This will bring economic benefits equivalent annually to 3.7% of GDP.

**35. To which Indian State/UT NABARD has granted 400.64 crore under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to boost the infrastructure (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Odisha

Answer – **1) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), an Apex Development Financial Institution in India, has granted a sum of Rs 400.64 crore to the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K). The amount has been sanctioned under its 'Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) – Trench XXV' for boosting rural infrastructure during the current financial year-FY (2019-20).

**36. Name the Public sector bank of India which joined hands with Microsoft to train differently abled people for the employment in Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector?**

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) IDBI Bank Ltd.
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Corporation Bank
- 5) IDBI Bank Ltd.

Answer – **3) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

Global tech giant Microsoft has collaborated with the State Bank of India (SBI) to train differently-abled people to find jobs in the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector. As a part of this partnership, 500 differently-abled youths will be trained in 1<sup>st</sup> year and SBI Foundation & Microsoft will develop an artificial intelligence powered market so that BFSI industry can connect more easily with differently-abled people for employment opportunities.

**37. As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report titled "Assessment of the progress of digitisation from cash to electronic", The value of digital payments to GDP increased from 660% in 2014-15 to \_\_\_\_ in 2018-19.**

- 1) 752%
- 2) 796%
- 3) 862%
- 4) 698%
- 5) 736%

**Answer - 3) 862%**

**Explanation:**

As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report titled "Assessment of the progress of digitisation from cash to electronic", The value of digital payments to GDP increased from 660% in 2014-15 to 862% in 2018-19.

**38. As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report titled "Assessment of the progress of digitisation from cash to electronic", The notes in circulation (NIC) increased at average rate of \_\_\_\_ between October 2014 and October 2016.**

- 1) 22%
- 2) 26%
- 3) 19%
- 4) 14%
- 5) 36%

**Answer - 4) 14%**

**Explanation:**

As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report titled "Assessment of the progress of digitisation from cash to electronic", The notes in circulation (NIC) [Currency in Circulation (CIC) – coins in circulation] increased at average rate of 14% between October 2014 and October 2016.

**39. As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report titled "Assessment of the progress of digitisation from cash to electronic", The CIC (Currency in Circulation) across the country increased at a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of \_\_\_\_ over the past 5 years (2014-15 to 2018-19).**

- 1) 15.2%
- 2) 9.6%
- 3) 10.2%
- 4) 13.2%
- 5) 18.6%

**Answer - 3) 10.2%**

**Explanation:**

As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report titled "Assessment of the progress of digitisation from cash to electronic", The CIC (Currency in Circulation) across the country increased at a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 10.2% over the past 5 years (2014-15 to 2018-19).

**40. Find the organization, which secured \$118 Million through offshore India rupee linked 10-year bonds (Feb 2020).**

- 1) World Bank (WB)
- 2) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 4) Export-Import Bank (EXIM)
- 5) State Bank of India (SBI)

**Answer - 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**



**Explanation:**

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has secured Rs 850 crore (about \$118 million) from a new issue of offshore Indian rupee-linked 10-year bonds, with the bonds bearing a semi-annual coupon of 6.15% and priced to yield 6.19%.

**41. Name the Private sector bank, which got nod from Reserve Bank of India to open new branches without prior approval (Feb 2020).**

- 1) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- 2) Federal Bank
- 3) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- 4) City Union Bank
- 5) Bandhan Bank

Answer – **5) Bandhan Bank**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted the ban on Bandhan Bank & allowed it to open new branches without prior permission. However, the RBI came up with some regulatory conditions & directed the bank to order about 25 % of the total banking outlets to be opened in rural areas where banking facilities are not available.

**42. Name the Insurance company, which is the 1<sup>st</sup> non-life insurance company in India to use WhatsApp Chabot for services like delivery policy & renewal documents?**

- 1) Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- 2) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- 3) Edelweiss General Insurance
- 4) DHFL General Insurance
- 5) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer – **2) Bharti AXA General Insurance**

**Explanation:**

Bharti AXA General Insurance becomes the 1st non-life insurer in India to use Whatsapp chatbot for entire services such as policy documents delivery, renewal notices & claim intimation for its customers. It will soon start to sell private cars, 2 wheelers & Travel insurance through Whatsapp.

**43. The Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar has launched 'Baroda Startup Banking' service to make Bank of Baroda (BoB) preferred partner for Start-up companies. Who is the present Chairman of BoB?**

- 1) Hasmukh Adhia
- 2) T. N. Manoharan
- 3) Rajnish Kumar
- 4) S. Muhnot
- 5) Pratap Sharma

Answer – **1) Hasmukh Adhia**

**Explanation:**

Finance Secretary Shri Rajiv Kumar has inaugurated the 'Baroda Startup Banking' service across 15 cities with the objective of making Bank of Baroda (BoB) a preferred ally of startup companies and connecting more than 2,000 startups over the next 2- years.

Chairman – Hasmukh Adhia, MD&CEO – Sanjiv Chadha, Headquarters – Baroda, Gujarat.

**44. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has ordered to link all their new floating rate loans to medium enterprises with an external benchmark effective from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) March 31, 2020
- 2) January 1, 2021
- 3) July 1, 2020

- 4) April 1, 2020
- 5) June 30, 2020

Answer – 4) April 1, 2020

**Explanation:**

In a bid to strengthen monetary policy transmission, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has ordered banks to link all their new floating rate loans to medium enterprises with an external benchmark effective from April 1, 2020. The interest rate linked to an external benchmark has to be revised at least once in 3 months.

**45. The RBI has released a working paper titled "Nowcasting Indian GDP growth using a Dynamic Factor Model" which derived a new method to calculate India's growth (GDP) using \_\_\_\_ indicators.**

- 1) 10
- 2) 15
- 3) 12
- 4) 7
- 5) 18

Answer - 3) 12

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has come up with a new method of calculating India's growth through a Working Paper titled "Nowcasting Indian GDP growth using a Dynamic Factor Model" under the RBI Working Paper Series, introduced in March 2011. The Paper is co-authored by Soumya Bhadury, Saurabh Ghosh and Pankaj Kumar. The paper introduces the Dynamic Factor Model of calculating Gross Domestic Product (GDP), using 12 indicators. It should be noted that the indicators are similar but not the same as the dynamic factor models (DFMs) of Stock and Watson (1989).

**46. The Government of India (GoI) decided to include non-scheduled urban & District cooperative banks under which scheme to make easy access to finance for MSME sector.**

- 1) Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)
- 2) Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS)
- 3) Interest subvention scheme
- 4) only 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

Answer – 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

**Explanation:**

The Government of India (GOI) has decided to include non-scheduled urban & district central cooperative banks in 3 schemes namely Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) & Interest Subvention Scheme to make easy access to finance for the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

**47. Name the Public Sector Bank which displayed Shishu e-Mudra app (providing instant sanction of working capital up to Rs. 50,000 to existing small business customers) at an event in New Delhi.**

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Bank of Baroda
- 3) Bank of Maharashtra
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) Indian Bank

Answer – 1) State Bank of India

**Explanation:**

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled EASE 3.0, the Public Sector Bank (PSB) Reforms Agenda 2020-21 for smart, tech-enabled banking, and the PSB EASE

Reforms Annual Report 2019-20 in during an event in New Delhi. The State Bank of India has showcased Shishu e-Mudra app-based lending for instant sanction of working capital up to Rs. 50,000 to existing small business customers in the event.

**48. As per PSB Ease reform report Annual Report 2019-20 the Gross Non-Performing Assets (G-NPA) reduced from Rs. 8.96 lakh crore in March 2018 to Rs. \_\_\_\_\_lakh crore in December 2019.**

- 1) 6.25
- 2) 9.98
- 3) 4.65
- 4) 7.17
- 5) 7.87

Answer – 4) 7.17

**Explanation:**

As per PSB Ease reform report Annual Report 2019-20 the Gross Non-Performing Assets (G-NPA) reduced from Rs. 8.96 lakh crore (14.6%) in March 2018 to Rs. 7.17 lakh crore (11.3%) in December 2019.

**49. Name the Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC), which launched an SME (Small and medium-sized enterprises) lending product “UDAAN” for women entrepreneurs to provide secured loans upto Rs.40 lakhs.**

- 1) Muthoot Finance Limited
- 2) Edelweiss Finance & Investments Limited
- 3) Capri Global Capital Limited
- 4) Religare Finvest Limited
- 5) Capital First Limited

Answer – 3) Capri Global Capital Limited

**Explanation:**

The Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) has launched an SME (Small and medium-sized enterprises) lending product “UDAAN” for women entrepreneurs to provide secured loans upto Rs.40 lakhs only for Business purpose with the loan repayment period of 10years to 15 years at a competitive interest rate after conducting due diligence.

**50. Name the private sector bank, which partnered with IndiGo to launch co-branded credit card ‘Ka-Ching’ powered by MasterCard?**

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) Yes Bank
- 3) IndusInd Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) ICICI Bank

Answer – 4) HDFC Bank

**Explanation:**

HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) bank, an Indian banking and financial services company, has entered into a partnership with IndiGo airlines to launch its first travel credit card named ‘Ka-ching’- powered by Mastercard.

## ECONOMY & BUSINESS

**1. According to Comptroller General of Accounts' (CGA) data, the fiscal deficit reached \_\_\_\_ in December 2019 which exceeds the full fiscal deficit target of FY20?**

- 1) 128.8%
- 2) 130.4%
- 3) 132.4%
- 4) 134.8%
- 5) 136.6%

**Answer - 3) 132.4%**

**Explanation:**

According to the data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the fiscal deficit reached 132.4 % of the full fiscal target in December 2019 itself due to the slow pace of revenue collection in the current financial year-FY 2019-2020. Fiscal Deficit the difference between expenses & receipts stood at Rs 9,31,725 crores.

**2. As per Economic Survey released by Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramanian, the economic growth of the country for FY21 estimated as?**

- 1) 4.5 – 5 %
- 2) 5 – 5.5 %
- 3) 5.5 – 6 %
- 4) 6 – 6.5 %
- 5) 6.5 – 7 %

**Answer - 4) 6- 6.5 %**

**Explanation:**

The Economic Survey projects the country's economic growth rate to be 6-6.5 % during the financial year 2020-21. At the same time, GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth can be 5 % in the financial year 2019-20, which will be the slowest growth rate in the last 11 years

**3. According to National Statistics Office's (NSO) 1<sup>st</sup> revised estimate the Net National Income at current prices in 2019-19 is?**

- 1) 139.81 Lakh Crore
- 2) 131.75 Lakh Crore
- 3) 151.50 Lakh Crore
- 4) 167.89 Lakh Crore
- 5) 175.41 Lakh Crore

**Answer - 4) 167.89 Lakh Crore**

**Explanation:**

According to NSO's 1<sup>st</sup> revised estimate Net national income at current prices stood at Rs 167.89 lakh crore in 2018-19, up from Rs 151.50 lakh crore in 2017-18. Thus it grew by 10.8 % in 2018-19, from 11.2 % in the previous financial year. NSO also revised the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast to 6.1% from 6.8% earlier.

**4. The Fitch Ratings Inc., Credit rating agency in its 'India's Economic growth outlook' Forecasted India's GDP in Financial Year 2020 to?**

- 1) 4.4%
- 2) 4.6%
- 3) 4.8%
- 4) 5%
- 5) 5.1%

**Answer - 2) 4.6%**

**Explanation:**

Fitch Ratings Inc., an American credit rating agency in its 'India's economic growth outlook', has estimated India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to 5.6 % for the financial year-FY21. For the current fiscal 2019-20 (FY 20), GDP is projected at 4.6 %.

**5. According to latest RBI data (as on Jan 17, 2020) the Bank deposits grew by 9.51% amounting to 131.26 Lakh Crore. Whereas Bank credit grew by \_\_ which amounts to 100.05 Lakh Crore?**

- 1) 6.15%
- 2) 5.77%
- 3) 6.71%
- 4) 7.21%
- 5) 9.43%

Answer - **4) 7.21%**

**Explanation:**

According to the latest Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, Bank credit and deposits grew by 7.21 % and 9.51 % to Rs 100.05 lakh crore and Rs 131.26 lakh crore, respectively, in the fortnight ended January 17,2020.

**6. Amazon has partnered with Which zone of Indian Railways to set up a pick-up kiosk (a small hut) at the railway station (Jan 2020)?**

- 1) Southern Railways
- 2) Northern Railways
- 3) Western Railways
- 4) Eastern Railways
- 5) Central Railways

Answer - **4) Eastern Railways**

**Explanation:**

Multinational technology company(MNC) Amazon India has partnered with Eastern Railways in order to set up a pick-up kiosk at the Sealdah railway station in Kolkata, West Bengal. Previously successful pilot of pickup kiosks in 4 railway stations across Mumbai, Maharashtra was set up in 2019.

**7. The Government Organization which gives approval for the combination Yum Restaurants (India) private Limited (YRIPL) and Devyani International Limited (DIL) is (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 2) Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- 3) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- 4) National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)
- 5) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Answer - **3) Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

**Explanation:**

Securities and Exchange Board of India On February 03,2020, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposal for the combination of Yum Restaurants (India) private Limited (YRIPL) and Devyani International Limited (DIL). The proposal is that DIL is going to acquire some Equity Shareholding and sell some KFC restaurants.

**8. As per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) the rate of labour force participation is 36.9 % and the unemployment rate in India in 2017-18 was \_\_\_\_%?**

- 1) 4.1
- 2) 4.6
- 3) 5.3

4) 6.1

5) 7.6

Answer - 4) 6.1

**Explanation:**

As per the new Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) being conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MosPI), the labour force participation is 36.9 % and the rate of unemployment for 2017-18 is 6.1%.

**9. According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for Financial Year 21 (FY21) is?**

1) 5%

2) 5.6%

3) 7.1%

4) 6%

5) 6.5%

Answer - 4) 6%

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank has projected GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for Fiscal Year-FY21 to 6%. It was 5% in FY20. In the Economic Survey presented on 31 January, 2020 the GDP growth rate in 2020-21 has been estimated to be 6 – 6.5 %.

**10. As per Data released by Government of India, 13.62 million Indian nationals are staying abroad and \_\_\_\_ received as remittance between April 2018 – September 2019?**

1) \$118.3 Billion

2) \$114.7 Billion

3) \$119.3 Billion

4) \$127.6 Billion

5) \$113.3 Billion

Answer - 1) \$118.3 Billion

**Explanation:**

The Indian govt. has released data of remittances received in the country since April 2018- September 2019. As per the report around 13.62 million Indian nationals are staying abroad & around \$118.3 billion has been received as remittance. As per data of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), \$76.4 billion was received as remittances during 2018-19 while \$41.9 billion was received during 2019-20.

**11. Who among the following will not be a member of Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) formulated panel to improve Information Technology (IT) system?**

1) Member secretary of GSTN

2) Representatives from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

3) Minister of state, Finance

4) Representatives from Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

5) Representatives from confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)

Answer - 3) Minister of state, Finance

**Explanation:**

Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), a non-profit, non-government organization which manages the entire IT system of the GST portal has formed a consultation committee to give feedback on new functionalities in the GST system and adoption of new IT platforms. The committee will have Members including officials from selected states recommended by the GST Council, member secretary of GSTN, representatives from the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and industry chambers such as CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) and ASSOCHAM, traders body such as Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and professional bodies such as Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, among others.



**12. According to the “Public Enterprises Survey 2018-19” prepared by Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) under Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Which Indian Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) company is most profitable?**

- 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC)
- 2) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- 3) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- 4) Air India
- 5) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

**Answer - 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC)**

**Explanation:**

According to “Public Enterprises Survey 2018-19”, which measures the annual economic condition of all central PSUs, ONGC, IOC and NTPC were the top three PSUs with profits in 2018-19. BSNL, Air India and MTNL saw the highest losses for the third consecutive year.

**13. According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data on ‘Outward Foreign Direct Investment’ (OFDI) India’s foreign investment rose by \_\_\_\_% to USD 2.10 Billion in January 2020.**

- 1) 20
- 2) 25
- 3) 30
- 4) 35
- 5) 40

**Answer - 5) 40**

**Explanation:**

According to Reserve Bank of India(RBI) on RBI data on ‘Outward Foreign Direct Investment (OFDI), India ‘s Foreign investment rose by nearly 40 per cent to USD 2.10 billion on a yearly basis in January 2020. In Previous year 2019, Indian companies had invested USD 1.47 billion in their overseas ventures.

**14. The Economic Intelligence Unit’s (EIU) estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate for India in 2020 is/are \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 5%
- 2) 5.3%
- 3) 5.9%
- 4) 6.1%
- 5) 5.6%

**Answer - 4) 6.1%**

**Explanation:**

Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) also estimated the GDP growth for India to 6.1 percent for 2020 from 4.9 percent estimated for the year 2019.

**15. The Global growth forecast predicted by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) for the year 2020 reduced from 2.3% to \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 2.2%
- 2) 2.1%
- 3) 1.9%
- 4) 1.7%
- 5) 1.6%

**Answer - 1) 2.2%**

**Explanation:**

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has revised its Global growth forecast for the year 2020 to 2.2 percent from the previous 2.3 percent, and is because of the Impact in Global market created by Novel coronavirus outbreak in China.

**16. According to the Data released by National Statistics organisation (NSO) of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) the retail inflation rose to 68 months high to \_\_\_ in January 2020.**

- 1) 7.35%
- 2) 7.59%
- 3) 7.92%
- 4) 6.78%
- 5) 6.98%

**Answer - 2) 7.59%**

**Explanation:**

According to the data released by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Retail inflation rose to a 68-month high of 7.59 % in January 2020 as against 7.35% in December 2019 due to prices of food items such as vegetables, eggs, meat and fish, along with fuel became costlier.

**17. According to the Data released by National Statistics organisation (NSO) of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) the Index of industrial production (IIP), the industry production slipped to \_\_\_ in December 2019 compared to 2.5% in December 2018?**

- 1) 0.9%
- 2) 0.3%
- 3) 1.3%
- 4) 0.5%
- 5) 1.1%

**Answer - 2) 0.3%**

**Explanation:**

Index of industrial production (IIP) can also be seen falling, with industrial production slipping 0.3 % in December 2019 as compared to 2.5 % growth in the same month a year ago.

**18. Which Technological Giant company has launched “We think Digital” Programme in partnership with National Commission for Women (NCW) and Cyber Peace Foundation to provide digital literacy training to 1 Lakh women in 7 states (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Google
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Facebook
- 4) Amazon
- 5) LinkedIn

**Answer - 3) Facebook**

**Explanation:**

Facebook launched “We Think Digital” Programme to provide digital literacy training to 1 lakh women across 7 states, including Uttar Pradesh (UP), West Bengal & Bihar. It has been launched in partnership with National Commission for Women (NCW) and Cyber Peace Foundation.

**19. Which Country has put imports from India under the methodology for countervailing duty (CVD) investigations (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) China
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Mauritius
- 5) United States

**Answer - 5) United States**

**Explanation:**

United States Trade Representative (USTR) has removed India, Brazil, Indonesia, Hong Kong, South Africa and Argentina from getting special preferences under the methodology for countervailing duty (CVD) investigations. It is a list of developing countries that are exempt from investigations into whether they harm American industry with unfairly subsidized exports.

**20. Which E-Commerce company to invest \$1.6 Billion for setting up data centres in Hyderabad and Telangana (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Amazon Web Services
- 2) Brainbees Solutions
- 3) Flipkart
- 4) IndiaMART
- 5) FSM Ecommerce ventures

Answer - **1) Amazon Web Services**

**Explanation:**

Amazon, E-commerce (electronic commerce) company and leader in cloud computing service with its Amazon Web Services (AWS), is setting up 2 data centers near Hyderabad, Telangana, with a total investment of Rs. 11,630 crores (around \$ 1.6 billion). The data center aims for safe and secure storage, to manage and process customer data & information through cloud computing. In 2019, Amazon had opened an office in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, consisting of 15,000 employees. It was the 1st owned office building by American company Amazon outside the US (United States).

**21. As per Finance Minister of India, the nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) value of the country in Financial Year 2020 (2019-2020) is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) \$2 Trillion
- 2) \$2.2 Trillion
- 3) \$2.5 Trillion
- 4) \$2.9 Trillion
- 5) \$3.3 Trillion

Answer - **4) \$2.9 Trillion**

**Explanation:**

Replying to discussions on Union Budget 2020-21 in Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that will invest over one lakh crore rupees in infrastructure development by 2024-25 and the nominal GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the country has increased from two trillion dollars in 2014-15 to 2.9 trillion dollars by 2019-20.

**22. American Credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service has lowered the India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth estimate for Financial Year 2020 from 6.6% to \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 6%
- 2) 5.6%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 4.5%
- 5) 5.4%

Answer - **5) 5.4%**

**Explanation:**

On February 17, 2020, Moody's Investors Service, an American credit rating agency, has lowered India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth estimate for the current financial year (2019-20) to 5.4% from 6.6% and the next financial year (2020-21) growth rate estimate to 5.8% from 6.7%.

**23. Which Indian PSU signed MoU with Energy Efficiency Service Limited (EESL) for installing 1000 public Electrical Vehicle charging stations?**

- 1) Coal India Limited (CIL)
- 2) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)
- 3) Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO)
- 4) Indian Railways
- 5) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

Answer - **5) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**

**Explanation:**

State-owned Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed an MoU with BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) for installing 1000 public charging stations for Electric Vehicles.

**24. As per the report titled 'Women Entrepreneurship in India – Powering the economy with her' women entrepreneurs can create around 170 million jobs in India. The report was published by which management consultant company along with Google?**

- 1) Accenture
- 2) KPMG
- 3) McKinsey & Company
- 4) Bain & Company
- 5) Capgemini

Answer - **4) Bain & Company**

**Explanation:**

The report titled 'Women Entrepreneurship in India – Powering the economy with her' by Bain & Company and Google, Indian women entrepreneurs can generate transformational employment in India with 150–170 million job opportunities, which is more than 25% of the new jobs required for the entire working age population by 2030. The lead author of the report was Meghna Chawla, a Bain & Company partner. The report identifies six dominant segments of female entrepreneurs and estimates India to have 13.5–15.7 million enterprises owned by women, representing about 20% of all enterprises.

**25. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019-20 as per the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)?**

- 1) 5%
- 2) 4.6%
- 3) 5.1%
- 4) 4.9%
- 5) 5.6%

Answer - **4) 4.9%**

**Explanation:**

National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), a New Delhi based non-profit think tank of economics, has estimated India's economic growth rate to be 4.9 % for the current Financial year-FY 2019-20, which is lower than the 5 % estimation by the National Statistical Office (NSO). NCAER has expressed the hope that in the year 2020-21, the country's growth rate can be up to 5.6%.

**26. The Sweden's Riksbank (Central Bank) has begun the testing of world's 1<sup>st</sup> Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) version named \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) e-Rupiah
- 2) e-Ringgit
- 3) e-Krone
- 4) e-Krona
- 5) e-Won

Answer - **4) e-Krona**

**Explanation:**

Sveriges Riksbank (or simply the Riksbank), the central bank of Sweden, had begun testing its digital version of currency, e-krona. If this year-long pilot project successful, this would lead to the creation of world's 1st central bank digital currency(CBDC).

**27. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has amended the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to allow 100% FDI for insurance Intermediators. The DPIIT comes under which Ministry?**

- 1) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 2) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) Ministry of Finance

Answer - **4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

**Explanation:**

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) (under Ministry of Commerce and Industry) has amended the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy to allow 100% FDI (earlier it was 49%) for insurance Intermediators like insurance brooking, insurance companies, third party administrators, surveyors and loss assessors. 100% FDI is allowed in insurance intermediaries under automatic approval route.

**28. As per Government's data, the issuance of RuPay debit cards under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dan Yojana (PMJDY) has reached the all-time-high of \_\_\_\_ (as on 19 February 2020).**

- 1) 38.13 Crore
- 2) 36.59 Crore
- 3) 29.14 Crore
- 4) 19.97 Crore
- 5) 25.33 Crore

Answer – **3) 29.14 crore**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the government data, by February 19, 2020, the issuance of RuPay debit cards under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) reached an all-time-high of 29.14 crore. The data states that three out of four Jan Dhan account holders (i.e 29.14 crore out of 38.13 crore – around 76%)have a RuPay debit card.

**29. As per Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the fiscal deficit of the country reached \_\_\_\_ of the estimate for the whole year at the end of January 2020.**

- 1) 121.5%
- 2) 112.8%
- 3) 118.7%
- 4) 128.5%
- 5) 132.2%

Answer – **4) 128.5%**

**Explanation:**

According to the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, fiscal deficit of the country reached 128.5 % of the estimate for the whole year at the end of January 2020.The deficit stood at Rs 9,85,472 crore (\$137.05 billion). The deficit was 121.5% of the revised budget estimate (RBE) for the same period of the previous financial year-FY 2018-19.

## MoU's & AGREEMENTS

**1. India signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth of \$2.49 Million to establish Addu Tourism Zone with which Country?**

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Maldives
- 5) Italy

Answer - **4) Maldives**

**Explanation:**

India & Maldives signed 5 MoUs (memorandum of understanding) to establish Addu tourism Zone on 5 islands of Addu Atoll in Maldives with a project cost of \$2.49 million an MoU to set up a bottled water plant at Hoarafushi, an inhabited island in Maldives was also signed.

**2. Recently in February 2020, with Which country India signed 4 MoUs in the field of Research (in nanotechnology, water management and renewable energy) and Higher education?**

- 1) Sweden
- 2) Norway
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Maldives
- 5) Nepal

Answer - **2) Norway**

**Explanation:**

India and Norway signed 4 MoUs (A Memorandum of Understandings) in the field of research and higher education to strengthen their bilateral partnership. The agreements were led by Anni Line Wold, Norway Director-General, Norwegian Ministry of Education & Research and witnessed by Hans Jacob Frydenlund Norwegian Ambassador to India at New Delhi, India.

**3. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) signed MoU with CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) to set up Liaison office in Assam to provide technical support to the food industries in the Northeast region. The Headquarters of CSIR-CFTRI located at?**

- 1) Indore
- 2) Mysore
- 3) Ahmedabad
- 4) Lucknow
- 5) Guwahati

Answer - **2) Mysore**

**Explanation:**

On February 4, 2020 A Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) was signed between CSIR-CFTRI and APEDA to set up a Liaison Office, Guwahati, Assam to provide technical support to the food industries in the North East region. Central Food Technological Research Institute, (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysore, Karnataka, working in the area of Food and Science & Technology, Human Resource Development started during 1950.

**4. With which country India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a world class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat?**

- 1) Switzerland
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Portugal
- 4) Netherland



5) United Kingdom

Answer - **3) Portugal**

**Explanation:**

During the Portugal's president Mr Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa visit to India One of the MoU is to develop a world class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat with the cooperation from the Republic of Portugal. It will pay the way for cooperation between the two countries for showcasing common Maritime Heritage.

**5. Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gujarat state government to facilitate Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans?**

1) State Bank of India (SBI)

2) Bank of Baroda (BoB)

3) Union Bank of India (UBI)

4) Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)

5) Central Bank of India (CBI)

Answer - **1) State Bank of India (SBI)**

**Explanation:**

In order to provide enough credit to entrepreneurs in the MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector, the state Government of Gujarat has signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with State Bank of India (SBI), through which the bank will provide working capital to entrepreneurs aims to start new MSME within 15 days of making an application. In October 2019, The Gujarat state announced that MSME units will no longer be required to take various approvals to start operations for the initial 3 years period. They can start operations after getting an acknowledgment certificate from the state nodal agency by submitting 'declaration of intent.'

**6. With which country India has recently (Feb 2020) signed MoU for regular passenger bus service?**

1) Myanmar

2) Bhutan

3) Nepal

4) Bangladesh

5) Sri Lanka

Answer - **1) Myanmar**

**Explanation:**

On February 14, 2020 MOU was signed for regular passenger bus service between Imphal and Mandalay. The bus service will begin from April. The MOU was signed between Shwe Mandalay Express Company limited, Yangon, Myanmar & Seven Sisters Holiday, Imphal, Maipur, India.

**7. The Chairman of Railway Board announced the launch of a 'Joint' Masters Programme in Railway Systems Engineering and Integration in academic year 2020-2021 by the National Rail Transportation Institute (NRTI) with which University?**

1) University of Birmingham

2) Stanford University

3) Harvard University

4) University of oxford

5) University of Cambridge

Answer - **1) University of Birmingham**

**Explanation:**

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board and Lord Karan Billimoria, Chancellor, University of Birmingham announced the launch of a Joint Masters programme in Railway Systems Engineering and Integration in academic year 2020-2021 by the National Rail Transportation Institute (NRTI). The

MoU of the teaching program initiative was signed between the National Rail Transport Institute and University of Birmingham on December 18, 2019.

**8. Recently (Feb 2020), with which country India signed MoU for the up-gradation of infrastructure in plantation schools for estate workers of Indian origin?**

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) Myanmar

Answer - **2) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

India and Sri Lanka have signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for up-gradation of infrastructure in plantation schools for estate workers of Indian origin.

**9. Name the Public Sector Company, which signed MoU with Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to set up air quality monitoring stations at 6 states & 3 UTs.**

- 1) Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL)
- 2) Bharat Petroleum
- 3) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- 4) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- 5) Airports Authority of India (AAI)

Answer - **3) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**

**Explanation:**

State run power-giant NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) signed an MoU with CPCB (Central Pollution Control Board) to provide financial support for installation & commissioning of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) at 6 states (10 centers) and 3 UTs (3 centers). States –Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. UTs - Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

**10. The Cabinet has approved 3 MoUs (on combating timber trafficking, conservation of tigers & other wildlife, and in the fields of petroleum products and communications) between Indian and which of the Asian country?**

- 1) China
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Bhutan

Answer - **2) Myanmar**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet approved 3 MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for cooperation between India and Myanmar on combating timber trafficking, conservation of tigers & other wildlife, and in the fields of petroleum products and communications.

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

**1. Ministry of External Affairs appointed Ajay Bisaria as India's next High Commissioner to?**

- 1) Canada
- 2) United Kingdom
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Australia
- 5) New Zealand

**Answer - 1) Canada**

**Explanation:**

Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Ajay Bisaria as next High commissioner of India to Canada replacing Vikas Swarup who now appointed as Secretary (Consular, Passport and Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs) at Ministry of External Affairs.

**2. Indian Origin Techie Arvind Krishna elected as Chief Executive officer (CEO) of which Information Technology giant company?**

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- 2) International Business Machine (IBM)
- 3) Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HP)
- 4) Infosys
- 5) Cognizant

**Answer - 2) International Business Machine (IBM)**

**Explanation:**

Indian origin technology executive Arvind Krishna has been elected as Chief Executive Officer of American IT giant International Business Machines Corp (IBM) after a "world-class succession process" will be effective on April, becomes the third Indian to head US-based multinational company after Microsoft corporation chief Satya Nadella and Google CEO Sundar Pichai.

**3. The Government of India has appointed M. Ajit Kumar as chairman of (January 2020)?**

- 1) National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC)
- 2) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- 3) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
- 4) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 5) Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)

**Answer - 3) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**

**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of M. Ajit Kumar as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) replacing Pranab Kumar Das.

**4. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) from Wipro who resigned the post in (January 2020) is?**

- 1) Azim Hashim Premji
- 2) Cyrus Mistry
- 3) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- 4) Abidali Neemuchwala
- 5) Rajesh Gopinathan

**Answer - 4) Abidali Neemuchwala**

**Explanation:**

Abidali Neemuchwala quits as Chief Executive Officer(CEO) and Managing Director (MD) from Wipro IT (Information Technology) service providing company. He will continue in office until new CEO has been appointed.

**5. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) R.A. Sankara Narayanan retires in January 2020. He worked as CEO and MD of which Indian Public Sector Bank (PSB)?**

- 1) Syndicate Bank
- 2) Allahabad Bank
- 3) Andhra Bank
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) UCO Bank

**Answer - 4) Canara Bank**

**Explanation:**

On January 31, 2020 Public sector lender, Canara Bank announced that its Managing Director (M.D) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sankara Narayanan (60) has retired, because Narayanan attains the age of "superannuation" (which means completing the age for retirement). Lingam Venkata Prabhakar is the New CEO & MD of Canara Bank with effect from 1 February, 2020.

**6. Which nation has appointed Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi as their New Prime Minister in February 2020 he succeeds Adil Abdul-Mahdi?**

- 1) Oman
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Iran
- 4) Algeria
- 5) Qatar

**Answer - 2) Iraq**

**Explanation:**

On 3 February, 2020 Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi, 65 years old, was appointed as the Iraq's new Prime Minister (PM) by its President Barhim Salih. He was the successor of Adil Abdul-Mahdi who resigned in November 2019 due to anti-government protests.

**7. Who among the following has been appointed as Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) members by Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in January 2020?**

- 1) Madan Lal
- 2) Rudra Pratap Singh
- 3) Sulakshana Naik
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) All of 1) and 2) and 3)

**Answer - 5) All of 1) and 2) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced the appointment of its 3-member Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC). The committee comprises Madan Lal, Rudra Pratap Singh and Sulakshana Naik and the term of appointment is 1 year.

**8. To Which Nation Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Gopal Baglay as India's next High commissioner replacing Taranjit Sandhu?**

- 1) Nepal
- 2) United Kingdom
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) United States
- 5) New Zealand

**Answer - 3) Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

Ministry of External Affairs has announced Experienced Diplomat Shri Gopal Baglay, a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as the Next High Commissioner of India to

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Baglay will replace Taranjit Sandhu, who has been appointed as Indian Ambassador to U.S.

**9. Who has been elected as President of Paralympic committee of India (February 2020)?**

- 1) Deepa Malik
- 2) Mariyappan Thangavelu
- 3) Devendra Jhajharia
- 4) Gursharan Singh
- 5) Shashi Ranjan Prasad Singh

Answer - **1) Deepa Malik**

**Explanation:**

India's lone woman Paralympic medalist Deepa Malik, from Haryana, was elected as President of the Paralympic Committee of India. He was the successor of the acting interim president Gursharan Singh.

**10. Pramod Agarwal has become chairman & Managing director (MD) of which Indian Maharatna Company (February 2020) replacing Anil Kumar Jha?**

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL)
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL)
- 3) Steel Authority of India (SAIL)
- 4) Coal India (CIL)
- 5) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)

Answer - **4) Coal India (CIL)**

**Explanation:**

Pramod Agrawal became the new Chairman & Managing Director (MD) of Coal India Limited (CIL). He was the successor of Anil Kumar Jha who retired on 31st January 2020.

**11. Albin kurti replacing Ramush Haradinaj appointed as Prime Minister of (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Moldova
- 2) Croatia
- 3) Kosovo
- 4) Montenegro
- 5) North Macedonia

Answer - **3) Kosovo**

**Explanation:**

Rebel leader Albin Kurti (44 years) has been appointed as the new and 4th Prime Minister (PM) of the Republic of Kosovo by its parliament. Albin replaced Ramush Haradinaj as the PM.

**12. Who was invited by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to be Goodwill Ambassador of Team India at Tokyo Olympics 2020 (July 24 – August 9, 2020)?**

- 1) Sachin Tendulkar
- 2) Mary Kom
- 3) Abhinav Bindra
- 4) Sourav Ganguly
- 5) Priyanka Chopra

Answer - **4) Sourav Ganguly**

**Explanation:**

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has invited BCCI President Sourav Ganguly to become the Goodwill Ambassador of the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Olympics Games 2020, which is scheduled to be held from July 24 to August 9, 2020

**13. The American economist Pinelopi Koujianou Goldberg recently (Feb 2020) resigns her post 'Chief Economist'. She held the post in?**

- 1) World Bank (WB)
- 2) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 4) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 5) New Development Bank (NDB)

**Answer – 1) World Bank (WB)**

**Explanation:**

American Greek economist and Chief Economist of the World Bank(WB) Pinelopi Koujianou Goldberg (57-years) announced her resignation. She will step down from her post on March 1, 2020 and will be teaching at Yale University in Connecticut, United States(US). WB research director Aart Kraay will be the interim WB chief economist until the appointment of a new permanent chief economist.

**14. Jeff Weiner appointed as Executive chairman of Which business and employment oriented service company (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Meetup
- 2) LinkedIn
- 3) PartnerUp
- 4) Mantra
- 5) Amcat

**Answer - 2) LinkedIn**

**Explanation:**

Jeff Weiner became the Executive Chairman (EC) of LinkedIn. He was the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of LinkedIn for the past 11 years. LinkedIn is the professional networking company owned by Microsoft.

**15. Who has been appointed as ambassador of JSW Steel for 3years (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Rahul Dravid
- 2) Sourav Ganguly
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) Rishabh Pant
- 5) Manish Pandey

**Answer - 4) Rishabh Pant**

**Explanation:**

On February 05, 2020 steel producer of India, JSW steel has appointed Indian cricketer Rishabh Rajendra Pant as its brand ambassador. His contract term will be for a period of 3 years and will promote JSW steel products such as SW Colouren+ color coated sheets & JSW Neosteel TMT bars etc.

**16. Which nation has appointed Philip Barton as new High commissioner to India (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Britain
- 2) Sweden
- 3) Norway
- 4) Brazil
- 5) United States

**Answer - 1) Britain**

**Explanation:**

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) of Great Britain announced that it has appointed Philip Robert Barton KCMG OBE (Knight Commander order of British Empire) as its new high commissioner of Great Britain to India, He will Replace Sir Dominic Anthony Gerard Asquith KCMG and will take charge on Spring Season.



**17. Tidjane Thiam resigns as CEO of Credit Suisse due to spying scandal. The Headquarters of Credit Suisse located at?**

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Zurich, Switzerland
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) London, UK
- 5) New York, US

**Answer – 2) Zurich, Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

Tidjane Thiam (57), a French-Ivorian banker has resigned chief executive officer (CEO) of Swiss Bank Credit Suisse Group AG following a spying scandal. The board of directors (BOD) of the bank unanimously accepted Thiam's resignation & also appoints Thomas Gottstein as the new CEO. The Headquarters of credit Suisse is in Zurich, Switzerland.

**18. Surya Prakash the Chairman of Prasar Bharati retires from his post after 2 consecutive terms. Who is the current Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharti?**

- 1) Jawhar Sircar
- 2) Brijesh Thakur
- 3) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- 4) Mrinal Pandey
- 5) Rajeev Singh

**Answer - 3) Shashi Shekhar Vempati**

**Explanation:**

On February 10, 2020 Prasar Bharati (India's public service broadcasting agency), Chairman, A Surya Prakash retired from his position after completing 2 consecutive terms of service that started in 2014. The current CEO is Mr. Shashi Shekhar Vempati.

**19. Arvind Kejriwal will sworn as Delhi Chief Minister for 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive time. He Belongs to which party?**

- 1) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- 2) Indian National Congress (INC)
- 3) Communist Party of India (CPI)
- 4) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)
- 5) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)

**Answer - 4) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)**

**Explanation:**

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) party leader Shri Arvind Kejriwal, 51 years old, to be sworn as Chief Minister (CM) of New Delhi on February 16, 2020 at Ramlila Maidan, Delhi, with his cabinet members. He was CM of Delhi for consecutively 3 times during the period of 2013, 2015 and 2020.

**20. Which Indian Former Cricketer has been appointed as United Arab Emirates' (UAE) director of Cricket (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Dinesh Mongia
- 2) Robin Singh
- 3) Hemang Badani
- 4) Anil Kumble
- 5) Harbhajan Singh

**Answer - 2) Robin Singh**

**Explanation:**

Former India all-rounder Robindra Ramnarine Singh, 56 years old, appointed Director of Cricket of the UAE (United Arab Emirates). He was appointed by Emirates Cricket Board after the dismissal of head coach Douglas Robert Brown.

**21. Who has been appointed as the President of All-India Chess Federation (AICF) till 2023 declared by Justice Fakkir Mohamed Ibrahim Kalifulla former Supreme Court Judge?**

- 1) Bharat Singh Chauhan
- 2) Naresh Sharma
- 3) M. Arun Singh
- 4) Vipnesh Bharadwaj
- 5) Ajay H. Patel

Answer - **5) Ajay H. Patel**

**Explanation:**

Justice Fakkir Mohamed Ibrahim Kalifulla, returning officer for the All-India Chess Federation (AICF) & former Supreme Court (SC) judge, has declared 5 persons for various posts for the period till 2023. The 5 persons elected unopposed are Ajay H. Patel as President, Bharat Singh Chauhan as the Secretary, Naresh Sharma as Treasurer, M. Arun Singh as Joint Secretary and Vipnesh Bharadwaj as Vice President.

**22. Name the person, who has been appointed as chairman of New Space India Limited (NSIL) on Feb 2020?**

- 1) S. K. Mitra
- 2) A. S. Kiran Kumar
- 3) B. N. Suresh
- 4) G Narayanan
- 5) G. Madhavan Nair

Answer - **4) G Narayanan**

**Explanation:**

Veteran ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) space scientist G Narayanan has been named as the Chairman of NSIL (New Space India Limited), a Public Sector Unit (PSU) of Government of India.

**23. The Government of India has appointed Rajiv Bansal as new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of which Indian Public Sector company?**

- 1) Airports Authority of India (AAI)
- 2) Air India
- 3) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- 4) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- 5) National Fertilizers [NFL]

Answer - **2) Air India**

**Explanation:**

Government of India appointed Rajiv Bansal as CMD (Chairman & Managing Director) of Air India. He was the successor of Ashwani Lohani, who didn't agree to extend his 1-year contract, which expired on february 11, 2020.

**24. Suryakanth Mainak, the chairman of which credit rating agency resigned recently (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)
- 2) Information and Credit Rating Agency Limited (ICRA)
- 3) Credit Analysis and Research limited (CARE)
- 4) India Rating and Research Pvt. Ltd.
- 5) Small and Medium Enterprises Rating Agency of India (SMERA)

Answer - **3) Credit Analysis and Research limited (CARE)**

**Explanation:**

Suryakanth Mainak, resigned as Chairman of CARE (Credit Analysis and Research Limited) ratings due to irregularities in the agency's rating of bankrupt shadow-banking firm Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd (IL&FS).

**25. Name the Indian origin person who has been appointed as United Kingdom's (UK) new Chancellor of Exchequer by Prime Minister Boris Johnson (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Alok Sharma
- 2) Priti Patel
- 3) Rishi Sunak
- 4) Swati Dandekar
- 5) Sam Arora

Answer - **3) Rishi Sunak**

**Explanation:**

Indian origin Rishi Sunak (39) has been appointed as the United Kingdom's (UK) new Chancellor of the Exchequer by Prime Minister Boris Johnson. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is the UK government's chief financial minister. He succeeds Pakistani-origin Sajid Javid who resigned as Chancellor.

**26. Vinay Dube has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (CEO) of which company?**

- 1) AirIndia
- 2) GoIndia
- 3) GoAir
- 4) AirAlliance
- 5) AllianceGo

Answer - **3) GoAir**

**Explanation:**

Vinay Dube was appointed as the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of GoAir. He was the successor of Cornelis Vrieswijk who resigned in February 2019. GoAir MD (Managing Director), Jehangir Waldia was holding the additional charge of chief executive.

**27. Which Country has appointed Barry O'Farrell as its next high commissioner to India replacing Harinder Sidhu (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Australia
- 4) Botswana
- 5) Cameroon

Answer - **3) Australia**

**Explanation:**

Australia has appointed former NSW (New South Wales) premier Barry O'Farrell as the next high commissioner to India. Barry O' Farrell will be the successor of Harinder Sidhu.

**28. Which country has elected Ashraf Ghani as their president for second consecutive time in February 2020?**

- 1) Qatar
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Kuwait
- 4) Afghanistan
- 5) Iran

Answer - **4) Afghanistan**

**Explanation:**

Afghanistan's Incumbent president Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai (70) wins second term as Afghanistan president as an Independent Candidate securing 50.64% votes in september 2019 election announced by the Election Commission of Afghanistan. Ashraf Ghani defeated Afghanistan's Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, who gained 39.52% votes in the election.

**29. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) by appointments committee of cabinet for 5 years or till the attainment of age 65 (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Supratim Bandyopadhyay
- 2) Pankaj Jain
- 3) Arvind Singh
- 4) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- 5) Anil Kumar Jha

**Answer – 1) Supratim Bandyopadhyay**

**Explanation:**

Supratim Bandyopadhyay was appointed as chairman of the PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Supratim appointment for a period of 5 years from the date of assumption or till attaining the age of 65 years. He was the successor of Shri Pankaj Jain.

**30. Who has been appointed as next Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) of India Succeeding Sudhir Bhargava (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Suresh Patel
- 2) Sanjay Kothari
- 3) K. V. Chowdary
- 4) Bimal Julka
- 5) Amita Pandove

**Answer – 4) Bimal Julka**

**Explanation:**

A high powered selection committee headed by Narendra Modi has selected former Information and Broadcasting Secretary Bimal Julka, current Information Commissioner became new Chief Information Commissioner in the Central Information Commission. Bimal Julka to succeed Sudhir Bhargava as CIC.

**31. Who has been appointed as new Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) replacing K.V. Chowdary (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Sudhir Bhargava
- 2) Bimal Julka
- 3) Suresh Patel
- 4) Amita Pandove
- 5) Sanjay Kothari

**Answer - 5) Sanjay Kothari**

**Explanation:**

A high powered selection committee headed by Narendra Modi has selected Sanjay Kothari, current Secretary to the President as the new Chief Vigilance Commissioner(CVC). Sanjay Kothari to succeed K. V. Chowdary as CVC.

**32. The Central government has appointed 3 experts as member of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Who is the Chairperson of NDMA?**

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Ram Nath Govind
- 3) Raj Nath Singh
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer – 1) Narendra Modi**

**Explanation:**

The Government of India has approved the appointment of Rajendra Singh (former Director General of the Indian coast guard), Syed Ata Hasnain (former Lt. General of Army) and Krishna Vatsa (Policy and Recovery Advisory, Climate change and disaster risk reduction, United nations Development Program) as the members of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). NDMA was established in 2005 with Prime Minister of India as chairperson (Currently, Narendra Modi).

**33. The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Sunil Gurbaxani as MD & CEO of which Indian private sector bank?**

- 1) Dhanlaxmi Bank
- 2) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- 3) Nainital Bank
- 4) South Indian Bank
- 5) City Union Bank

Answer - **1) Dhanlaxmi Bank**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Sunil Gurbaxani as MD (Managing Director) and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Dhanlaxmi Bank for a period of 3 years. Sunil was the successor of T.Latha.

**34. Leo Eric Varadkar recently (Feb 2020) resigned from the post of Prime Minister of Ireland. What is the capital & currency of Ireland?**

- 1) Berlin & Euro
- 2) Dublin & Euro
- 3) Helsinki & Pound
- 4) Berlin & Pound
- 5) Dublin & Pound

Answer - **2) Dublin & Euro**

**Explanation:**

Irish Prime Minister Leo Eric Varadkar resigned due to the insufficiency of the majority after the parliamentary vote. He submitted his resignation to Irish President Micheal Daniel Higgins. Leo Varadkar served as 'Taoiseach' (means Prime Minister of Ireland) since June 2017. The Ireland's capital – Dublin & currency – Euro.

**35. Name the person, who has been appointed as the president of Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Champant Rai
- 2) Govind Dev Giri
- 3) Mahant Nritya Gopal Das
- 4) Parasaran
- 5) Nripendra Misra

Answer - **3) Mahant Nritya Gopal Das**

**Explanation:**

Mahant Nritya Gopal Das is elected as the President and Champant Rai as General Secretary of the The Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust in its meeting. The aim of the meeting is to speed up the construction of The Ram temple in Ayodhya. The trust was constituted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi government with 15-member based on supreme court's judgement.

**36. Who has been appointed as new chairman of USIBC's (US – India Business Council) global board of directors (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Mahesh Palashikar
- 2) Nisha Biswal
- 3) Prakash H Mehta

4) Ashu Khullar

5) Vijay Advani

Answer – **5) Vijay Advani**

**Explanation:**

US-India Business Council (USIBC) appointed Vijay Advani as a new chairman of its Global board of directors. USIBC represents the top global companies across the United States, India and Indo-Pacific.

**37. Rajlaxmi Singh Deo re-elected as president of which Indian sports federation (Feb 2020)?**

1) Basketball Federation of India

2) Boxing Federation of India

3) Ball Badminton Federation of India

4) Athletic Federation of India

5) Rowing Federation of India

Answer - **5) Rowing Federation of India**

**Explanation:**

Rajalaxmi Singh Deo was re-elected as the President of RFI (Rowing Federation of India) and M V Shriram elected as the Secretary General of RFI, after the successful completion of election held in Hyderabad, Telangana. The election was conducted under the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) observer K Govindraj.

**38. Ms. Padmaja has been accredited as next High Commissioner of India to which country?**

1) Republic of Cyprus

2) New Caledonia

3) St Christopher and Nevis

4) Republic of the Congo

5) Republic of Vanuatu

Answer - **5) Republic of Vanuatu**

**Explanation:**

Ms. Padmaja, presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji, has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Vanuatu, with the residence in suva.

**39. Mahathir bin Mohamad, who is in the news recently (Feb 2020) belongs to which country?**

1) Singapore

2) South Korea

3) Malaysia

4) Thailand

5) Nepal

Answer – **3) Malaysia**

**Explanation:**

The world's Oldest government leader Mahathir bin Mohamad (94) resigned as Malaysia's Prime Minister (PM) on February 24, 2020. His resignation has been accepted by Malaysia's king Al-Sultan Abdullah of Pahang and also named him as the Interim prime minister of Malaysia until a successor is appointed.

**40. Abhay Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC). The Headquarters of NHPC located at?**

1) Kolkata, West Bengal

2) Faridabad, Haryana

3) Gurgaon, Haryana

4) Mumbai, Maharashtra

5) Bhubaneswar, Odisha



Answer - 2) Faridabad, Haryana

**Explanation:**

Abhay Kumar Singh, 57 years old, was appointed as CMD (Chairman & Managing Director) of State-run hydro power giant NHPC (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) till (August 31, 2022). He is the successor of Ratish Kumar. The Headquarters of NHPC is located in Faridabad, Haryana.

**41. Faure Gnassingbe has been re-elected as the president of 'Togo' for the 4<sup>th</sup> time (in Feb 2020). What is the capital of Togo?**

- 1) Lomé
- 2) Porto-Novo
- 3) Bamako
- 4) Monrovia
- 5) Conakry

Answer – 1) Lomé

**Explanation:**

The National electoral commission declared Faure Gnassingbe (The Union for the Republic party) as Togo's (country in West Africa) president. He took 72% of votes in the first round of presidential election and was re-elected for a fourth term. Final result to be announced by the Supreme Court. He defeated Agbeyome Kodjo, who got only 18% of the votes. Capital – Lomé & Currency – West African CFA franc.

**42. Who has been appointed as the new president of multinational finance service company, MasterCard (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Mark Schwartz
- 2) Silvio Barzi
- 3) Michael Miebach
- 4) Alfred F Kelly
- 5) Richard Haythornthwaite

Answer – 3) Michael Miebach

**Explanation:**

Mastercard named Michael Miebach as its new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He will replace Ajaypal Singh Banga, who assumes charge as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors in effect from March 1, 2020.

**43. Jawed Ashraf has been appointed as Next ambassador of India to which of the following country (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Fiji
- 2) Germany
- 3) Russia
- 4) United Kingdom
- 5) France

Answer - 5) France

**Explanation:**

Shri Jawed Ashraf is appointed as the next Ambassador of India to France, he succeeds Vinay Mohan Kwatra. Vinay Mohan Kwatra will become the next Ambassador of India to Nepal, he succeeds Manjeev Singh Puri.

**44. Abhishek Singh has been appointed as India's next ambassador to which of the following country?**

- 1) Colombia
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Guyana

- 4) Venezuela  
5) Trinidad & Tobago

Answer – 4) Venezuela

**Explanation:**

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India Appointed diplomat Shri Abhishek Singh as the next Ambassador of India to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. He will succeed Rajiv Kumar Nepal, who passed away recently.

**45. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approves the appointment of Sumant Kathpalia as MD&CEO of Which Private Sector Bank?**

- 1) ICICI Bank  
2) IndusInd Bank  
3) Dhanlaxmi Bank  
4) HDFC Bank  
5) City Union Bank

Answer – 2) IndusInd Bank

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has approved the appointment of Sumant Kathpalia as Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of private sector lender IndusInd Bank for three years, which is effective from March 24, 2020, He is the successor of Romesh Sobti. The headquarters of IndusInd bank is Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**46. According to Union Women and Child development minister Smriti Irani, how many number of chairs will be set up by UGC across India in the names of women scientists?**

- 1) 12  
2) 18  
3) 11  
4) 14  
5) 17

Answer – 3) 11

**Explanation:**

According to the Women and Child Development (WCD) Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, 11 Chairs will be set up in institutes by UGC (University Grants Commission) across India in the names of women scientists, including eminent anthropologist Iravati Karve. The decision has been taken on 'National Science Day' on February 28, 2020. Each chair will be given Rs 50 lakh each for a year with a total expenditure of Rs 5 crore per annum.

**Name of the Chair & the field they associated with:**

SN	Chair to be instituted in the name of	Fields with which the Scientist was associated
1.	Dr.Archana Sharma (1932-2008) Renowned cytogenetist	Agriculture and Allied Research
2.	Dr. Janaki Ammal (1897-1984) The Pioneering Botanist	Biotechnology
3.	Dr.DarshanRanganathan (1941-2001) Organic Chemist	Immunology
4.	Dr.Ashima Chatterjee (1917-2006) Chemist Par Excellence	Organic Chemistry, Phytomedicine

5.	Dr.KadambiniGanguly (1861-1923) A doctor who broke the muth	Medicine
6.	Dr IrawatiKarve (1905-1970) Studying Humans	Sociology
7.	Dr. Anna Mani (1918-2001) Pioneer Indian Meterologist	Meteorology
8.	Dr.Rajeshwari Chatterjee (1922- 2010) First Woman engineer from the State of Karnataka	Engineering
9.	Dr. Raman Parimala (b.1948) Mathematician (Bhatnagar Award, 1987)	Mathematics
10.	Bibhachowdhuri (1913-1991)	Physics
11.	Kamal Ranadive (8 November 1917- 2001) (medicine)	Biomedical Research

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

**1. Which Indian City and State won the 1<sup>st</sup> position in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in February 2020?**

- 1) Hyderabad & Telangana
- 2) Chennai & Tamil Nadu
- 3) Ahmedabad & Gujarat
- 4) Indore & Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Bhubaneswar & Odisha

**Answer - 4) Indore & Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) Smt Smriti Zubin Irani presented the award for Best Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) to State Madhya Pradesh and also Indore, MP got the award for better Performance in PMMVY.

**2. Which Company chosen as Most promising Brand (Gold Category) 2019 in 7<sup>th</sup> MSME excellence award in New Delhi Organized by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)?**

- 1) Amulya Mica
- 2) Apollo Pumps Pvt Ltd
- 3) Ayurvedamitra
- 4) Colors N Craft
- 5) Bright Industries

**Answer – 1) Amulya Mica**

**Explanation:**

Amulya Mica (Purbanchal Laminates Pvt Ltd), spear-headed by its Managing Director Rakesh Agarwal, was chosen as the Most Promising Brand of the Year Award 2019, Gold Category during the 7th edition of the MSME Excellence Award. The award & summit was organized by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) at Le Maiden in New Delhi.

**3. Who has won the Banker Magazines' Central Banker of the Year 2020', Asia-Pacific?**

- 1) Urjit Patel
- 2) Shaktikanta Das
- 3) N S Vishwanathan
- 4) B P Kanungo
- 5) Krishnamurthy Subramanian

Answer – **2) Shaktikanta Das**

**Explanation:**

The Banker magazine, a British English-language monthly financial affairs publication owned by The Financial Times Ltd, has named Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das as the 'Central Banker of the Year 2020', Asia-Pacific for encouraging growth and balancing the economy.

**4. Jorgovanka Tabakovi has won title of Global Central Banker award 2020 announced by Banker Magazine. Jorgovanka Tabakovi is the head of National Bank of?**

- 1) Switzerland
- 2) Germany
- 3) Serbia
- 4) Italy
- 5) U.S

Answer - **3) Serbia**

**Explanation:**

The Banker magazine, a British English-language monthly financial affairs publication owned by The Financial Times Ltd has announcement of the title of Global Central Banker award 2020 has been given to Jorgovanka Tabakovi, the head of the National Bank of Serbia.

**5. Who has won 1<sup>st</sup> Mathrubhumi book of the year 2020 award given by Kerala based Malayalam newspaper for translation of book 'Blue is like Blue'?**

- 1) Vinod Kumar Shukla
- 2) Madhuri Vijay
- 3) Jeet Thayil
- 4) Anita Desai
- 5) Aravind Adiga

Answer - **1) Vinod Kumar Shukla**

**Explanation:**

Hindi poet-novelist and 1999 Sahitya Akademi honouree Vinod Kumar Shukla (83) has won the 1st Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award 2020 for his translated book 'Blue Is Like Blue', which deal with common people and their daily struggles.

**6. Actress Waheeda Rahman has won National Kishore Kumar Samman Award for the year 2018. Which state Government has instituted the National Kishore Kumar Samman award?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Mizoram

Answer – **3) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Noted yesteryear Bollywood actor Waheeda Rehman was selected for the National Kishore Kumar Samman of the Madhya Pradesh(MP) government for the year 2018. She will be awarded at her residence in Mumbai, Maharashtra by Culture minister of MP Vijaylaxmi Sadho.

**7. Which State's transport corporation has won Transport Ministry's Road Safety award 2018-19 for its low accident rate?**

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Goa
- 4) Puducherry
- 5) Assam

Answer - **2) Delhi**

**Explanation:**

Delhi govt's public transport Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) has been awarded with Transport Minister's Road Safety Award 2018-19 at an event in New Delhi. The award was given for its lowest accident rate. For hilly region - Nagaland won the award.

**8. Which Documentary film has won the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of Mumbai International Film Festival's (MIFF) Golden Conch Award 2020 (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Portrait of Suzanne
- 2) The Fox of the Palmgrove
- 3) An Essay of Rain
- 4) Babenco: Tell Me When I Die
- 5) When We Were Kings

Answer - **4) Babenco: Tell Me When I Die**

**Explanation:**

The 16th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2020, the oldest international event for non-feature films in South Asia, was held at Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Babenco: Tell Me When I Die the Brazilian documentary film has won the Golden Conch Award 2020.

**9. Which film has won the Best movie award in 73<sup>rd</sup> edition of BAFTA awards 2020 held in Royal Albert Hall, London, UK?**

- 1) Joker
- 2) Parasite
- 3) 1917
- 4) Little Women
- 5) Bombshell

Answer - **3) 1917**

**Explanation:**

73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020 ceremony, popularly referred to as BAFTA Awards 2019 was held on February 2, 2020 in Royal Albert Hall, London, United Kingdom. The Award for categories Best film, Outstanding British film, Best cinematography, Best production design, Best sound, Best special visual effects all won by movie 1917.

**10. In 73<sup>rd</sup> edition of BAFTA awards 2020, The movie Parasite won awards for Best film not in the English language and Best original screenplay category. In which language the movie Parasite was made?**

- 1) French
- 2) Spanish
- 3) Chinese
- 4) Korean
- 5) Russian

Answer - **4) Korean**

**Explanation:**

73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020 ceremony, popularly referred to as BAFTA Awards 2019 was held on February 2, 2020 in Royal Albert Hall, London, United

Kingdom. The awards for Best film not in the English language and Best original screenplay category won by Korean Movie Parasite.

**11. Which Indian Start-up Company in defence sector has won the prestigious SCOKH award for “Boron Nitrate Based Personal Hybrid Combat Armour” (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) ideaForge
- 2) Aadyah Aerospace
- 3) Axio Biosolutions
- 4) Big Bang Boom Solutions
- 5) TimeTooth Technologies

Answer - **4) Big Bang Boom Solutions**

**Explanation:**

Big Bang Boom Solutions Pvt Ltd (BBBS), start-up company in the defence sector was awarded the prestigious SKOCH Award for “Boron Nitrate Based Personal Hybrid Combat Armour ” at New Delhi, India. Big Bang Boom Solutions also won in the Ministry of Defence competition around See-Through-Armour and Illegal Defence Drones in iDex (Innovations for Defence Excellence) category. BBBS was the first company to consolidate Artificial Intelligence (AI) with the defense sector.

**12. Who has been nominated for Nobel Peace Prize 2020 by two law makers of Swedish left party (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Greta Thunberg
- 2) Jacinda Ardern
- 3) Raoni Metuktire
- 4) Alexis Tsipras
- 5) Zoran Zaev

Answer - **1) Greta Thunberg**

**Explanation:**

Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg has been nominated for the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize by two lawyers Jens Holm and Hakan Svenneling, who are both members of Sweden’s Left Party. It is the second consecutive year that Thunberg has been nominated.

**13. Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Thackeray presented a life time achievement award to Dinkar Keshav Raikar. Mr. Raikar is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Journalist
- 2) Politician
- 3) Actor
- 4) Freedom fighter
- 5) Professor

Answer - **1) Journalist**

**Explanation:**

Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Bal Thackeray presented an award to senior journalist Dinkar Keshav Raikar for his contribution to journalism at Mumbai, Maharashtra. Raikar was given the lifetime achievement award instituted by the Mantralaya & Vidhimandal Vartahar Sangh. Raikar is a consulting editor of Lokmat Group and completed 50 years in journalism.

**14. As per Celebrity brand evaluation report 2019 released by Duff & Phelps, who has retained the top position for 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year with value of \$237.5 million in 2019?**

- 1) Akshay Kumar
- 2) Shahrukh Khan
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Deepika Padukone
- 5) Ranveer Singh



Answer - 3) Virat Kohli

**Explanation:**

Duff & Phelps published the celebrity brand evaluation report for 2019. Indian Captain Virat Kohli has retained the top position for the third consecutive time. Kohli's brand value has gone up to \$237.5 million in 2019 with a jump of 39%. Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar becomes the 2nd position with a brand value of \$104.5 million.

**15. The 4th edition of Mystic Kalinga Festival (MSF) which commences in Odisha, Bhubaneswar (on February 8 & 9, 2020). Who is going to receive prestigious Mystic Kalinga Literacy Award?**

- 1) Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri
- 2) Amitav Ghosh
- 3) Manoj Das
- 4) Nasira Sharma
- 5) K Siva Reddy

Answer - 3) Manoj Das

**Explanation:**

Famous Odia and English writer Manoj Das, 85 years old, will receive Mystic Kalinga Literary award- Indian and Global languages, during the 4th edition of the 2day Mystic Kalinga Festival (MSF) which commences in Swosti Premium, Odisha, Bhubaneswar on February 8 & 9, 2020. He also got Padma Bhushan award recently. Manoj Das will deliver the festival's keynote address on "Divine Madness: Knowledge, Ecstasy and Transformation".

**16. The President of India has presented the International Gandhi awards for Leprosy under individual category to \_\_\_\_ (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) N.S. Dharmashaktu
- 2) Yohei Sasakawa
- 3) Damodar Ganesh Bapat
- 4) Ralph Nader
- 5) B.K. Goldtooth

Answer - 1) N.S. Dharmashaktu

**Explanation:**

President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy to Dr. N.S. Dharmashaktu under the Indian nomination individual category and Leprosy Mission Trust under the institutional category at New Delhi, India. The award was instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation.

**17. Who has won the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) coaches lifetime achievement award in male category for the year 2019?**

- 1) Pullela Gopichand
- 2) Ramakant Achrekar
- 3) Bishweshwar Nandi
- 4) Ravi Shastri
- 5) A. Srinivasa Rao

Answer - 1) Pullela Gopichand

**Explanation:**

Pullela Gopichand, the Chief National coach for the Indian Badminton team has received the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award in Male Category of the year 2019 on the 3rd edition of International Olympics Committee Annual Awards, He is the 1st Indian coach to be Honoured with this Lifetime award by the Olympics Committee.

**18. Who is the youngest girl in the world to climb the South America's Highest peak Mt. Aconcagua, Argentina (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Jordan Romero
- 2) Malavath Poorna
- 3) Bachendri Bal
- 4) Kaamya Karthikeyan
- 5) Arunima Sinha

Answer - **4) Kaamya Karthikeyan**

**Explanation:**

Kaamya Karthikeyan, 12 years old, a class 7 student of Navy Children School (NCS) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, became the youngest girl in the world to climb Mt. Aconcagua, Argentina the highest peak outside Asia which ranges about 6962 metres.

**19. Which project got Gold award in Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation category in 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of National conference on e-Governance 2020?**

- 1) Wildlife Surveillance and Anti-Poaching System
- 2) FotonVR - Virtual Reality in Education
- 3) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- 4) GO SWIFT
- 5) Real Time Pollution Monitoring System

Answer - **3) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**

**Explanation:**

The National Health Authority of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare received Gold for Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana under the category of Excellence. It enabled the government to process re-engineering for Digital Transformation. The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) has clinched a national award for e-Governance 2019-20 for the Board's Real-Time Pollution-Monitoring System (RTPMS) project.

**20. Who is the 1<sup>st</sup> Oscar presenter with down syndrome presented awards in the 92<sup>nd</sup> edition of Academy awards 2020 held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, United States?**

- 1) Zachary Robin Gottsagen
- 2) Billy Porter
- 3) Natalie Portman
- 4) Billie Eilish
- 5) Janelle Monáe

Answer - **1) Zachary Robin Gottsagen**

**Explanation:**

Actor Zachary Robin Gottsagen, starring in the 2019 comedy-drama "The Peanut Butter Falcon, has created history as 1st Oscar presenter with down syndrome, a genetic disorder that includes certain birth defects, learning problems, and facial features.

**21. Who is the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian filmmaker to win academy award (Oscars) for original screenplay category?**

- 1) Ang Lee
- 2) Bong Joon-ho
- 3) Ismail Merchant
- 4) William Kong
- 5) Hsu Li-kong

Answer - **2) Bong Joon-ho**

**Explanation:**

For the 1st time Bong Joon Ho created history by becoming the first Asian and South Korean filmmaker to bag the Academy Award for best original screenplay for his genre-defying "Parasite".

**22. India's Vivek Sagar Prasad was selected as International Hockey Federation (FIH) Men's rising star of the year 2019 award. Who was selected for FIH Women's rising star of the year 2019?**

- 1) Savita
- 2) Rani Rampal
- 3) Lalremsiami
- 4) Monika
- 5) Sharmila Devi

Answer - **3) Lalremsiami**

**Explanation:**

Indian professional hockey player Lalremsiami (19) from Mizoram was voted the best FIH (International Hockey Federation) Women's Rising Star of the Year 2019. At the same time, Indian team's midfielder Vivek Sagar Prasad (19) was selected as the best FIH Men's Rising Star of the Year 2019.

**23. Who has been awarded ODI batting performance of the year award in 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual ESPNcricinfo awards 2019?**

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) Eoin Morgan
- 3) Ben Stokes
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) Kusal Perera

Answer - **3) Ben Stokes**

**Explanation:**

Eoin Morgan was named as the 'captain of the year' for leading England to win the World Cup Title against New Zealand. Ben Stokes was awarded the 'ODI (One Day International) batting performance of the year' in 13<sup>th</sup> Annual ESPNcricinfo awards 2019 award with 10 other awards.

**24. Which Indian bank has won "Most customer centric bank using technology" and "Best Payments Initiative" awards in 15<sup>th</sup> Indian Banks' Associations' Banking Technology awards 2020?**

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) South Indian Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) Yes Bank

Answer - **2) South Indian Bank**

**Explanation:**

Indian Bank Association's 15th Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo and Awards 2020 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra in that South Indian Bank Has Bagged six Awards at the Banking Technology category. South Indian Bank emerged winner in the 'Most Customer Centric Bank Using Technology' category and runner up in the 'Best Payments Initiative' category for Small Banks.

**25. Who has won the Genome Valley Excellence Award of BioAsia 2020 along with American Neurologist and oncologist Dr. Carl H June?**

- 1) Soumya Swaminathan
- 2) Don W Cleveland
- 3) MK Bhan

- 4) Anji Reddy
- 5) Vasant Narsimhan

Answer - **5) Vasant Narsimhan**

**Explanation:**

American immunologist and oncologist Dr. Carl H June and Novartis CEO Dr. Vasant Narsimhan will be presented with the Genome Valley Excellence Award of BioAsia 2020. The function will be organized by the Telangana government annual global biotechnology & life sciences forum on February (17 to 19, 2020).

**26. Name the Indian who has won the prestigious Dan David Prize 2020 under “Present Category”?**

- 1) Shrinivas Kulkarni
- 2) Sanjay Subrahmanyam
- 3) A. B. Yehoshua
- 4) Christiana Figueres
- 5) Gita Sen

Answer - **5) Gita Sen**

**Explanation:**

Gita Sen, an Indian feminist scholar, activist has won the prestigious Dan David Prize 2020 under “present” category for her path-breaking work in the fields of population policies, reproductive and sexual health, women’s rights, poverty, labour markets and global governance.

**Other Dan David Prize 2020 Laureates:**

S.No	Category	Won by
1	Past (Cultural Preservation and Revival)	Lonnie G. Bunch III (American educator and historian)
2	Past (Cultural Preservation and Revival)	Prof.Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (University Professor at New York University)
3	Present – Gender equality	Prof. Debora Diniz Rodrigues (law professor at the University of Brasilia,Brazil)
4	Future -Artificial Intelligence	Demis Hassabis (British artificial intelligence researcher & co-founder and CEO of DeepMind, the world’s leading AI research company.)
5	Future -Artificial Intelligence	Prof. Amnon Shashua (Israeli computer scientist and CEO and co-founder of Mobileye, an Israeli company)

**27. The President of India has awarded the President colors award to which Indian Naval Station (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) INS Parundu
- 2) INS Shivaji
- 3) INS Dega
- 4) INS Trata
- 5) INS Vajrakosh

Answer - **2) INS Shivaji**

**Explanation:**

Ramnath Kovind, President of India & Supreme Commander of IAF (Indian Armed Forces), awarded President's colour (highest military honour) to INS (Indian Naval Station) Shivaji, Lonavala, Maharashtra.

**28. Name the person who has won the Indian Achievers Award 2020 for "Outstanding contribution to Indian Education"?**

- 1) Mukesh Rishi
- 2) Shyam Jaju
- 3) Rajendra Indraman Singh
- 4) Bhaichung Bhutia
- 5) Anurag Singh Thakur

Answer - **3) Rajendra Indraman Singh**

**Explanation:**

Rajendra Indraman Singh, Founder & Chairperson of Priyadarshini Group of Schools & Colleges has been awarded the Indian Achievers Award (IAA) in recognition of his "Outstanding Contribution to Indian Education".

**29. Sohini Sastri who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Football player
- 2) Politician
- 3) Astrologer
- 4) Educationalist
- 5) Social Reformer

Answer - **3) Astrologer**

**Explanation:**

Kolkata-born renowned astrologer Dr Sohini Sastri awarded IAA as Best Astrologer of the year.

**30. Who is the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Hockey Player to receive the International Hockey Federation(FIH) player of the year award in 2019?**

- 1) Dilpreet Singh
- 2) Gursahibjit Singh
- 3) Ramandeep Singh
- 4) Manpreet Singh
- 5) Gurjant Singh

Answer - **4) Manpreet Singh**

**Explanation:**

Manpreet Singh Pawar (27), the captain of India men's national field hockey team, has been selected as the FIH Men's Player of the Year 2019 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). With this he becomes the 1st Indian to receive this honor. At the same time, Netherlands women's captain Eva de Goede (30) has been named as FIH Women's Player of the Year 2019.

**Other winners:**

S.NO	Award Name	Won by
1	FIH Men's Goalkeeper of the Year 2019	Vincent Vanasch (Belgium)
2	FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year 2019	Rachael Lynch (Australia)
3	FIH Men's Coach of the Year 2019	Colin Batch (Australia)
4	FIH Women's Coach of the Year 2019	Alyson Regina Annan (Australia)

**31. According to Forbes 'Real time Billionaires' report, who is India's 2<sup>nd</sup> richest person only behind the Mukesh Ambani, with the net worth of \$17.8 Billion?**

- 1) Lakshmi Mittal
- 2) Gautam Adani
- 3) Radhakishan Damani
- 4) Uday Kotak
- 5) Shiv Nadar

**Answer - 3) Radhakishan Damani**

**Explanation:**

Supermarket chain DMart's Founder Radhakishan Damani becomes India's 2nd richest person after Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries Limited. According to Forbes 'Real Time Billionaires' Index, Damani has a net worth of \$17.8 billion. DMart's shares surged 700% in March 2017, with a market capitalisation of Rs 1.55 lakh crore.

**Top 5 persons:**

Mukesh Ambani (\$57.4 billion),  
Radhakishan Damani (\$17.8 billion),  
Shiv Nadar (\$16.5 billion),  
Uday Kotak (\$14.9 billion),  
Gautam Adani (\$14.1 billion).

**32. Which movie has won the 'best film' award in 65th edition of Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati, Assam (Feb 15-16, 2020)?**

- 1) War
- 2) Saand ki Aandh
- 3) Article 15
- 4) Gully Boy
- 5) Uri: The Surgical Strike

**Answer - 4) Gully Boy**

**Explanation:**

The 65th edition of Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati, Assam from 15 Feb 2020 – 16 Feb 2020. The Zoya Akhtar's directorial 'Gully Boy' emerged as big winner as it bagged several awards including the prestigious best film award.

**33. Who has won Best Actor in Leading role (female) in 65th edition of Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati, Assam (Feb 15-16, 2020)?**

- 1) Priyanka Chopra
- 2) Alia Bhatt
- 3) Bhumi Pednekar
- 4) Taapsee Pannu
- 5) Shilpa Rao

**Answer - 2) Alia Bhatt**

**Explanation:**

The 65th edition of Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati, Assam from 15 Feb 2020 – 16 Feb 2020. The Ranveer Singh bagged Best Actor's trophy for his performance in Gully Boy, while Alia Bhatt won the Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) for the same film.

**Here is the complete winners list of 65th Filmfare Awards:**

S.No	Award Name	Won by
1	Best Film	Gully Boy



2	Best Director	Zoya Akhtar for Gully Boy
3	Best Film (Critics)	Article 15 (Anubhav Sinha) and Sonchiriya (Abhishek Chaubey)
4	Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male)	Ranveer Singh for Gully Boy
5	Best Actor (Critics)	Ayushmann Khurrana for Article 15
6	Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt for Gully Boy
7	Best Actress (Critics)	Bhumi Pednekar and Taapsee Pannu for Saand Ki Aankh
8	Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female)	Amruta Subhash for Gully Boy
9	Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)	Siddhant Chaturvedi for Gully Boy
10	Best Music Album	Zoya Akhtar-Ankur Tewari for Gully Boy Mithoon, Amaal Mallik, Vishal Mishra, SachetParampara and Akhil Sachdeva for Kabir Singh
11	Best Lyrics	Divine and Ankur Tewari for Apna Time Aayega (Gully Boy)
12	Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh for Kalank Nahi (Kalank)
13	Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shilpa Rao for Ghungroo (War)
14	Best Debut Director	Aditya Dhar for Uri: The Surgical Strike
15	Best Debut Actor	Abhimanyu Dassani for Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota
16	Best Debut Actress	Ananya Pandey for Student Of The Year 2, Pati Patni Aur Woh
17	Best Original Story	Anubhav Sinha and Gaurav Solanki for Article 15
18	Best Screenplay	Reema Kagti and Zoya Akhtar for Gully Boy
19	Best Dialogue	Vijay Maurya for Gully Boy
20	Lifetime Achievement Award	Ramesh Sippy
21	Excellence In Cinema	Govinda
22	RD Burman Award For Upcoming Music Talent	Sashwat Sachdev for UR

23	30 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Bollywood Fashion	Manish Malhotra
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**34. Who is the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian sportsman to win a Laureus world sports (Oscars of sports) award at 20<sup>th</sup> annual edition held at Berlin, Germany (Feb 17, 2020)?**

- 1) Abhinav Bindra
- 2) Vinesh Phogat
- 3) Bhaichung Bhutia
- 4) Sachin Tendulkar
- 5) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer - **4) Sachin Tendulkar**

**Explanation:**

On February 17, 2020, Laureus World Sports Awards 2020 was held in Berlin, Germany. It was the 2nd Laureus World Sports Awards to take place in Berlin, following the 2016 ceremony which took place at the Messe Berlin. Indian former international cricketer Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar's 2011 World Cup-winning moment was voted the Laureus Sporting Moment of 2000-2020. This moment of Sachin has been titled 'Carried on the Shoulders of a Nation'. Vinesh Phogat is the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian to get Nominated for Laureus sport awards in 2019.

**35. Simone Biles has won 20<sup>th</sup> edition of Laureus world sportswomen of the year award 2020 held at Berlin, Germany. Simon Biles related to which sports?**

- 1) Swimming
- 2) Gymnastic
- 3) Football
- 4) Badminton
- 5) Shooting

Answer - **2) Gymnastic**

**Explanation:**

Laureus World Sports Awards 2020 was held in Berlin, Germany.

**Here's the full list of winners:**

S.No	Award Name	Won by
1	Laureus World Sportsman of the Year	Formula One driver Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton (United Kingdom) & Footballer Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccittini (Argentina)
2	Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year	Simone Arianne Biles (American Gymnast)
3	Laureus World Team of the Year	South Africa Men's Rugby Team
4	Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year	Egan Arley Bernal Gómez (Colombian cyclist)
5	Laureus World Comeback of the Year	Sophia Flörsch (German racing driver)
6	Laureus World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability	Oksana Masters (Ukrainian-American Paralympic rower and cross-country skier)
7	Laureus World Action Sportsperson of the Year	Chloe Kim (American snowboarder)

8	Laureus Best Sporting Moment	Carried on the shoulders of a nation – Sachin Tendulkar
9	Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award	Dirk Nowitzki (German basketball player)
10	Laureus Academy Exceptional Achievement Award	Spanish Basketball Federation
11	Laureus Sport for Good Award	South Bronx United

**36. Who has won the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of Ernst & Young (EY) Entrepreneur of the year award for 2019 held at New Delhi?**

- 1) Siddhartha Lal
- 2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- 3) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- 4) Sachin Bansal
- 5) Shradha Sharma

Answer - **2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**

**Explanation:**

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson and Managing Director (MD) of Bengaluru based biopharmaceutical company Biocon, won Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the year 2019 (for her innovation & affordable lifesaving medicines), at the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the awards held in New Delhi, India.

**37. In the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of Ernst & Young (EY) Entrepreneur awards 2019, who has been conferred with the lifetime achievement award?**

- 1) Mukesh Ambani
- 2) Azim Premji
- 3) Ritesh Agarwal
- 4) Adi Godrej
- 5) Lakshmi Mittal

Answer - **4) Adi Godrej**

**Explanation:**

Adi Godrej, Godrej Group Chairman was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award in 21<sup>st</sup> edition of Ernst & Young (EY) Entrepreneur awards 2019.

Award Category	Awardee
EY Entrepreneur of the year	Kiran-Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson & MD, Biocon.
Lifetime Achievement	Adi Godrej, Chairman, Godrej Group.
Start-up	Falguni Nayar, founder & CEO, Nykaa E-retail.
Transformational Impact Person of the Year	Tuhin Parikh, senior managing director (Real Estate), Blackstone India.
Manufacturing	Arun Bharat Ram, chairman, SRF
Services	Sridhar Vembu, founder and CEO, Zoho Corporation
Financial Services	Yashish Dahiya, CEO & co-founder, Policy Bazaar.
Consumer Products & Retail	Berger Paints Chairman, Kuldip Singh Dhingra and Vice-Chairman Gurbachan Singh Dhingra.
Life Sciences & Healthcare	Arvind Lal, Chairman & MD Dr Lal PathLabs and CEO Om Manchanda of Dr Lal PathLabs.

Entrepreneurial CEO	K B S Anand, MD & CEO, Asian Paints.
Energy, Real Estate & Infrastructure	Ravi Raheeja & Neel Raheeja, group Presidents, K Raheja Corp

**38. Name the Sports person who has won the ‘sportsperson of the year (Male)’ award in ESPN annual awards 2019?**

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Pankaj Advani
- 3) Viswanathan Anand
- 4) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 5) Amit Panghal

Answer - **4) Saurabh Chaudhary**

**Explanation:**

Entertainment and Sports Programming Network(ESPN) Multi-Sport Annual Awards 2019 announced Saurabh Chaudhary (Shooting) as ‘sportsperson of the year 2019 male’. Saurabh Chaudhary has won Gold medal in World Cup 2019. Received five world cup medals.

**39. Name the Sports person who has won the ‘sportsperson of the year (Female)’ award in ESPN annual awards 2019?**

- 1) PV Sindhu
- 2) Dutee Chand
- 3) Koneru Humpy
- 4) Manasi Joshi
- 5) Manu Bhaker

Answer - **1) PV Sindhu**

**Explanation:**

Entertainment and Sports Programming Network(ESPN)Multi-Sport Annual Awards 2019 announced PV Sindhu as ‘sportsperson of the year 2019 female’ award for the third consecutive time. Pv Sindhu (Badminton) won gold in world championship 2019. She is the first Indian to receive World Championship.

**Winner’s List**

Award Category	Winner’s Name	Sport Name
Lifetime Achievement Award	Balbir Singh Senior	Hockey
Sportsperson of the Year(Female)	PV Sindhu	Badminton
Sportsperson of the Year(Male)	Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting
Comeback of the year	Koneru Humpy	Chess
Emerging Sportsperson of the Year	Deepak Punia	Wrestling
Team of the Year	Manu Bhaker – Saurabh Chaudhary	Shooting

Differently-abled Athlete of the year/Para-Athlete of the year	Manasi Joshi	Athlete
Moment of the Year	PV Sindhu	Badminton
The Courage Award	Dutee Chand	Spinter
Coach of the Year	Pullela Gopichand	Badminton
<u>The Courage Award</u>	<u>Dutee Chand</u>	<u>Spinter</u>
<u>Coach of the Year</u>	<u>Pullela Gopichand</u>	<u>Badminton</u>

**40. Name the Indian, who has won AFP's Kate Webb prize 2019 for his contribution in the field of journalism?**

- 1) Ramnath Goenka
- 2) Ravish Kumar
- 3) Ahmer Khan
- 4) Asad Hashim
- 5) Kavitha Rao

Answer – **3) Ahmer Khan**

**Explanation:**

The 27-year old Indian freelance reporter Ahmer Khan was announced as the winner of the 2019 Kate Webb Prize by the Agence France-Presse, for his series of videos and written reports on how people in Kashmir impacted while scraping article 370 by the Government of India.

**41. To whom, the Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu presented the Ideal Legislative Assembly Speaker/ Ideal Legislative Council Chairman Award 2019?**

- 1) Purushottam Das Tandon
- 2) P. Ramakrishnan
- 3) D. H. Shankaramurthy
- 4) Biman Banerjee
- 5) P. Dhanapal

Answer - **2) P. Ramakrishnan**

**Explanation:**

Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Ideal Legislative Assembly Speaker/ Ideal Legislative Council Chairman Award 2019 to the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly Shri P. Ramakrishnan, during the inauguration of the 10th edition of the 4-day function "Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad" (Indian Student Parliament), from February 20 to 23, 2020, held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, India.

**42. Which customer grievance portal of India has won Silver award under Category-II of National e-Governance Awards- "Excellence in providing Citizen-centric delivery" at the 23rd National Conference on e-Governance held at Mumbai (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Shagun
- 2) Ensure
- 3) Samadhan
- 4) Railmadad
- 5) Jan Soochna

Answer - 4) Railmadad

**Explanation:**

RaidMadad, the grievance redressal portal of Indian Railways, has been awarded Silver award under Category-II of National e-Governance Awards- "Excellence in providing Citizen-centric delivery" at the 23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on e-Governance which was held at Mumbai on 7 & 8th February 2020.

**43. What is the World's largest prize for sustainable food solutions (Created by New Curt Bergfors Foundation)?**

- 1) Tasty food prize
- 2) Heathy food prize
- 3) Sustainable food prize
- 4) Organic food prize
- 5) Food Planet prize

Answer - 5) Food Planet prize

**Explanation:**

The New Curt Bergfors Foundation created the world's largest prize for sustainable food solutions in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. The name of the prize is Food Planet Prize and it's worth one million dollar. The jury prize will be chaired by Johan Rockstrom the director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Research. The prizes will be issued under two categories which are follows: - One prize for "an existing scalable solution for sustainable foods" and Second prize for "innovative initiatives that could transform the global food sector".

**44. Which Indian company/Firm has won Best In-house Direct Tax Team of the year award in BRICS CCI's 2nd edition of Annual Direct Tax Summit & Awards 2020?**

- 1) Amara Raja Group
- 2) TVS Group
- 3) Dharampal Satyapal Group
- 4) Avantha Group
- 5) Aditya Birla Group

Answer - 3) Dharampal Satyapal Group

**Explanation:**

BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) organised the 2nd edition of Annual Direct Tax Summit & Awards 2020 in union with Achromic Point an international consulting firm. The Award aimed to resolve the issues related to direct tax and its implications. Dharampal Satyapal Limited won the award for Best In-house Direct Tax Team of the year.

**45. Manoj Kumar who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Actor
- 2) Environmentalist
- 3) Journalist
- 4) Musician
- 5) Law Maker

Answer - 1) Actor

**Explanation:**

Famous actor Manoj Kumar, 82 years old, has been felicitated by the World Book of Records (WBR), London, with the WBR Golden Era of Bollywood honour for highlighting patriotic, social and cultural feelings through his contribution to Indian Cinema.

**46. Name the Bollywood actor, who has won best actor award in Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020 was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra?**

- 1) Shahrukh Khan
- 2) Hrithik Roshan



- 3) Salman Khan
- 4) Akshay Kumar
- 5) Aamir Khan

Answer - **2) Hrithik Roshan**

**Explanation:**

The Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020 was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Hrithik Roshan bagged the Best Actor award for film "Super 30".

**List of Awards at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2020:**

Category of Awards	Winners
Best Film	Super 30
Best Actor	Hrithik Roshan
Most Promising Actor	Kiccha Sudeep
Best Actor in Television Series	Dheeraj Dhoopar
Best Actress in Television	Divyanka Tripathi
Most Favourite Television Actor	Harshad Chopda
Most Favourite Jodi in Television Series	Sriti Jha and Shabbir Ahluwalia (Kumkum Bhagya)
Best Reality Show	Bigg Boss 13
Best Television Series	Kumkum Bhagya
Best Playback Singer Male	Armaan Malik
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Tulsi Kumar
Best Actress Web Series	Dia mirza (kafir)
Best anchor	Manish Paul
Best Digital Film	Yours Truly
Decade Star 2020	Anupam Kher
Best paparazzi of the year	Manav Mangalani

**47. Name the person who has won the title 'LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020'?**

- 1) Lara Dutta
- 2) Asha Bhat
- 3) Neha Jaiswal
- 4) Vartika Singh
- 5) Adline Castelino

Answer - **5) Adline Castelino**

**Explanation:**

Adline Castelino from Mangalore, Karnataka has won LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020 title and was crowned by Vartika Singh, the winner of previous edition, at an event held in YRF (Yash Raj Films) Studios, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**48. Name the Indian scientist, who has been honoured with Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) Women Excellence Award-2020?**

- 1) Dr. Aastha Mishra
- 2) Dr. Swati Tripathi
- 3) Dr. Mehak Gupta
- 4) Dr. Nazia Abbas
- 5) Dr Niti Kumar

Answer - **5) Dr Niti Kumar**

**Explanation:**

Dr Niti Kumar, a Senior Scientist from Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Drug Research Institute), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) to be honoured with SERB (Science and Engineering Research Board) Women Excellence Award-2020 by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind during National Science Day Celebrations on February 28, 2020, in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

**49. Name the person who was awarded with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by ICAR- National Research Center for Banana at International Conference on Banana (ICB) 2020?**

- 1) Tenith Adithyaa
- 2) S. Uma
- 3) P. Suresh Kumar
- 4) Dr N Kumar
- 5) R. Selvarajan

Answer – **4) Dr N Kumar**

**Explanation:**

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Dr N Kumar was awarded with 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by ICAR- National Research Center for Banana, during the International Conference on Banana (ICB) 2020 held in Trichy, Tamil Nadu (TN).

**50. Which among the following Central Armed Police Forces have won the trophy for the best marching contingents at Republic Day Parade 2020 in New Delhi?**

- 1) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- 2) Border Security Force (BSF)
- 3) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 4) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- 5) National Security Guard (NSG)

Answer - **3) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**

**Explanation:**

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh presented trophies to the best marching contingents for Republic Day Parade 2020 at Delhi. The Indian Air Force contingent named as the best among the three services. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is named as the best marching contingent in the Central Armed Police Forces and other additional forces category.

**51. Name the Organization, which organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards (CVA) 2019?**

- 1) National Technical Honor Society
- 2) All India Council for Technical Education
- 3) National Board of Accreditation
- 4) Indian Society for Technical Education
- 5) Indian Society for Technical Education

Answer - **2) All India Council for Technical Education**

**Explanation:**

Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank presented 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards (CVA) 2019 to 23 teams under 8 sub- categories during an occasion in New Delhi. The award function was organised by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Indian Society of Technical Education (ISTE) and Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog also collaborated with AICTE for the Vishwakarma Awards 2019. Apart from CVA, 6 institutes were felicitated under the Utkrisht Santhan Vishwakarma Award (USVA).

**52. Name the person, who has won the Sahitya Akademi's Translation Prize for 2019 in the category of translation into English for the translation of Kannada novel Kusumabale to English?**

- 1) C.T Indra
- 2) Rita Kothari
- 3) Pramod K. Nayar
- 4) Nila Shah
- 5) Susan Daniel

**Answer - 5) Susan Daniel**

**Explanation:**

Chandrashekar Kambar, President of Sahitya Akademi, announced a total of 23 awards for Sahitya Akademi's Translation Prize for 2019. In the category of translation into English has been awarded to Kannada novel Kusumabale by Devanur Mahadeva, translated into English by Susan Daniel.

**53. Name the person, who has been honoured with the annual Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi award 2020 (6<sup>th</sup> edition).**

- 1) Sumaira Abdulali
- 2) Kinkri Devi
- 3) Chandi Prasad Bhatt
- 4) Jadav Payeng
- 5) Sunderlal Bahuguna

**Answer – 4) Jadav Payeng**

**Explanation:**

Forest Man of India & environmentalist Padma Shri Jadav 'Molai' Payeng is honoured with the 6th annual Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi award 2020 for his consistent efforts in creating a manmade forest through afforestation. The award comprises of a trophy, a recitation & a reward of Rs 1 Lakh. He is also a forest worker from the missing tribe from Jorhat, Assam.

## SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE

**1. Which Indian Organization organized the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 held at New Delhi Inaugurated by Prakash Javadekar?**

- 1) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- 2) Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP)
- 3) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- 4) World Wide Fund for Nature - India (WWF)
- 5) Indian Council for Forest Research Foundation (ICFRF)

**Answer - 3) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

**Explanation:**

Shri Prakash Javadekar, the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) was inaugurated a 3-day long World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020. The summit was organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) a research institute specializes in the fields of energy.

**2. What is the Theme for World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 held at New Delhi?**

- 1) Theme: "Towards 2020 Goals: Making the Count"
- 2) Theme: "Towards 2025 Goals: Making it Count"
- 3) Theme: "Towards 2030 Goals: Making the Decade Count"
- 4) Theme: "Towards 2030 SDG Goals: Making the Decade Count"
- 5) Theme: "Towards 2030 Goals: Making The World Sustainable"

**Answer - 3) Theme: "Towards 2030 Goals: Making the Decade Count"**

**Explanation:**

World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 based on the theme “Towards 2030 Goals: Making the Decade Count” at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi.

**3. Who released the report ‘Towards a Low Carbon Steel Sector: Overview of the Changing Market, Technology, and Policy Context for Indian Steel’ at World Sustainable Development Summit 2020?**

- 1) Prakash Javadekar
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Fagga Singh Kulaste
- 4) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 5) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer - **4) Dharmendra Pradhan**

**Explanation:**

Dharmendra Pradhan the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel has released the TERI’s report ‘Towards a Low Carbon Steel Sector: Overview of the Changing Market, Technology, and Policy Context for Indian Steel’. The report was prepared by the Energy Transitions Commission (ETC) India, which is a research platform based in TERI in New Delhi. As per TERI’s report India’s growing steel demand to increase carbon emissions by 600 MT.

**4. The EDGE 2020 Conclave related to?**

- 1) Automobile
- 2) Agriculture
- 3) Space
- 4) Banking
- 5) Environment

Answer - **3) Space**

**Explanation:**

ISRO has also announced in public at a 2-day space conclave named EDGE 2020, that it has built up the capacity to manufacture such launch vehicles in a turnaround time of around three weeks

**5. Recently in February 2020, New Delhi hosted a Ministerial-level Defence Conference 2020 to boost the defence co-operation between the countries. The conference was between India and which Asian nation?**

- 1) China
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) South Korea

Answer - **5) South Korea**

**Explanation:**

On February 4, 2020, The Ministerial-level Defence dialogue 2020 between India and South Korea was held at South Block in New Delhi, where Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Jeong Kyeong-doo, Minister of National Defense of South Korea discussed many important issues & affirmed to deepen bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries.

**6. Which Organization has launched India-central Asia Business council in New Delhi along with 5 central Asian countries?**

- 1) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 2) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- 3) PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- 4) National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM)

5) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

Answer - **2) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**

**Explanation:**

In order to boost business & economy, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) together with 5 of the biggest industry bodies of Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) launched the India-Central Asia Business council in New Delhi.

**7. The 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of India International seafood show (IISS) 2020 with the theme “Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition” commenced at?**

1) Mumbai, Maharashtra

2) Kochi, Kerala

3) Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

4) Mangalore, Karnataka

5) Surat, Gujarat

Answer – **2) Kochi, Kerala**

**Explanation:**

A 3-day long 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS), 2020 based on the theme “Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition” has commenced at Hotel Grand Hyatt in Kochi, Kerala. The show is being organized jointly by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry & the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).

**8. The Sea food export target of India by 2020 is \_\_\_\_?**

1) \$5 Billion

2) \$10 Billion

3) \$1 Billion

4) \$500 Million

5) \$100 Million

Answer - **2) \$10 Billion**

**Explanation:**

As India is the second largest aquaculture producer in the world, it had set the target of seafood export at \$10 billion by this year (i.e 2020).

**9. Which country is going to host the ministerial meet to advance Religious freedom in July 2020?**

1) Austria

2) Poland

3) Brazil

4) United Kingdom

5) Israel

Answer - **2) Poland**

**Explanation:**

Poland will host the next ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom in Warsaw in July 2020.

**10. The Ministry of External Affairs jointly with Government of India in association with governments of Australia and Indonesia conducted 4<sup>th</sup> edition of East Asia Summit (EAS) conference on maritime security cooperation 2020 at which Indian city?**

1) Chennai

2) New Delhi

3) Lucknow

4) Panaji

5) Hyderabad

Answer - **1) Chennai**

**Explanation:**

A 2-day long 4th edition of EAS (East Asia Summit) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation 2020 was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) from February 6-7 2020. The conference was jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India (GoI) in association with the governments of Australia and Indonesia.

**11. What is the theme of the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of National conference on e-governance 2020 held at Mumbai, Maharashtra (Feb 7-8, 2020)?**

- 1) Theme: "India 2020: Cultural Transformation"
- 2) Theme: "India 2020: Economic Transformation"
- 3) Theme: "India 2020: Digital Transformation"
- 4) Theme: "India 2020: eliteracy transformation"
- 5) Theme: "India 2020: Social Transformation"

Answer - **3) Theme: "India 2020: Digital Transformation"**

**Explanation:**

A 2-day long 23rd edition of National Conference on e-Governance 2020 based on the theme "India 2020: Digital Transformation" with 6-sub themes was held at Mumbai, Maharashtra from February 7-8 2020.

**12. India to host the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Conference of Parties (CoP) of the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) supported by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in February 2020 at which Indian city?**

- 1) Lucknow
- 2) Ahmedabad
- 3) Chennai
- 4) Gandhinagar
- 5) New Delhi

Answer - **4) Gandhinagar**

**Explanation:**

The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar announced that the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals, an Environment Treaty Supported by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is going to hosted by India at Gandhinagar in Gujarat, from 17th – 22nd February 2020.

**13. The official mascot chosen for the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Conference of Parties (COP) of the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) is \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Asiatic Elephant
- 2) Great Indian Bustard
- 3) Marine Turtle
- 4) Amur Falcon
- 5) Humpback Whale

Answer - **2) Great Indian Bustard**

**Explanation:**

The Great Indian Bustard (Gibi) is chosen as official Mascot of the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties (COP) of the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS).



**14. What is the theme of 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Conference of Parties (COP) of the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)?**

- 1) Theme: "Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them Home"
- 2) Theme: "Their Future is Our Future – Sustainable Development for Wildlife & People"
- 3) Theme: "Migratory species makes the world beautiful"
- 4) Theme: "The future of the world – Migratory world"
- 5) Theme: "Protect the Migratory species for sustainable development"

Answer - **1) Theme: "Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them Home"**

**Explanation:**

The theme for the CMS COP 13 in India is, "Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them Home".

**15. Which among the following conference/conclave held in DefExpo2020 held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (Feb 5-9,2020)?**

- 1) India-Africa defence minister's conclave
- 2) India-Russia Military Industrial conference
- 3) UK-India defence industry forum
- 4) both 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1) and 2) and 3)

Answer - **5) All the 1) and 2) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

The conferences held in DefExpo 2020 held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (Feb 5-9, 2020) are India-Africa defence minister's conclave, India-Russia Military Industrial conference and UK-India defence industry forum.

**16. Which Indian company has launched the "sharang" artillery gun and handed over to Chief of Army staff the Manoj Mukund Naravane in DefExpo2020 held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh?**

- 1) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 2) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- 3) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL)
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Answer - **3) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)**

**Explanation:**

Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) launched "Sharang" the 155mm artillery gun with 36 km range and handed over a model to Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane.

**17. Which Indian company has launched the "Amogha-3" anti-guided missile and "Varunastra" anti-submarine torpedo under guidance of DRDO in DefExpo2020 held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh?**

- 1) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 2) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- 3) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL)
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Answer - **2) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**

**Explanation:**

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) launched Amogha-3 the anti-Tank Guided Missile. It is a man portable fire and forget missile. It also launched Varunastra, the anti-submarine torpedo, manufactured under the technological guidance of DRDO.

**18. Which Indian defence manufacturing company signed pact with Larson & Toubro (L&T) for high tech drone manufacturing?**

- 1) Kadet Defence Systems
- 2) ideaForge
- 3) Adani group
- 4) Quidich
- 5) AUS

Answer - **2) ideaForge**

**Explanation:**

Infrastructure giant Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has entered into a pact with ideaForge, domestic unmanned aerial vehicles manufacturer, to offer hi-tech drones and allied systems for defence use. They will also offer anti-drone solutions to counter the threat of malicious or unintended usage of drones.

**19. The 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of African Union (AU) heads of state summit 2020 held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2020. What is the theme of the Summit?**

- 1) "The Year of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Forced displacement in Africa"
- 2) "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development"
- 3) "Winning the Fight Against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation"
- 4) "Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth"
- 5) "Human Rights with a particular focus on the Rights of Women"

Answer - **2) "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development"**

**Explanation:**

A 2-day long 33rd African Union (AU) Heads of State Summit 2020 under the theme "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions for Africa's Development" was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, is the newly elected Chairperson of the African Union for one year. He replaces Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

**20. Which Indian City hosted the National water conference with the guidelines "Right to Water Act" and "Water Rights Act" in Feb 2020?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Assam
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer - **5) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shri Kamal Nath has inaugurated the National water conference at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The conference is being held to finalize the guidelines of "Right to Water Act" or "Water Rights Act" and also discussed the water crisis in the state and also making the state a water-rich state.

**21. The 2-day BIMSTEC 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking organized by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) was held at which Indian State/UT?**

- 1) Goa
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Chandigarh

Answer - **3) New Delhi**

### Explanation:

The Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the two-day long BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking', in New Delhi. It was organized by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Ministry of Home Affairs.

### 22. What was the Theme of 43<sup>rd</sup> International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) council held at Rome, Italy on February 2020?

- 1) Theme: "Rural Transformation: Key to Sustainable Development"
- 2) Theme: "Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030"
- 3) Theme: "Rural Innovation and Entrepreneurship"
- 4) Theme: "Fragility to long-term resilience: investing in sustainable rural economies"
- 5) Theme: "Inclusive investment: Rural people, state and business in the post 2020-Agenda"

Answer - **2) Theme: "Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030"**

### Explanation:

The IFAD's 43rd Governing Council meeting was held in Rome, Italy on 11-12 February 2020 on the theme "Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030".

### 23. The 43<sup>rd</sup> International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) council held at Rome, Italy on February 2020 stated, due to climatic change around 100 million people will be pushed to poverty by \_\_\_\_?

- 1) 2022
- 2) 2025
- 3) 2024
- 4) 2027
- 5) 2030

Answer - **5) 2030**

### Explanation:

The IFAD's 43rd Governing Council meeting was held in Rome, Italy on 11-12 February 2020 on the theme "Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030". During the meet, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) stated that the sequences of climate change and its impacts on agriculture will push around 100 million people to poverty by 2030.

### 24. The Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) has cancelled the World Mobile Congress (WMC) 2020 due to outbreak of corona virus. The WMC was initially planned to be conducted at?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Barcelona, Spain
- 3) Istanbul, Turkey
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Berlin, Germany

Answer - **2) Barcelona, Spain**

### Explanation:

On February 13, 2020 GSM Association (Global System for Mobile Communication) has cancelled the WMC 2020 (Mobile World Congress) to be held in Barcelona, Spain due to Coronavirus outbreak. Mobile World Congress meeting was held annually since 2006, in Barcelona, Spain, where governments, ministers, policy makers, operators and industry leaders across the world will be presented & discuss developments in the technology sector.

**25. Which country is the 'partner country' in 17th edition of Bio Asia 2020, Asia's largest Biotechnology and Life Sciences Forum with the theme of 'Today for Tomorrow' held at Hyderabad, Telangana?**

- 1) Switzerland
- 2) Germany
- 3) Ethiopia
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Singapore

**Answer - 1) Switzerland**

**Explanation:**

A 3-day long 17th edition of Bio Asia 2020, Asia's largest Biotechnology and Life Sciences Forum with the theme of 'Today for Tomorrow' has commenced in Hyderabad, Telangana. Switzerland is the partner Country for 2020 as part of the annual tradition & around 40-member team comprising industries, academia and start-ups from Switzerland participated in this event.

**26. Which country will be 'Partner country' at the Technology Submit 2020 to be held in New Delhi?**

- 1) India
- 2) Thailand
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Philippines
- 5) Portugal

**Answer - 5) Portugal**

**Explanation:**

Portugal will be India's partner country at the Technology Submit 2020 to be held in New Delhi. India will also organise the Youth Hachaton in Portugal later this year.

**27. Which Indian State / UT set to host its 1<sup>st</sup> ever Global Investors Summit in the month of April 2020?**

- 1) Goa
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Jammu & Kashmir
- 5) Bihar

**Answer - 4) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

The Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) administration is set to host 1st -ever Global Investors Summit-2020 in the capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu in the month of April 2020 with the aim to attract investment and industries to J&K.

**28. Which European city set to host United Nations' climate summit 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties 'COP26' in November 2020?**

- 1) Berlin
- 2) Glasgow
- 3) Geneva
- 4) London
- 5) Budapest

**Answer - 2) Glasgow**

**Explanation:**

The 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 26) to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) is scheduled to be held from 9-19 November 2020, at Glasgow's

Scottish Events Campus (SEC) in Scotland under the presidency of the UK (United Kingdom) government. The COP 25 was held at Madrid, Spain in 2019.

**29. Name the Indian Origin person who has been appointed as Minister in charge for 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties 'COP26' climate change summit?**

- 1) Alok Sharma
- 2) Priti Patel
- 3) Rishi Sunak
- 4) Swati Dandekar
- 5) Sam Arora

Answer - **1) Alok Sharma**

**Explanation:**

Indian-origin Alok Sharma (52) from Agra, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has been appointed as the minister in charge of the UK's COP26 climate change summit. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has promoted Alok Sharma to the post of Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in cabinet reshuffle, where he replaced Claire Perry O'Neill, a former energy minister.

**30. Which Asian country hosted 13<sup>th</sup> Asian Business & Social Investor forum 2019-20 and 4<sup>th</sup> Asia's greatest brands & leaders 2019-20 in February 2020?**

- 1) India
- 2) Thailand
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Philippines
- 5) Qatar

Answer - **2) Thailand**

**Explanation:**

On 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Asian Business & Social Investor Forum 2019-20 & 4<sup>th</sup> edition – Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2019-20 held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand with the aim to improve investment in India and Asia.

**31. The 4<sup>th</sup> National conference on Review of Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMDBY) organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare held at which Indian City?**

- 1) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Answer - **3) Udaipur, Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

The two-day long 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Review of Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) held in Udaipur, Rajasthan. It was inaugurated by Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The Conference was Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

**32. Who has attended as India's delegate in Munich Security Conference 2020 held at Munich, Germany from February 14 – 16 2020?**

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) Shripad Yesso Naik

Answer - **3) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**

**Explanation:**

External Affairs minister (EAM), Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has attended the 3-day long Munich Security Conference 2020, the world's leading forum for debate on international security policy, held at Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich, Germany from February 14 – 16 2020.

**33. The 9<sup>th</sup> Defence and Security Expert group meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held at which country (Feb 19-20, 2020)?**

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Moscow, Russia
- 4) Islamabad, Pakistan
- 5) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Answer - **4) Islamabad, Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

The two day long 9<sup>th</sup> Defence and Security Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held in Islamabad, Pakistan from February 19 to 20 to discuss different aspects of cooperation between the SCO member states and regional security.

**34. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global ministerial conference on Road safety with the theme 'Achieving Global Goals 2030' held at?**

- 1) Stockholm, Sweden
- 2) Oslo, Norway
- 3) Berlin, Germany
- 4) Hague, Netherlands
- 5) London, United Kingdom

Answer – **1) Stockholm, Sweden**

**Explanation:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety with theme “Achieving Global Goals 2030” was held in Stockholm, Sweden on 19–20 February 2020. It was hosted by Government of Sweden in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO).

**35. The International judicial conference 2020 with the theme 'Gender Just World' held at which Indian state/UT?**

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Puducherry
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer - **1) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the International Judicial Conference in New Delhi. The theme of the conference was “Gender Just World” while its topic was “Judiciary and The Changing World”. The Conference introduced the “Just World” concept in the Judicial System of India which aims to take the judicial system of the country to every citizen irrespective of their gender.

**36. Which country has assumed the presidency of UN body of Migratory species for 3 years?**

- 1) United States
- 2) Mexico
- 3) Nepal
- 4) India
- 5) Philippines



Answer - **4) India**

**Explanation:**

India assumed COP Presidency for the next three years with a focus on collaborative approach to tackle Biodiversity issues. In this regard, PM Modi affirms India's commitment towards conservation of Migratory species. India will succeed Philippines which was COP 12 President from 2017. As a COP President for the next three years, India will work towards conserving the Central Asian Flyway.

**37. Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) is located at which Indian state/UT?**

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Assam

Answer - **2) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Union environment ministry has come out with a 10-year comprehensive plan for conservation of birds and their habitats in India through multiple measures. It is a visionary perspective plan (VPP) 2020-2030 which listed 15 major programmes. The VPP will be implemented by different stakeholders including ministries, with the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Anaikatty, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu being the focal institution for this purpose.

**38. Which Indian migratory species is/are added to protected list in 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS COP13)?**

- 1) Bengal Florican
- 2) Asian Elephant
- 3) Great Indian Bustard
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

Answer - **5) All the 1), 2) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

The CMS lists the migratory species that are threatened with extinction. The member countries are obligated to protect the listed species throughout their range. Among the ten species added to this list during the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS COP13), there are three Indian species, viz., Asian Elephant, Bengal Florican, and the Great Indian Bustard.

**39. The International Conference on Banana (ICB) 2020 with the theme 'Innovations in Sustainable Production and Value Chain Management in Banana' held at?**

- 1) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- 2) Cochin, Kerala
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Answer - **4) Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

The International Conference on Banana (ICB) 2020 with the theme 'Innovations in Sustainable Production and Value Chain Management in Banana' held in Trichy, Tamil Nadu (TN) between Feb 22-25, 2020.

**40. The 3-day international conference on “Ensemble Methods in Modelling and Data Assimilation (EMMDA) 2020” organized by Ministry of Earth sciences’s (MoES) National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) held at which Indian City?**

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**Answer – 5) Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The 3-day international conference on “Ensemble Methods in Modelling and Data Assimilation (EMMDA) 2020” organized by Ministry of Earth sciences’s (MoES) National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) is inaugurated by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

**41. The two Days Conference (Feb 25-26, 2020) on Enhancing Energy Cooperation in the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) region, held at which of the following country?**

- 1) Kathmandu, Nepal
- 2) Bangkok, Thailand
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 5) Naypyitaw, Myanmar

**Answer – 4) Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**Explanation:**

The Two Days Conference on Enhancing Energy Cooperation in the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) region held at Bangladesh capital Dhaka between February 25-26, 2020.

**42. As per the report titled “prospect of regional energy cooperation and cross-border energy trade in the BIMSTEC region” released in 2- day Conference (Feb 25-26, 2020) on Enhancing Energy Cooperation in the BIMSTEC region. Which country tops in all the energy resources?**

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) India
- 4) Thailand
- 5) Sri Lanka

**Answer – 3) India**

**Explanation:**

The report titled “prospect of regional energy cooperation and cross-border energy trade in the BIMSTEC region” released in 2- day Conference on (Feb 25-26, 2020) Enhancing Energy Cooperation in the BIMSTEC region held at Dhaka, Bangladesh. India tops on all energy resources by having 319,020 MT of coal, 600 MT oil, 45.5 TCF gas, 4,150 MT biomass and 145 GW hydro and 1,000 GW renewable energy respectively.

**43. The 2-day (Feb 25-26, 2020) International Conference on Standardisation of Diagnosis and Terminologies in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Systems of Medicine (ICoSDiTAUS-2020) held at which Indian state/UT?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Telangana
- 4) New Delhi

5) Maharashtra

Answer – **4) New Delhi**

**Explanation:**

The two-day International Conference on Standardisation of Diagnosis and Terminologies in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Systems of Medicine-ICoSDiTAUS-2020 was held in New Delhi on February 25-26, 2020. This is the biggest ever international conference on standardisation of Diagnosis and Terminologies of Traditional Medicine. It was organized by Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) in association with World Health Organisation (WHO) at the Ministerial level.

**44. The 19th edition of World Productivity Congress 2020 with the theme “Industry 4.0 – Innovation and Productivity” will be held at which Indian city?**

1) Bhopal

2) Bengaluru

3) Noida

4) New Delhi

5) Pune

Answer – **2) Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

The 19th edition of World Productivity Congress (WPC) with the theme “Industry 4.0 – Innovation and Productivity” will be held from May 6 to May 8, 2020 at the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka. WPC is the world’s largest convention for productivity development which promotes innovation and world class practices that shape future productivity growth and to be held in India after 45 years.

## COMMITTEE & MEETING

**1. Who chaired the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting after reconstitution of Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) in New Delhi?**

1) Nitin Gadkari

2) Piyush Goyal

3) Rajnath Singh

4) Ravi Shankar Prasad

5) Ramesh Pokhriyal

Answer - **5) Ramesh Pokhriyal**

**Explanation:**

The Union Minister of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ chaired the meeting of Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) in New Delhi. This was the 1st meeting after the National Commission’s reconstitution. The national commission consists of members of 5 sub commissions which include Sub Commission for Education, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Communication and Culture.

**2. The theme for the 2020 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), for Commonwealth Day is” Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”. The CHOGM 2020 will held at?**

1) Accra, Ghana

2) Nairobi, Kenya

3) Kigali, Rwanda

4) Victoria, Seychelles

5) Canberra, Australia

Answer - **3) Kigali, Rwanda**

**Explanation:**

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2020 will be held at Kigali, Rwanda between June 22 to June 28, 2020 with the theme of "Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming".

**3. The Government has constituted a task force with the Group of Ministers (GoM) to monitor the novel coronavirus outbreak (February 2020). Who is the Head/Chairman of the task force?**

- 1) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 2) Raj Nath Singh
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Harsh Vardhan
- 5) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer - **4) Harsh Vardhan**

**Explanation:**

On February 03, 2020 the govt has set up a task force under the chairmanship of Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Dr Harsh Vardhan, to monitor the recent novel Coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak with the representatives from the Ministries of Health, Home, Civil Aviation and Women and Child Development (WCD). This announcement was made after a third positive case of nCoV was detected in the state of Kerala. The Group of Ministers (GoM) will review the situation on a daily basis.

**4. The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission forms 5-member panel to investigate arrangement made for funding defense and internal security. Who is the head of the panel?**

- 1) AN Jha
- 2) Ajay Bhalla
- 3) NK Singh
- 4) TV Somanathan
- 5) Ajay Kumar

Answer - **3) NK Singh**

**Explanation:**

The 15th Finance Commission has set up a five-member group led by 15th Finance Commission Chairman, Nand Kishore (NK) Singh to investigate the need for separate arrangements for funding defense and internal security.

**5. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted Municipal Bonds Development Committee to get recommendations on policy matters pertaining to development of municipal debt securities market. Who is the Head of Committee?**

- 1) N S Vishwanathan
- 2) S.K Mohanty
- 3) G C Chaturvedi
- 4) Ajay Tyagi
- 5) Sujit Prasad

Answer - **5) Sujit Prasad**

**Explanation:**

SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has constituted Municipal Bonds Development Committee headed by Shri Sujit Prasad, Executive Director, SEBI in order to get recommendations on policy matters pertaining to development of municipal debt securities market. The members of the committee include representatives from ministry, Municipal Corporation, lawyers, professionals and market practitioners.

**6. The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission forms 8-member panel to boost the agricultural exports. Who is the head of the panel?**

- 1) AN Jha
- 2) Ajay Bhalla
- 3) NK Singh
- 4) TV Somanathan
- 5) Sanjiv Puri

Answer - **5) Sanjiv Puri**

**Explanation:**

The 15th Finance Commission has set up an 8-member group led by ITC chairman and managing director (MD) Sanjiv Puri to recommend measurable performance incentives for the states, so as to promote exports & also to encourage the concerned crops to ensure replacement of more imports and to boost the agricultural exports. The committee will submit its recommendations within 3 months.

**7. The 12-member 'Technology Group' formation proposal was approved by the cabinet on Feb 19, 2020. Who is the head of the 'Technology Group'?**

- 1) K. VijayRaghavan
- 2) Nripendra Misra
- 3) PK Sinha
- 4) Ajit Doval
- 5) Surajit Dutta

Answer – **1) K. VijayRaghavan**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the formation of 12-member "Technology Group" headed by Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India (GoI), Prof K. VijayRaghavan. The 3 key pillars of the work of this group will include support on policy, procurement and R&D (Research & Development) proposals. This technology group will give better suggestions about latest technologies to the Government.

**8. Name the Arab nation which hosted the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting 2020 on theme "Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All"?**

- 1) Bahrain
- 2) Kuwait
- 3) Qatar
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) Oman

Answer - **4) Saudi Arabia**

**Explanation:**

The G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 22-23 February 2020 on the theme "Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All". Saudi Arabia is the first Arab nation to hold the G20 presidency and will hold the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of G20 Leaders Summit 2020 from 21-22 November 2020, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

**9. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) formed a 9-member committee to examine the possibility of allowing life insurers offer indemnity based health policies. Who is the Head of the committee?**

- 1) G. Srinivasan
- 2) M N Sharma
- 3) Ritesh Kumar
- 4) S N Bhattacharya
- 5) A V Girija Kumar

Answer – **1) G. Srinivasan**

**Explanation:**

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), an autonomous body tasked with regulating and promoting the insurance, has formed a 9-member committee led by Mr. G. Srinivasan, Director of National Insurance Academy to examine the possibility of allowing life insurers offer indemnity based health policies.

**10. Who Headed the High level committee which submitted the report on implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord of 1985 to Assam Chief Minister (CM) Sarbananda Sonowal (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Justice Mukul Mudgal
- 2) Justice Madan Lokur
- 3) **Justice Biplab Kumar Sarma**
- 4) Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- 5) Justice Vikramajit Sen

Answer - **3) Justice Biplab Kumar Sarma**

**Explanation:**

A high-powered committee headed by retired former Gauhati High Court (HC) Justice Biplab Kumar Sarma has formally submitted its report on implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord of 1985 to Assam Chief Minister (CM) Sarbananda Sonowal in the presence of state's finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and other officials. The report will then have submitted to the Union Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah.

**11. The Union Cabinet has approved the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2020. The draft of the bill has included the recommendations of 23-member Committee of the Rajya Sabha. Who is the Head of the committee?**

- 1) Subramanian Swamy
- 2) Roopa Ganguly
- 3) Bhupender Yadav
- 4) Suresh Gopi
- 5) Swapan Dasgupta

Answer – **3) Bhupender Yadav**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2020. According to the proposed bill, any woman can become a surrogate mother by her own will. Apart from childless Indian couples, widows and divorced women will also get the benefit. The draft of the new bill has included the recommendations of 23-member Committee of the Rajya Sabha headed by BJP MP Bhupender Yadav.

## INDEX

**1. According to the recently released Counterpoint Research's Market Monitor service report (January 2020), The Rank of India among smartphone market of the world is?**

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) 5

Answer - **2) 2**

**Explanation:**

According to the recently released Counterpoint Research's Market Monitor service report, India surpassed the United States(US) for the first time to become the 2nd largest smartphone market in the world and the list was topped by China. India recorded 158 million shipments in 2019 with 7% year-on-year growth which was mainly due to Chinese smartphone brands that were introduced.



**2. As per the report released by Counterpoint Research's Market Monitor in Jan 2020, which smartphone brand topped the smartphone market?**

- 1) Xiaomi
- 2) Samsung
- 3) Vivo
- 4) Oppo
- 5) Realme

Answer - **1) Xiaomi**

**Explanation:**

Chinese smartphone company Xiaomi topped the smartphone market for the second consecutive year with 28% market share. Xiaomi was followed by South Korean brand Samsung in the 2nd place with 21% market share. Some of the fastest growing brands include Chinese smartphone brand Vivo at 16% with 76% year on year growth. Realme at 10% recorded 255% growth while Oppo at 9% recorded 28% year on year growth.

**3. The recent report of Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) has been released prior to global forum on Childhood Pneumonia which gives data about children death due to Pneumonia. Where is the 1<sup>st</sup> ever global forum on Childhood Pneumonia held at (Jan 2020)?**

- 1) Barcelona, Spain
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Ankara, Turkey
- 4) Rome, Italy
- 5) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer - **1) Barcelona, Spain**

**Explanation:**

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation's (IHME) report on Childhood Pneumonia has been released prior to the 1st-ever global forum on childhood pneumonia in Barcelona from January 29 to 31.

**4. According to recent report by Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), \_\_ of Children Death Under age 5 is due to Pneumonia in India?**

- 1) 9%
- 2) 12%
- 3) 14%
- 4) 18%
- 5) 15%

Answer - **3) 14%**

**Explanation:**

According to a recent report by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), 14% of under 5 years of age deaths in India occurred mainly due to pneumonia. This accounted for approximately 1,27,000 deaths annually where the figure was around 1,78,000 in 2013.

**5. As per Greenbone sustainable Resilience Data released by German cybersecurity firm Greenbone (Feb 2020), among Indian states which state has most hit by global medical data leak with 3,08,451 data leaks?**

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Gujarat

Answer - **1) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

According to the recent report published by German cybersecurity firm Greenbone Sustainable Resilience, Maharashtra topped among the Indian states which has been hit by global medical data leak. The analysis was made after data of around 120 million Indian patients were leaked and made freely available on the internet. Maharashtra which topped among Indian states had 3,08,451 data leaks giving access to 6,97,89,685 images.

**6. As per 'Report on Cancer: Setting priorities, investing wisely and providing care for all' one in 10 Indians to have cancer in their lifetime. The report was Released by?**

- 1) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 3) International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
- 4) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 5) World Bank (WB)

Answer - **1) World Health Organization (WHO)**

**Explanation:**

In order to mark World Cancer Day on February 4, 2020, WHO (World Health Organization) and its specialized International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have released 2 reports namely, "Report on Cancer: Setting priorities, investing wisely and providing care for all" by WHO & "World Cancer Report "Cancer research for cancer prevention" by IARC. As per the report by the WHO, one in 10 Indians to have cancer in their lifetime and one in 15 died of the disease.

**7. The World Health Organization (WHO) has predicted the cancer cases in poor countries will jump by \_\_% by 2040 in its 'Report on Cancer: Setting priorities, investing wisely and providing care for all'**

- 1) 67
- 2) 71
- 3) 79
- 4) 81
- 5) 74

Answer - **4) 81**

**Explanation:**

In order to mark World Cancer Day on February 4, 2020, WHO (World Health Organization) and its specialized International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) have released 2 reports namely, "Report on Cancer: Setting priorities, investing wisely and providing care for all" by WHO Which has predicted that cancer cases will jump by 81 % by 2040 in poor countries due to the lack of investment in prevention and care. The rate of cancer incidence worldwide could rise to 60 % in the next 20 years

**8. What is India's Rank in the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Intellectual Property Index named 'Art of the Possible' released by Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC) (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) 36
- 2) 38
- 3) 40
- 4) 42
- 5) 34

Answer - **3) 40**

**Explanation:**

In 2020 GIPC's IP Index, India's position has downgraded to 40th rank in comparison to 36th position out of 50 countries in 2019.

Among Asia, India is ranked 4th which is topped by Australia and followed by Brunei (2nd) and China (3rd). Among Lower-middle-income economies, India is at 2nd position which is topped by Egypt.

**9. Which country has topped 2020 Global Innovation Policy Center's (GIPC) Intellectual Property Index (8<sup>th</sup> edition)?**

- 1) China
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Australia
- 4) Norway
- 5) Germany

Answer - **2) United States of America**

**Explanation:**

In 2020 GIPC's IP Index, India's position has downgraded to 40th rank in comparison to 36th position out of 50 countries in 2019. The index has been topped by the United States (US) followed by UK (United Kingdom), Sweden, France and Germany.

**10. As per National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) report on 'Missing women and Children in India' between 2016-2018 Madhya Pradesh tops in number of missing children list. Whereas, which state tops in most number of missing women in India?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer - **4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

According to the report titled 'missing women and children in India' released by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), an Indian government agency responsible for collecting and analyzing crime data, the highest number (33,964) of women who go missing in India are from Maharashtra & and the number of missing children are maximum (10, 038) in the State of Madhya Pradesh(MP) in the year 2016, 2017,2018.

**11. Which Indian Institution ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> (top among Indian Institutions) in Global Massive Open Online Course performance among business schools in 2020 released by MOOCLabs?**

- 1) Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
- 2) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
- 3) Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta
- 4) Xavier Labour Relations Institute, Jamshedpur
- 5) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Answer - **1) Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore**

**Explanation:**

Indian Institute of Management Bengaluru (IIMB), Karnataka secured third rank in Global MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) performance among Top Business schools in 2020. MOOCLabs published ranking for the business schools globally who are providing MOOC courses. IIM, Bengaluru provides 43 open online courses available on the edX platform. The list is topped by HEC Paris, France.

**12. According to Germany's Kumboldt University and India's Robert Koch Institute, what is India's rank in the list of countries at risk of importing novel Coronavirus(nCoV)?**

- 1) 13
- 2) 14
- 3) 15

4) 16

5) 17

Answer - 5) 17

**Explanation:**

According to a mathematical model for the expected global spread of the coronavirus developed by the researchers at Germany's Humboldt University and Robert Koch Institute, India is at number 17 on the list of countries at risk of importing novel coronavirus (nCoV) that originated in China's Wuhan area in December 2019. The top 5 countries at risk of importing coronavirus cases include: Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, USA.

**13. According to International Institute for Strategic Studies' (IISS) annual "Military Balance" report, what is India's rank among World's biggest defence spenders?**

1) 2

2) 3

3) 4

4) 5

5) 7

Answer - 4) 5

**Explanation:**

The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) annual "Military Balance" report states that global spending on defence hiked by 4% percent in 2019, showing largest growth in 10 years (2010-2019). The report showed top 15 countries, among them, the world's biggest defence spenders are United States (US), China, Saudi Arabia, Russia and India.

**Table Showing Defence Spending of Top 10 Countries in 2019**

Rank	Country	Defence Spending (US\$bn)
1	United States	684.6
2	China	181.1
3	Saudi Arabia	78.4
4	Russia	61.6
5	India	60.5
6	United Kingdom	54.8
7	France	52.3
8	Japan	48.6
9	Germany	48.5
10	South Korea	39.8

**14. As per the US based think tank World population review's report, what is the India's rank in largest economy list 2019 with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) value of \$2.94 Trillion?**

1) 1

2) 2

3) 3

4) 4

5) 5

Answer - 5) 5

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the US-based think tank World Population Review, India has become the fifth-largest in the world with a GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of \$2.94 trillion overtaking the UK (United

Kingdom) and France in 2019. The size of the UK economy is \$2.83 trillion and that of France is \$2.71 trillion. The list has been topped by the United States (US) with \$21.44 trillion GDP.

**Table showing Top 5 Largest Economies of World:**

Rank	Country	GDP
1	United States (US)	\$21.44 trillion
2	China	\$14.14 trillion
3	Japan	\$5.15 trillion
4	Germany	\$4 trillion
5	India	\$2.94 trillion

**15. As per the US based think tank World population review's report, what is India's per capita Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2019?**

- 1) \$ 2,000
- 2) \$ 2,090
- 3) \$ 2,170
- 4) \$ 2,220
- 5) \$ 2,340

Answer - 3) \$ 2,170

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the US-based think tank World Population Review, India's GDP per capita is \$2,170.

**16. As per the US based think tank World population review's report, India's Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) in 2019 is \_\_\_\_\_ (in trillions)?**

- 1) \$9.71
- 2) \$10.21
- 3) \$10.51
- 4) \$10.91
- 5) \$11.31

Answer - 3) \$10.51

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the US-based think tank World Population Review, in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), India's GDP is \$10.51 trillion, exceeding that of Japan and Germany.

**17. According to 'State of India's Bird 2020: Range, trends and conservation status' report launched at 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat \_\_\_\_% of 146 bird species are in decline in past 5 years.**

- 1) 65
- 2) 70
- 3) 75
- 4) 80
- 5) 85

Answer - 4) 80

**Explanation:**

According to the 'State of India's Bird 2020: Range, trends and conservation status' report launched at the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals which is taking place in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, around 80 % of the 146 species of birds' population in India has been on decline in the past 5 years with close to 50% declining strongly & Just over 6% are stable and 14% increasing.

**18. According to Times Higher Education's (THE) emerging economies University ranking 2020 which Indian University topped among Indian Universities in top 100?**

- 1) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- 5) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee

Answer - 1) **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

According to the Times Higher Education's (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings 2020, which ranks a total of 533 universities from 47 countries, India has 11 institutes among world's top 100 universities where Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (Karnataka) emerged as India's top-ranked institution by getting the rank 16th with the score 48.4. Tsinghua University in China has topped the list with the score of 83.8.

**Here's the list of Top 3& Indian Universities in the ranking:**

Rank	University Name	Country	Scores
1	Tsinghua University	China	83.8
2	Peking University	China	83
3	Zhejiang University	China	65.5
<b>Rank of Indian Universities in top 100</b>			
16	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru		48.4
32	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur		42.9
34	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay		42.4
38	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi		41.9
58	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee		38.4
61	Indian Institute of Technology Indore		38.2
63	Indian Institute of Technology Madras		37.7
63	Indian Institute of Technology Ropar		37.7
73	Institute of Chemical Technology		37.3
77	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur		37.1
90	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham		35.3

**19. According to Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) 'The Worldwide Education for the Future Index (WEFFI) 2019 report, Finland topped the index and India's rank in the Index is \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 35
- 2) 38
- 3) 40
- 4) 47
- 5) 52

Answer - 1) **35**

**Explanation:**

The Worldwide Education for The Future Index (WEFFI) 2019 ranked India in 35th position, whereas in 2018 it was ranked 40th position. The WEFFI report is created by The Economist Intelligence unit and commissioned by Yidan Prize foundation. The index is topped by Finland, followed by Sweden in second place and New Zealand in third place.

**Overall Ranking:**

Rank	Economy
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35	India
1	Finland
2	Sweden
3	New Zealand

**20. Which Indian language is the most spoken in the world followed English and Mandarin as per the 22nd edition of the world language database Ethnologue (yearly database of spoken languages of the world)?**

- 1) Bengali
- 2) Hindi
- 3) Tamil
- 4) Gujarati
- 5) Telugu

**Answer - 2) Hindi**

**Explanation:**

The 22nd edition of the world language database Ethnologue stated Hindi, as the 3rd most spoken language of the world in 2019 with 615 million speakers. English language was at the top of the list with 1,132 million speakers and Mandarin Chinese was at the 2nd position with 1,117 million speakers.

**Top 3 languages:**

Position	Languages
1	English (1,132 million)
2	Mandarin Chinese (1,117 million)
3	Hindi (615 million)

**21. According to the 2<sup>nd</sup> advance estimates for crop year 2019-20 by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare the food grain production is estimated at record of \_\_\_\_\_ (in million tonnes)?**

- 1) 219.59
- 2) 258.12
- 3) 285.21
- 4) 291.95
- 5) 237.11

**Answer - 4) 291.95**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the Second Advance Estimates for crop year 2019-20 by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, the total foodgrain production in the country is estimated at record 291.95 million tonnes as compared to the production of foodgrain of 285.21 million tonnes in 2018-19. It should be noted that the 2019-20 production is also higher by 26.20 million tonnes than the previous five years' (2013-14 to 2017-18) average production of foodgrain.

**22. According to the report, "A future for the world's children?" Commissioned by WHO-UNICEF-Lancet 'Child Flourishing Index' is topped by Norway. What is rank of India in the index?**

- 1) 128
- 2) 129
- 3) 130
- 4) 131

5) 133

Answer – 4) 131

**Explanation:**

According to the report, “A future for the world’s children? Commissioned by WHO–UNICEF–Lancet” commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and The Lancet medical journal, India ranks 131st in the Flourishing Index of Children’s Survival, health, education and Well-being. The Index was topped by Norway and Central African Republic at bottom of the list.

**23. According to the report, “A future for the world’s children?” Commissioned by WHO–UNICEF–Lancet ‘Sustainability Index’ is topped by Burundi. What is rank of India in the index?**

1) 71

2) 77

3) 69

4) 54

5) 87

Answer - 2) 77

**Explanation:**

According to the report, “A future for the world’s children?” Commissioned by WHO–UNICEF–Lancet commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and The Lancet medical journal, India ranks 77th in terms of Sustainability Index of Children’s Survival, health, education and Well-being. The Index was topped by Burundi and Qatar at bottom.

**24. Name the Indian Institute which ranked top among Indian institutions in the Nature ranking Index 2020 (Based on total research output from December 01, 2018 to 30th November, 2019)?**

1) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B)

2) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

3) Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER)

4) Indian Institute of science (IISC)

5) Council of Scientific and industrial Research(CSIR)

Answer - 5) Council of Scientific and industrial Research(CSIR)

**Explanation:**

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) ranked first in the Nature Ranking Index 2020. All the institutions are ranked on the basis of total research output from december 01, 2018 to 30th November, 2019.

**Rank, Share & Count**

Rank	Institution	Count(c)	Share percentage (SP)
1	Council of Scientific and industrial Research(CSIR)	142	87.74
2	Indian Institute of science (IISC)	211	83.61
3	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)	232	62.18

**25. The Name Indian State, which ranked top in the 1<sup>st</sup> Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) payouts performance rating released by central government for 2019-20?**

1) Uttarakhand

2) Uttar Pradesh

3) Gujarat

4) Haryana

5) West Bengal

Answer – 4) Haryana

### Explanation:

According to the recent ratings regarding Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) payouts, prepared for the 1st time by the Central Government, Small state Haryana has emerged as the best state in DBT payouts (Rs.4782 crores in over 4 crore transactions) in 2019-20. Whereas, West Bengal has emerged as the worst performer in DBT payouts ranked 36th position.

### DBT performance ranking 2019-20:

Rank	State	DBT payout
1	Haryana	Rs.4782 crore
2	Uttarakhand	Rs. 1060 cr
36	West Bengal	Rs. 8793 cr

**26. As per the report titled “Transforming Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan” released by NITI Aayog, Which Indian state performs better in implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme?**

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Chhattisgarh
- 5) Punjab

Answer - **3) Andhra Pradesh**

### Explanation:

The “Transforming Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan”, is a 2nd progress report on Prime Minister’s Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) Abhiyaan (Nutrition Mission) until September 2019, released by the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog. The report ranked states & Union Territories to measure their readiness to execute the programme,

### Top 3 states in Ranking:

Rank	Large States (19)	Small States (8)	Union Territories (7)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Mizoram	Dadra and Nagar Haveli
2	Chhattisgarh	Sikkim	Chandigarh
3	Madhya Pradesh	Nagaland	Daman and Diu

**27. According to IQAir AirVisual’s report titled “2019 World Air Quality Report-Region & City PM2.5 Ranking”, what is the India’s Rank in most polluted country list?**

- 1) 7
- 2) 15
- 3) 12
- 4) 5
- 5) 9

Answer - **4) 5**

### Explanation:

In accordance with the “2019 World Air Quality Report-Region & City PM2.5 Ranking” compiled by IQAir AirVisual, India ranked 5th as the most polluted country in the world. Cleanest country – Bahamas & Most polluted country – Bangladesh.

### World most Polluted Countries 2019 (PM2.5)

Rank	Country	Average PM2.5 concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
1	Bangladesh	83.3
2	Pakistan	65.8
3	Mongolia	62

4	Afghanistan	58.8
5	India	58.1
98	Bahamas	3.3

**28. According to IQAir AirVisual's report titled "2019 World Air Quality Report-Region & City PM2.5 Ranking", which Indian state ranked top in the list of cities with poor air quality in the world?**

- 1) Ghaziabad
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Pune
- 4) Bengaluru
- 5) Kolkata

**Answer – 1) Ghaziabad**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the "2019 World Air Quality Report-Region & City PM2.5 Ranking" compiled by IQAir AirVisual, Ghazhiabad, Uttar Pradesh, India topped the list of cities with poor air quality in the world. Also, New Delhi topped in World's most polluted capital city list 2019.

**World most Polluted Cities 2019 (PM2.5)**

Rank	Country	Average PM2.5 concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )
1	Ghaziabad, India	110.2
2	Hotan, China	110.1
3	Gujranwala, Pakistan	105.3
4	Faisalabad, Pakistan	104.6
5	Delhi, India	98.6
4661	Nassau, Bahamas	3.3

**29. As per the "The Hurun Global Rich List 2020" released jointly by Hurun Research Institute and Shimao Shengkong International Center, who is the world's richest person?**

- 1) Larry Page
- 2) Bernard Arnault
- 3) Jeff Bezos
- 4) Bill Gates
- 5) Mark Zuckerberg

**Answer – 3) Jeff Bezos**

**Explanation:**

The Hurun Global Rich List 2020 was jointly released by Shanghai-based Hurun Research Institute and Shenzhen-based Shimao Shengkong International Center. Jeff Bezos retains 1st rank (with \$140 Billion wealth) for the third running year and Mukesh Ambani is positioned at 9<sup>th</sup> with \$67 billion wealth. Also Uday Kotak is listed as The World's Richest self-made banker.

Rank	Name	Wealth in Billion	Main company(for wealth)	Country
9	Mukesh Ambani	USD 67	Reliance	India
1	Jeff Bezos	USD 140	Amazon	USA
2	Bernard Arnault	USD 107	LVMH	France
3	Bill Gates	USD 106	Microsoft	USA

**30. As per first edition of NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research) Land Records and Services Index (N-LRSI 2019-20), which is India's best performing state in terms of digitising land records?**

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Haryana

**Answer – 4) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

According to the 1st edition of NCAER Land Records and Services Index (N-LRSI 2019-20) released by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Madhya Pradesh (MP) emerged as the best performing state in terms of digitising land records with the score of 74.9. It was followed by Odisha (67.5 points) and Maharashtra (65.3 points). While Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh ranked at bottom at 33rd position with a score of 2.0.

**NCAER Land Record Services Index (N-LRSI) 2019-20 ranking:**

Rank	State/Union Territory	Score
1	Madhya Pradesh	74.9
2	Odisha	67.5
3	Maharashtra	65.3
33rd	Ladakh	2

**31. As per the report by online payment processor Worldline India titled “Wordline India Digital Payments 2019”, Name the Indian city which accounted for highest number of digital transactions in India in 2019?**

- 1) Hyderabad
- 2) Kolkata
- 3) Bengaluru
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Chennai

**Answer – 3) Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the report by online payment processor Worldline India titled “Wordline India Digital Payments 2019”, Bengaluru (Karnataka) accounted for the highest number of digital transactions in India in 2019, followed by Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Mumbai and Pune in Maharashtra.

**32. As per the report by online payment processor Worldline India titled “Wordline India Digital Payments 2019”, Name the Indian state which topped the list of highest number of digital transactions?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Tamil Nadu

**Answer – 4) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the report by online payment processor Worldline India titled “Wordline India Digital Payments 2019”, Among states, Maharashtra (MH) has topped with the highest number of digital transactions. MH is followed by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi.

**33. As per the report by online payment processor Worldline India titled “Wordline India Digital Payments 2019”, The number of transactions recorded in United Payments Interface (UPI) in 2019 is \_\_\_\_ (in billions)?**

- 1) 9.6
- 2) 11
- 3) 13.2
- 4) 8.4
- 5) 10.8

**Answer – 5) 10.8**

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the report by online payment processor Worldline India titled “Wordline India Digital Payments 2019”, The most preferred mode of payment was United Payments Interface (UPI). It is also the fastest payment mode to hit 1 billion monthly transactions. It has recorded around 10.8 billion transactions in 2019, a 188% year-on-year (YoY). In terms of value, UPI facilitated transactions worth Rs18.36 trillion in 2019, up 214% YoY compared to 2018.

## ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

**1. Which Indian oil refinery company acquires the major stake in Israeli battery developer Phinergy (Feb 2020) to make ultra-light weight metal-air batteries that can be used in Electrical Vehicles (EV)?**

- 1) Reliance Industries Limited
- 2) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 4) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 5) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

**Answer - 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited**

**Explanation:**

Indian Oil Corporation Limited-IOC (commonly known as IndianOil), an Indian government owned oil and gas company, has acquired a minority stake in Phinergy Ltd, an Israeli start-up company specializing in battery development with the aim to make ultra-lightweight metal-air batteries that can be used in electric vehicles(EV). Both firms also decided to adopt this technology in 3Ws, cars & buses in future as well.

**2. Which Indian technological giant company acquires EI Technologies and Code zero consulting companies for cloud-based CPQ (Configure-Price-Quote) & Billing Solutions (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) Cognizant Technology solutions
- 3) Mphasis
- 4) HCL Technologies
- 5) Infosys

**Answer - 2) Cognizant Technology solutions**

**Explanation:**

Cognizant technology solutions corporation has made two strategic acquisitions EI technologies, a Paris-based digital technology consulting company and Code Zero, Georgia-based consultancy for cloud-based CPQ (Configure-Price-Quote) & Billing Solutions for the development of global salesforce practice before its fourth Quarter Earnings.



**3. French energy major Total Gas & Power Business Services SAS (TOTAL) will acquire 50% stake of renewable energy projects of which Indian company for \$510 million?**

- 1) Vestas India
- 2) Suzlan India Limited
- 3) Adani Green Energy Ltd
- 4) Tata power Solar limited
- 5) ReNew Power Limited

**Answer - 3) Adani Green Energy Ltd**

**Explanation:**

French energy major Total Gas & Power Business Services SAS (TOTAL) will acquire 50% stake in all operational renewable energy projects of Adani Green Energy Ltd. (AGEL) for \$510 million (Rs 3633 crore) along with other tools in a solar energy joint venture (JV) that will house 2,148 mw now possessed by the Adani group firm. The remaining 50 % in the JV will be held by AGEL.

**4. In February 2020, Department of Telecommunications approved the merger of Tata Teleservices with \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Reliance Communications
- 2) Bharti Airtel
- 3) Tata Indicom
- 4) Idea Cellular
- 5) Vodafone Essar

**Answer - 2) Bharti Airtel**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), a department of the Ministry of Communications has approved the merger of consumer mobile operations of the Tata group –Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) with Bharti Airtel Limited (also known as Airtel).

**5. Emami Group announced the selling of its 100% equity stake in Emami Cement Limited to which Indian Company (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Nuvoco vistas
- 2) Dishman Carbogen Amcis
- 3) Jain Irrigation Systems
- 4) CIL Nova Petrochemicals
- 5) Duncan Engineering

**Answer - 1) Nuvoco vistas**

**Explanation:**

Emami Group announced the selling of its 100% equity stake in Emami Cement Limited, an Integrated Cement Manufacturing plant for an amount of RS. 5500 crores to Nuvoco Vistas corporation limited, part of Nirma Group.

**6. Which Indian Pharmaceutical company has acquired 4 key brands of Wanbury Pharmaceutical company for 88.60 crore?**

- 1) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited
- 2) Cipla Limited
- 3) Aurobindo Pharma Limited
- 4) Intas Pharmaceuticals Limited
- 5) Biocon Limited

**Answer - 2) Cipla Limited**

**Explanation:**

Cipla pharmaceutical company, Mumbai, Maharashtra has acquired 4 brands from Wanbury pharmaceutical company, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra. Wanbury had received up to Rs.88.60 crore for the sale of the brands CPink, CDense, Productiv and Foline to Cipla.

**7. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the Joint venture between Mahindra & Mahindra and which other company valued at \$275million for projects in India?**

- 1) Suzuki
- 2) Tata motors
- 3) Ford Motor
- 4) Hyundai India
- 5) Honda Cars

**Answer - 3) Ford Motor**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the Joint Venture (JV) between Mahindra & Mahindra and Ford Motor and transfer of automotive business of Ford India to JV. In October 2019, Mahindra & Mahindra and the US-based Ford Motor Company had signed an agreement to create a JV in India valued at \$275 million.

**8. Which Indian Company sold 25.1% of its arm electricity arm company to Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) for Rs. 3, 220 Crore?**

- 1) Adani Transmission
- 2) JSW Energy Ltd
- 3) Tata Power Co. Ltd.
- 4) Suzlon Energy
- 5) Reliance Power Limited

**Answer - 1) Adani Transmission**

**Explanation:**

Adani Transmission has sold 25.1% stake in its arm Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited (AEML) to Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) for approximately Rs. 3220 crores.

**9. Which Indian Steel Company has got of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) approval to acquire the Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd (BPSL) for Rs. 19, 700 crores?**

- 1) Mahindra Ugine Steel
- 2) JSW Steel Ltd
- 3) Tata Steel
- 4) Jindal Steel and Power
- 5) ESSAR Steel India Limited

**Answer - 2) JSW Steel Ltd**

**Explanation:**

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has approved JSW Steel's (formerly known as Jindal South West) bid of Rs 19,700 crore for the acquisition of the bankrupt Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd (BPSL).

**10. The Competition commission of India (CCI) has approved the WABCO Holding Inc. by ZF Friedrichshafen AG for equity value of \$7 billion. Who is the present Chairman of CCI?**

- 1) Rajnish Kumar
- 2) Ashok Kumar Gupta
- 3) Sangita Reddy
- 4) Ajay Tyagi
- 5) S. J. Mukhopadhyaya

**Answer - 2) Ashok Kumar Gupta**

**Explanation:**

Under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved for the acquisition of WABCO (Westinghouse Air Brake Company) Holdings Inc. by ZF ("Zahnradfabrik" which means Gear Factory) Friedrichshafen AG (Automotive industry in Germany), As per the agreement, ZF will acquire 100% shares of WABCO for USD 136.50 per share under all-cash

transaction method for a total equity value of USD 7 billion (approximately Rs. 49,700 crores). Ashok Kumar Gupta is the chairman of Competition Commission of India (CCI).

**11. Which social network service company has acquired the chroma labs founded by Facebook veterans (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) WhatsApp
- 2) Twitter
- 3) Google+
- 4) Instagram
- 5) Snapchat

Answer - **2) Twitter**

**Explanation:**

Twitter has acquired California-based Chroma Labs for an undisclosed amount. Chroma Labs develop tools for short-form video & photo creation and was founded by 7 Facebook and Instagram workers in 2018.

**12. The SBI card joins with Landmark group to launch 3 new retail co-branded credit cards (namely Lifestyle Home Centre SBI Card, Max SBI Card and Spar SBI Card). Where is the Headquarters of SBI card located at?**

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Gurgaon, Haryana
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer - **4) Gurgaon, Haryana**

**Explanation:**

SBI (State Bank of India) Cards & Payments Services Ltd (previously known as SBI Cards and Payment Services Private Limited), a payment solutions provider in India, has entered into the partnership with Landmark Group, one of the largest retail and hospitality organizations, to launch 3 new retail co-branded credit cards namely Lifestyle Home Centre SBI Card, Max SBI Card and Spar SBI Card —with 4 Landmark Group brands – Lifestyle, Home Centre, Max and Spar. The Headquarters of SBI card located at Gurgaon, Haryana.

**13. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has given approval for merger of Indus tower with which mobile tower infrastructure company of India?**

- 1) Bharti Infratel
- 2) Tata Communications
- 3) Tower Vision India Private Limited
- 4) GTL Infrastructure Ltd.
- 5) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

Answer - **1) Bharti Infratel**

**Explanation:**

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) of India has given Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approval for the merger of India's largest mobile tower company Indus Towers with Bharti Infratel. After the merger, the new Entity will become the world's second largest Tower company after China tower Corporation Ltd, Beijing in China.

**14. The Competition Commission of India approves the NTPC to acquire 100% of the issued & paid-up share capital of NEEPCO & 74.5% stake of THDC India under which section of Competition Act, 2002?**

- 1) Section 29(1)
- 2) Section 30(1)

- 3) Section 31(1)
- 4) Section 32(1)
- 5) Section 33(1)

Answer - **3) Section 31(1)**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given approval to state owned NTPC under Section 31(1) of the competition act, 2002 to acquire 100% of the issued and paid-up share capital of North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) & 74.5% stake of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation limited (THDC), the rest 25.5% stake to be held by Uttar Pradesh government.

**15. Name the Credit rating agency, which completely acquires 100% stake in Greenwich Associates (Feb 2020).**

- 1) Fitch India
- 2) ICRA Ltd
- 3) Credit Analysis and Research limited (CARE)
- 4) Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)
- 5) Small and Medium Enterprises Rating Agency of India (SMERA)

Answer - **4) Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)**

**Explanation:**

Rating Agency Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (Crisil) completed the acquisition of 100% stake in Greenwich Associates. The transaction was announced on December 19, 2019.

**16. Which public sector company along with its subsidiary Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) acquired 17.28 % of Bankers' stake each in petronet MHB worth of 371 crores?**

- 1) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- 4) Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL)
- 5) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

Answer - **2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**

**Explanation:**

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and its subsidiary Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) acquired 17.28% stake each from 34.56 % of bankers' stake in Petronet MHB, the firm that owns a petroleum product pipeline in Mangalore, Karnataka for about Rs 371 crore.

## DEFENCE

**1. Indian Air Force successfully operated AN-32 aircraft for the 1<sup>st</sup> with engines powered by 10% blended bio-jet indigenous fuel took off from which Indian airport?**

- 1) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh
- 2) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati
- 3) Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair
- 4) Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun
- 5) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

Answer - **1) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh**

**Explanation:**

On January 31, 2020 Indian Air Force's (IAF) successfully operated AN-32 aircraft powered with 10% blend of Indian bio-jet fuel. This is the 1st time both engines of the aircraft were powered by bio-jet indigenous fuel where the aircraft took-off from Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh. Before undertaking operational flight to Leh, the flight was tested along with performance validation at Chandigarh Air Base.

**2. Indian Navy conducted 5-day coastal security exercise 'Matla Abhiyaan' (January 2020) in which Indian state?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Maharastra

Answer - **2) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

Indian Navy, the naval branch of the Indian Armed Forces, has carried out a 5-day long coastal security exercise called, 'Matla Abhiyaan' at Sunderbans region in Kolkata, West Bengal. The exercise, named after Matla River, witnessed the 2 naval boats Flagged in' at the 'Man of War Jetty' & carrying out a passage from Kolkata to Hemnagar (Both in West Bengal) via the international trade protocol route between India-Bangladesh.

**3. The number of new Defence Attache posts created by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, to strengthen India's defence diplomacy is (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) 6
- 2) 7
- 3) 8
- 4) 9
- 5) 10

Answer - **5) 10**

**Explanation:**

The Union Minister of Defence (MoD) Shri Rajnath Singh has announced to create 10 more defence attaches (DA) posts to 10 different countries. This has been done to strengthen India's defence diplomacy. The government has announced a new scheme to promote defence exports through these DAs. Funds have been allocated to promote exports to 34 countries.

**4. The Anti-Hijack Exercise was conducted by creating a mock situation to test the plans and procedures handled by various agencies during hijack threats using naval Dornier aircraft INS Dega held at which Indian City?**

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Visakhapatnam
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Kochi
- 5) Surat

Answer - **2) Visakhapatnam**

**Explanation:**

The Anti-hijack exercise was conducted on February 12, 2020 by creating a mock situation using a naval Dornier aircraft by INS Dega, (a naval air station of the Indian navy) at Visakhapatnam Airport, Andhra Pradesh and the main objective of the exercise was to test the plans and procedures handled by various agencies during hijack threats.

**5. The Chief Defence Staff (CDS) targeted to establish 1<sup>st</sup> ever tri-service command called 'Air Defence Command' (ADC) by June 2020. Who is the CDS of India?**

- 1) Karambir Singh
- 2) Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- 3) Bipin Rawat
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) Manoj Mukund Naravane

Answer - **3) Bipin Rawat**

**Explanation:**

Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat has targeted to establish the 1st integrated tri-service command called "Air Defence Command (ADC)" by June 2020, headed by an officer of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The ADC formation, by combining the resources of the three services under one command under the mandate given to the Department of Military Affairs, will help to protect the air space of the country.

**6. The Chief Defence Staff (CDS) proposed formation of theatre command that can carry out all war-fighting formations under a single commander by \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 2020
- 2) 2021
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2023
- 5) 2024

Answer - **3) 2022**

**Explanation:**

Theatre Commands by 2022: Instead of having separate commands for every service, the CDS is working on having a joint or theatre command, by the year 2022, that can carry out all war-fighting formations under a single commander. The commander could either be from the Army, Air Force or the Navy. Theaterisation means putting specific units of personnel from the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) — under a common theatre commander so they fight as a cohesive unit.

Air Defence Command by 2021: The other proposed command is the Joint Air Defence Command that will roll out by 2021. It will have air assets such as missiles from the army. The navy will also be a part of it. Its aim is timely implementation of orders in case of aerial attacks.

**7. India - Russia defence deals set to cross \_\_\_\_\_ (in US Dollars) in February 2020.**

- 1) 12 Billion
- 2) 13 Billion
- 3) 14 Billion
- 4) 15 Billion
- 5) 16 Billion

Answer - **5) 16 Billion**

**Explanation:**

The defence deals between India and Russia are set to cross USD 16 billion (approximately Rs.11.44 lakh crores) which includes India signed 14 MoUs (Memorandum of Understandings) with Russia during the defexpo 2020 that covered development and production of land, naval and systems and hi-tech civilian products, and separately contracts signed for the production of Kalashnikov rifles, Kamov helicopters and S-400 air defence systems.

**8. The Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) delivered 4<sup>th</sup> anti-submarine warfare corvette to Indian Navy. The 4<sup>th</sup> anti-submarine warfare is named as \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) INS Arihant
- 2) INS Kamorta
- 3) INS Kadmat
- 4) INS Kavaratti
- 5) INS Kiltan

Answer - **4) INS Kavaratti**

**Explanation:**

Kolkata based defence PSU (Public Sector Undertakings) GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.) has delivered its fourth and Last Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette (ASWC) INS (Indian Naval Ship) Kavaratti to Indian Navy under Project-28. The first 3 ships under project-28 are INS



Kamorta, INS Kadmat and INS Kiltan (Participated in EX-MALABAR) are delivered to Indian Navy by GRSE.

**9. Which country has tested the nuclear capable air launched cruise missile 'Ra-ad-II' with the range of 600Km?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Iraq
- 4) Syria
- 5) Bangladesh

**Answer - 2) Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

Pakistan successfully completed the flight test of the air launched cruise missile Ra'ad-II with a range of 600 km significantly boosting the military's "deterrence capability" on land and at sea. The successful flight test was witnessed by senior Pakistan Army officers and military officials.

**10. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Indradhanush - "Indradhanush V 2020" held at Hindan, Uttar Pradesh. The Indradhanush is the Air exercise held between India and which of the following country?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) United States
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) United Kingdom
- 5) Mongolia

**Answer - 4) United Kingdom**

**Explanation:**

A 5-day (February 24-29, 2020) long 5th edition of India-UK (United Kingdom) bilateral air exercise "Indradhanush-V" 2020 between Indian Air Force (IAF) and British Royal Air Forces (RAF) has commenced at Air Force Station Hindan in Uttar Pradesh (UP). 'Base Defence and Force Protection' was the focus of this edition of the exercise.

**11. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the new Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) which was designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL). Where is the Headquarters of HAL located at?**

- 1) Gurugram
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Lucknow
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Bengaluru

**Answer - 5) Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the new Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Production Hangar at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) complex in Bengaluru, Karnataka. LCH is designed & developed by HAL, a Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU). HAL's headquarters - Bengaluru, Karnataka; CMD - R Madhavan

**12. Name the Company which developed the Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) "Yard 45006 VAJRA" which is the 6th vessel in the series of 7 OPV under 'Make in India' initiative?**

- 1) Mazagon Dock Limited
- 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
- 3) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- 4) L&T Shipbuilding Limited
- 5) Goa Shipyard Limited

**Answer – 4) L&T Shipbuilding Limited**

**Explanation:**

6th offshore patrol vessel(OPV) “Yard 45006” was launched to enhance coastal security. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping(I/C) and Chemicals & Fertilizers is the Chief Guest of the launching ceremony. The 6th vessel in the series of 7 OPV is designed & developed by Larsen & Toubro (L&T shipbuilding Limited) under the Central government’s initiative ‘Make in India’.

**13. Name the Indian Costal Guard’s 5<sup>th</sup> Offshore Patrol Vessel, which becomes first major defence ship (to clear all sea acceptance trials in a single sea sortie) inducted into service recently (Feb 2020).**

- 1) ICGS Vijaya
- 2) ICGS Varad
- 3) ICGS Varaha
- 4) ICGS Samrat
- 5) ICGS Samarth

**Answer – 2) ICGS Varad**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Coast Guard’s (ICG) 5th Offshore Patrol Vessel called “ICGS Varad” was inducted into service by Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge) and Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertiliser at LOT Kattupalli shipyard, near Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The vessel has been designed and built by the L&T (Larsen & Toubro Limited). ICGS Varad set a record in Indian shipbuilding industry by becoming the first major defence ship to clear all sea acceptance trials in a single sea sortie.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**1. The World’s largest solar telescope Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) reveals never seen images of sun’s turbulent surface. The DKIST located at?**

- 1) Canary Islands of Spain
- 2) North cape of South Africa
- 3) Chile, South America
- 4) Hawaiian island of Maui
- 5) Fort Davis, Texas

**Answer - 4) Hawaiian island of Maui**

**Explanation:**

Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST), the world’s largest solar telescope, has captured first highest-resolution image of the Sun’s turbulent surface at peak of Haleakala on the Hawaiian island of Maui and the telescope has a 13-foot mirror.

**2. ISRO has announced the preparation of low cost launch vehicles which is expected to be launched in next four months of 2020. The Cost of launch vehicles ranges?**

- 1) 10-15 Crores
- 2) 14-20 Crores
- 3) 20-25 Crores
- 4) 25-30 Crores
- 5) 30-35 Crores

**Answer - 5) 30-35 Crores**

**Explanation:**

the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has announced preparing low-cost launch vehicles where the first launch is expected to take place in the next four months in 2020. The cost of the launch vehicles ranges from Rs. 30-35 crores each and weighs 500kgs.

**3. Which space agency decommissioned its Spitzer Space Telescope after 16 years (Jan 2020)?**

- 1) The National Centre for Space Studies (CNES)
- 2) European Space Agency (ESA)
- 3) The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- 4) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- 5) The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

Answer - **4) The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

**Explanation:**

On January 31, 2020 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has decommissioned its Spitzer Space Telescope. The telescope which was used to study the universe by detecting cosmic infrared radiation for more than 16 years was first launched in 2003.

**4. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) along with which institute released classical swine flu (CSF) cell structure vaccine which costs less than Rs.2 in New Delhi?**

- 1) Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom
- 2) Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Rajasthan
- 3) Indian Institute of Biotechnology, Hyderabad
- 4) Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru
- 5) Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut

Answer - **4) Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

Classical Swine Fever (CSF) is one of the most important diseases of the pig causing high mortality. The vaccine was developed by ICAR and IVRI (Indian Veterinary Research Institute) which was released in New Delhi. The new CSF vaccine costing around less than Rs.2/- per dose against RS.15-25/ per- dose of lapinized CSF vaccine and Rs.30/ per-dose of Korean vaccine.

**5. Which Indian Institute developed a new AI tech to convert speech Impaired Humans Brain Signals into Meaningful Language English in Feb 2020?**

- 1) IIT Bombay
- 2) IIT Madras
- 3) IIT Calcutta
- 4) IIT Delhi
- 5) IIT Hyderabad

Answer - **2) IIT Madras**

**Explanation:**

Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) researchers team lead by Vishal Nandigana, assistant Professor in Fluid Systems Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering have developed an Artificial Intelligence technology to convert Brain signals of Speech-Impaired Humans into simple Human Language English.

**6. Which Indian company along with European defence major MBDA Missile Systems have set up a missile integration facility in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu?**

- 1) Reliance Group
- 2) Tata Group
- 3) Larson and Turbo group
- 4) Adani group
- 5) Hindustan Aeronautical Limited

Answer - **3) Larson and Turbo group**

**Explanation:**

Engineering & Construction Company L&T (Larsen & Toubro Limited) and European defence major MBDA Missile Systems have set up a missile integration facility in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (TN). L&T

MBDA Missile Systems (LTMMMSL) has set up the assembly, 'inert' integration (without explosives) and testing the Missile Subsystems & Weapon launch systems.

**7. Which Indian company going to sign a pact with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) at "DefExpo 2020" to manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) first time in India?**

- 1) Tata group
- 2) Mahindra group
- 3) Reliance Industries
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautical Limited
- 5) Bharat Dynamics Limited

**Answer - 4) Hindustan Aeronautical Limited**

**Explanation:**

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), an Indian state-owned aerospace and defence company will sign a partnership pact with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) at the upcoming DefExpo 2020 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP) to manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India for the 1st time.

**8. Which middle east country recently discovered a huge shallow gas resources called 'Jebel Ali gas field' (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) Iraq
- 3) United Arab Emirates
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) Israel

**Answer - 3) United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has discovered huge shallow gas resources called 'Jebel Ali gas field' with estimated reserves of 80 trillion standard cubic feet spanning an area of 5,000 square kilometers (sqkm) in the cross-border area of the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

**9. The World's oldest Bamboo fossil discovered turns as to be a conifer as examined by a professor of Pennsylvania state university. Which open access news journal published the news?**

- 1) PeerJ
- 2) SAGE open
- 3) BMC biology
- 4) Phytokeys
- 5) PLOS one

**Answer - 4) Phytokeys**

**Explanation:**

A fossil of leafy branch was discovered in Eocene, Patagonia in 1941, at that time of Examination it considered as bamboo's fossil and still it became the oldest bamboo of the world, but in recent Examination of that fossil by Dr. Peter Wilf from Pennsylvania state university revealed the real nature of the plant's fossil and it was published in open-access journal Phytokeys.

**10. Indian navy to get third scorpene submarine by December 2020. Which among is the third Scorpene submarine?**

- 1) INS Kalvari
- 2) INS Khanderi
- 3) INS Vagsheer
- 4) INS Karanj

5) INS Vagir

Answer - 4) **INS Karanj**

**Explanation:**

Nicolas de La Villemarque, Vice President (VP) of India, Asia & Pacific of Naval Group reported that the 3rd Scorpene submarine, Karanj, will be delivered to the Indian Navy by Dec.2020 and all 6 submarine deliveries would be completed by 2022.

**11. Which Indian Institute finds a molecule to cure rare neurodegenerative disease (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (ALS) / "Lou Gehrig's disease")?**

1) IIT- Madras

2) IIT- Bombay

3) IIT- Hyderabad

4) IIT-Calcutta

5) IIT-Gandhinagar

Answer - 3) **IIT- Hyderabad**

**Explanation:**

Researchers from IIT-H, Telangana (Indian Institute of Technology- Hyderabad) had found a molecule called "AIM-4" that can help in the treatment of rare neurodegenerative disease called "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis" (ALS) known as "Lou Gehrig's disease".

**12. Nasa Astronaut who returns (Feb 2020) to earth after record long stay in International Space Station (ISS) is?**

1) Peggy Whitson

2) Luca Parmitano

3) Christina Koch

4) Alexander Skvortsov

5) Valeri Polyakov

Answer - 3) **Christina Koch**

**Explanation:**

Valeri NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronaut Christina Koch(41 years) from United States(US)who made the 1st all female space walk in 2019 landed in Kazakh desert steppe of Kazakhstan in a Soyuz MS-13 capsule. She has landed after making a record of longest stay on the International Space Station(ISS). She made her landing after ending a 328 mission in space. Koch broke the record of NASA's Peggy Whitson for the longest continuous stay in space by a woman.

**13. Which department has introduced e-calculator to calculate due tax under new and old regime (Feb 2020)?**

1) Department of Income Tax

2) Department of Revenue

3) Department of Expenditure

4) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

5) Department of consumer Affairs

Answer - 1) **Department of Income Tax**

**Explanation:**

Income Tax (IT) Department launched an e-calculator for individuals to estimate their tax liability for new tax slabs without claiming deductions & exemptions for ITR (Income Tax Return) filing.

**14. Which Indian Institute to collaborate with AIIMS Mangalagiri for patient safety and quality health care (Feb 2020)?**

1) Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata

2) Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut

3) Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai

- 4) Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai
- 5) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru

Answer - **3) Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai**

**Explanation:**

Indian Institute of Technology Madras(IIT-M), in Tamil Nadu and All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh has announced to collaborate together in areas such as patient safety and quality healthcare.

**15. The Indian army major who developed world's 1<sup>st</sup> bullet proof helmet which can stop AK-47 bullet from a distance less than 10 meters is \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Nitish Kumar Singh
- 2) Girish Chandra Joshi
- 3) Anoop Mishra
- 4) Ashwin Nagpal
- 5) Seemala Vijay Kumar

Answer- **3) Anoop Mishra**

**Explanation:**

Major in the Indian Army, Anoop Mishra has developed the world's 1st bulletproof helmet which can stop an AK-47 bullet round from a distance of as less as 10 meters. The helmet is developed under the Indian Army's "Abhedya" project.

**16. Which Coal India Limited's (CIL) subsidiary company has set up a R&D centre named 'SARAS' (Science and Applied Research Alliance and Support) in collaboration with IIT - Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) for sustainable coal mining?**

- 1) Mahanadi Coalfields
- 2) Northern Coalfields
- 3) Bharat Coking coal
- 4) Western Coalfields
- 5) Southeastern Coalfields

Answer - **2) Northern Coalfields**

**Explanation:**

Coal India Limited (CIL) subsidiary NCL (Northern Coalfield Limited) sets up a R&D centre named 'SARAS' (Science and Applied Research Alliance and Support) in collaboration with IIT (BHU)-Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

**17. The International team of astronomers led by scientists at the University of California have discovered a monster galaxy named as XMM-2599 from early universe (Feb 2020). Which journal has published the details of the discovery?**

- 1) Astrophysical Journal
- 2) New Astronomy
- 3) Journal of Cosmology
- 4) Icarus
- 5) The Observatory

Answer - **1) Astrophysical Journal**

**Explanation:**

The International team of astronomers led by scientists at the University of California, United States(US) have discovered a monster galaxy dubbed as XMM-2599. This galaxy existed around 12 billion years ago just 1.8 billion years after the formation of the universe. The details of this discovery has been published in the Astrophysical Journal.



**18. Which country unveils the ballistic missile “Raad-500” which was dedicated to the former major general Qasim Sulemani?**

- 1) Iran
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Syria
- 4) Turkey
- 5) Armenia

**Answer - 1) Iran**

**Explanation:**

On February 9, 2020, In the midst of increased tension with the US (United States), Iran’s Revolutionary Guards has launched a short-range ballistic missile, “Raad-500”. The new missile has a power generation engine ‘Zoheir’ (which is made of alloy) to put the satellite into orbit. The Raad-500 missile is half the weight of the previously made Fateh-110 missile, however its firepower is 500 km.

**19. Indian Army’s college of Military Engineering with a private firm developed low cost gunshot locators named \_\_\_\_\_ unveiled at 11<sup>th</sup> edition of DefExpo 2020 held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**

- 1) “Parth”
- 2) “Acou”
- 3) “Prithv”
- 4) “Mic”
- 5) “Agni”

**Answer - 1) “Parth”**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Army’s College of Military Engineering (CME), Pune, Maharashtra, jointly with a private firm developed gunshot locators named as “Parth”. The device is much cheaper than the imported ones. Major Anoop Mishra displayed the Parth gunshot locator at DefExpo 2020 held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

**20. Name the Ballistic missile which is being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) with the strike range of 200km?**

- 1) Pranash
- 2) Prahhaar
- 3) Agni
- 4) Nirbhay
- 5) Prithvi

**Answer - 1) Pranash**

**Explanation:**

The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is developing Pranash, a new 200Km strike range ballistic missile which will be the advanced version of Prahhaar, with the strike range of 150Km. Pranash is a single stage solid propellant surface-to-surface missile.

**21. Which country has approved the sale of Integrated Air Defence Weapon system to India for an estimated cost of \$1.867 Billion (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) China
- 3) Israel
- 4) France
- 5) United States

**Answer - 5) United States**

**Explanation:**

The United States of America, President Donald Trump's Administration has approved the sale of an Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) to India for an Estimated cost of USD 1.867 billion announced by the Defence Security Co-operation Agency(DSCA) part of United States Department of Defence.

**22. Which is the first Indian Aerospace Private firm to build the foreign owned satellites to the customers of Sweden and France?**

- 1) Larson & Toubro
- 2) Ananth Technologies
- 3) TRANSPACE Technologies
- 4) Dhruva Space
- 5) ASTRO-INDIA

Answer - **2) Ananth Technologies**

**Explanation:**

Aerospace firm Ananth technologies (ATL), Hyderabad, has signed a deal to build 6 foreign-owned satellites in India. This is the 1st time a private firm is making satellites for global customers. The firm will soon open a satellite making facility in Bengaluru. Ananth Technologies will build a foreign-owned satellite weighing between 50 kg and 250 kg for customers in Sweden and France & integrate satellites around 30% lower costs.

**23. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre's (BARC) Bhabha Kavach Bullet Proof Jackets was inducted in Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Where is headquarters BARC located at?**

- 1) Bengaluru
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Chennai
- 5) New Delhi

Answer - **3) Mumbai**

**Explanation:**

During a ceremony held at CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) UNIT, BARC Camp, Trombay in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Director BARC handed over 55 Bhabha Kavach bullet proof jackets to Rajesh Ranjan, Director General, CISF. The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**24. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) robot which is going to study mineralogy of Mars during Mars 2020 rover mission is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) SpaceAI
- 2) RobCam
- 3) SuperCam
- 4) BotX
- 5) AirBot

Answer - **3) SuperCam**

**Explanation:**

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is all set to send a new laser-toting robot named 'SuperCam' to Mars for studying mineralogy and chemistry from up to about 20 feet (7 meters) away, to help scientists in finding the signs of fossilized microbial life on the Red Planet i.e. Mars. SuperCam, a rock-vaporizing instrument is a part of seven instruments aboard the Mars 2020 rover.

**25. Scientist of Which Country has discovered newborn massive 'Baby giant planet' named "2MASS 1155-7919 b"?**

- 1) Indian
- 2) Russia
- 3) United States
- 4) China
- 5) North Korea

Answer - **3) United States**

**Explanation:**

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), in Rochester, New York, US (United States) have detected the nearest-known 'baby giant planet' called 2MASS 1155-7919 b, just 330 light-years from Earth.

**26. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) set to launch 10 earth observatory Surveillance Satellite during 2020-21 including first ever Geo Imaging Satellite. Name the first ever Geo Imaging Satellite?**

- 1) GSAT - 1
- 2) RISAT - 1
- 3) GISAT - 1
- 4) SARAL - 1
- 5) INSAT - 1

Answer - **3) GISAT - 1**

**Explanation:**

As per the annual report of the Department of Space, ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) is planning to launch 10 earth observation satellites space surveillance feature during 2020-21 including first ever Geo Imaging Satellite GISAT-1. As of now, 10 national earth observation satellites, 18 communication satellites and eight navigation satellites are active.

**27. Which Indian state government launched "Yodhavu" mobile app to combat drug abuse and its distribution?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer - **1) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched "Yodhavu" (Warrior) mobile app at Kochi, Kerala, through which the public can inform police about drug abuse & its distribution.

**28. Name the app launched by The Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) to connect homebuyers with its member developers to purchase properties?**

- 1) 'Credai yojana'
- 2) 'Credai Awaas'
- 3) 'Credai makaan'
- 4) 'Credai ghar'
- 5) 'Credai Boomi'

Answer - **2) 'Credai Awaas'**

**Explanation:**

CREDAI (The Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India) launched an 'Credai Awaas' app (application) to connect homebuyers with its member developers to purchase properties. The app was launched by Mohammad Akbar, Minister of Transport, Housing & Environment, Forest & Law, in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Vivek Dhand, Chhattisgarh RERA chief was also present on the occasion.

**29. Along with which company Delhi police launched “Himmat Plus App” to ensure safety and security of the people travelling in cabs?**

- 1) Ola
- 2) Uber
- 3) Meru
- 4) Carzonrent
- 5) Savaari

Answer - **2) Uber**

**Explanation:**

Delhi Police along with Uber launched “Himmat Plus app”, at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, New Delhi, to ensure safety and security of the people travelling in cabs.

**30. Where in India the ‘Researchers of India’s atomic energy commission’ have found Lithium reserves of 14, 100 tonnes recently (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Neyveli, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mandya, Karnataka
- 4) Udaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) Joda, Odisha

Answer - **3) Mandya, Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

The Researchers of India’s Atomic Energy Commission have found lithium reserves of 14,100 tonnes in Mandya, Bengaluru, Karnataka. Lithium is a rare metal used for manufacturing batteries for electric vehicles.

**31. Which is the first ever high altitude long endurance solar-powered unmanned aircraft which was tested successfully recently (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) PHASA - 22
- 2) PHASA - 32
- 3) PHASA - 35
- 4) PHASA - 44
- 5) PHASA - 26

Answer - **3) PHASA - 35**

**Explanation:**

High Altitude Long Endurance vehicle (HALE), Persistent High Altitude Solar Aircraft (PHASA)- 35 has the potential to remain airborne for a year is the First ever long endurance solar-powered unmanned aircraft which has successfully completed its maiden test flight and it developed by BAE systems in collaboration with Prismatic Ltd.

**32. Recently (Feb 2020) Scientists of Netherlands have discovered a new snail species. Who was the snail species named after?**

- 1) Sachin Tendulkar
- 2) Divina Maloum
- 3) Malala Yousafzai
- 4) Greta Thunberg
- 5) Donald Trump

Answer - **4) Greta Thunberg**

**Explanation:**

A group of scientists with Naturalis Biodiversity Center, a research center on biodiversity based in Leiden, the Netherlands, have discovered a new species of land snail and named it “Craspedotropis gretathunbergae” in honour of the young Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg for her efforts to raise awareness about climate change.

**33. The Union Cabinet has approved the procurement of 24 Sikorsky MH-60R seahawk multi-role Helicopters worth \$2.6 Billion from which country?**

- 1) United States
- 2) United Kingdom
- 3) Russia
- 4) Israel
- 5) Iran

**Answer - 1) United States**

**Explanation:**

The Cabinet Committee on Security headed by the Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi has approved the acquisition of 24 Sikorsky MH (Maritime Helicopters)-60R(Romeo) seahawk multi-role Helicopters from The United States, worth of USD 2.6 billion (approximately Rs.1871 crores) for Indian Navy.

**34. The HRMS app was launched by Indian railways for its employees which was designed by CRIS (Centre for Railway Information System). The 'R' in HRMS denotes?**

- 1) Resource
- 2) Register
- 3) Receive
- 4) Reward
- 5) Redressal

**Answer - 1) Resource**

**Explanation:**

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman, Railway Board, launched HRMS (Human Resource Management System) Mobile application (app) through which all employees of Indian Railways can view and access data related to their services. The app was designed and developed by CRIS (Centre for Railway Information System).

**35. Name the IRCTC's chatbot service, which is upgraded to Hindi language to converse with the Railway customers (earlier in English language only)?**

- 1) RAIL DRISHTI
- 2) ASKDISHA
- 3) Railway Buddy
- 4) ASKYOU
- 5) ASKME

**Answer - 2) ASKDISHA**

**Explanation:**

Indian Railways Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) upgraded ASKDISHA (Digital Interaction to Seek Help Anytime) in Hindi language by voice as well as text in order to enhance the customer services and also converse with customers in the e-ticketing site (www.irctc.co.in). The ASKDISHA chatbot was initially launched in English language.

**36. A team of astronomers at China's Shanghai Astronomical Observatory has discovered breathable oxygen in galaxy outside of Milky Way for 1st time. The discovery was published by which journal?**

- 1) Journal of Material Science
- 2) Solar Physics
- 3) Astrophysical Journal
- 4) Nature Communications
- 5) The Lancet

**Answer - 3) Astrophysical Journal**

**Explanation:**

A team of astronomers at China's Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, led by Junzhi Wang has identified molecular oxygen in a galaxy outside the Milky Way. The team identified the presence of molecular oxygen by analyzing light waves that had reached Earth from Markarian 231, a galaxy around 581 million light years away. The discovery has been published in Astrophysical Journal.

**37. The Habitable-Zone Planet Finder (HPF), an astronomical spectrograph has validated its 1<sup>st</sup> exoplanet named as \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) K2-18b
- 2) COROT-7b
- 3) G9-40b
- 4) 51 Pegasi b
- 5) PH1b

Answer - **3) G9-40b**

**Explanation:**

Habitable-Zone Planet Finder (HPF), an astronomical spectrograph installed on the 10-meter Hobby-Eberly Telescope at McDonald Observatory in Texas, United States (US) & built by Penn State University scientists, has validated its 1st planet (exoplanet) called G 9-40b. The details of the findings were published in the Astronomical Journal.

**38. The Archaeology Professor, Anil Kumar Dubey and his team from Banaras Hindu University (BHU) has discovered 4,000-year-old crafts villages at which city of Uttar Pradesh?**

- 1) Lucknow
- 2) Varanasi
- 3) Meerut
- 4) Kanpur
- 5) Agra

Answer - **2) Varanasi**

**Explanation:**

The Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology Professor, Anil Kumar Dubey and his team discovered a 4000-year-old urban settlement, which is mentioned as craft villages as per Ancient texts, in Babhanyav village, Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.

**39. Which Indian ministry has launched the application/portal 'SPICE+' to simplify and reduce the time for incorporation of companies in India?**

- 1) Ministry of Finance
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 5) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises

Answer - **3) Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

**Explanation:**

Shri Injeti Srinivas, Secretary of Ministry of Corporate Affairs inaugurated the SPICE+ web form (Simplified Proforma for Incorporating Company Electronically Plus) that replaces SPICE (Simplified Proforma for Incorporating Company Electronically) form. It would offer 10 services by 3 Central Govt Ministries & Departments (Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Labour & Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance) and One State Government (Maharashtra), thereby saving as many procedures, time and cost for Starting a Business in India and would be applicable for all new company incorporations.



**40. Name the Indian Institute, which developed the 'Thirumathi Kart' mobile application for promoting products developed by self-help groups (SHG)?**

- 1) National Institute of Technology, Mizoram
- 2) National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya
- 3) National Institute of Technology, Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) National Institute of Technology, Silchar, Assam
- 5) National Institute of Technology, Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

**Answer - 5) National Institute of Technology, Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

An e-commerce mobile application called "Thirumathi Kart" developed by National Institute of Technology, Tiruchi (NIT-T) for promoting products developed by self-help groups (SHG), was launched in Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu (TN) at the inauguration ceremony of 'Marketing strategies in the digital era: self-promotion of SHG products through Thirumathi Kart' Programme.

**41. Name the Mobile application, which is going to launch by Union Labour ministry for the ESI beneficiaries (Feb 2020).**

- 1) Sachet
- 2) Simple
- 3) Santusht
- 4) Umang
- 5) Bolo

**Answer - 3) Santusht**

**Explanation:**

The Union Labour Minister Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar on Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) foundation day announced about launching "Santusht" mobile app for the benefit of ESI beneficiaries & launched ESIC's Special Service Fortnight from February 24 to March 10.

**42. Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has launched 3 new advance warning systems for the benefit of fishermen & people living in the coastal areas of South India. The INCOIS is located in which Indian city?**

- 1) Hyderabad
- 2) Cochin
- 3) Chennai
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Murdeshwar

**Answer - 1) Hyderabad**

**Explanation:**

The Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad has launched 3 new ocean based specialised products for the benefit of fishermen & people living in the coastal areas of South India. The 3 warning systems are Small Advisory and Forecast Services System (SVAS), Swell Surge Forecast System (SSFS) and Algal Bloom Information Service (ABIS).

**43. Name the portal, which was launched by food processing ministry under the operation greens (OG) scheme to monitor the price of TOP (Tomato, Onion & Potato) crops?**

- 1) MahaLabharthi
- 2) Dishari
- 3) MIEWS
- 4) MedWatch
- 5) Janahitha

**Answer - 3) MIEWS**

**Explanation:**

Union Food Processing Industries(FPI) Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal Launched Market Intelligence & Early Warning System (MIEWS) at Delhi. MIEWS portal is a 'First-of -its-kind' platform that monitors the prices of TOP Crops (Tomato,Onion & Potato) & generates alert for timely market intervention under the terms of Operation Greens(OG) scheme for price stabilization during glut situations.

**44. Find the first ever animal that can survive without oxygen as discovered by Scientists from Tel Aviv University (TAU), Israel.**

- 1) Vicugna pacos
- 2) Dasypus novemcinctus
- 3) Cricetulus griseus
- 4) Henneguya salminicola
- 5) Pan troglodytes

Answer – **4) Henneguya salminicola**

**Explanation:**

Researchers at Tel Aviv University (TAU), Israel have discovered a jellyfish-like parasite,'Henneguya salminicola', without a mitochondrial genome, the first multicellular organism known to have this absence. That means it doesn't breathe and lives its life completely free of oxygen dependency. The study has been published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

**45. A team of astronomers from University of British Columbia (UBC) astronomy in Canada have discovered 17 new planets including an earth sized world. Which journal has published the findings?**

- 1) Astronomy & Geophysics
- 2) The Astrophysical Journal
- 3) The Astronomical Journal
- 4) Astronomy & Astrophysics
- 5) Astrophysics and Space Science

Answer – **3) The Astronomical Journal**

**Explanation:**

A team of Astronomers including a student Michelle Kunimoto at University of British Columbia (UBC) astronomy in Canada, has discovered 17 new planets, including a potentially habitable Earth-sized rocky body that may have liquid water, by combing through data collected by NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Kepler Space Telescope, which was launched in 2009, and retired in October 2018. The findings have been published in 'The Astronomical Journal'.

**46. An International team of Astronomers have discovered biggest explosion in the universe since the Big Bang by using X-Ray and radio telescopes including India's Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT). Name the journal which published this discovery.**

- 1) International Journal of Astrobiology
- 2) Astrophysics and Space Science
- 3) Astroparticle Physics
- 4) The Astrophysical Journal
- 5) Journal of Cosmology

Answer – **4) The Astrophysical Journal**

**Explanation:**

An international team of Astronomers including from the Curtin University node of the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research in Perth, Australia, have discovered biggest explosion seen in the universe since the Big Bang by using X-Ray and radio telescopes, including India's Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune, Maharashtra. The Explosion is 5 times bigger than any explosion known so far. The discovery has been published in The Astrophysical Journal.

## ENVIRONMENT

**1. As per study conducted by scientists of Centre for Wildlife Sanctuaries (CSW) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII) population of which animal has declined by 75-90% in India over past 120 – 200 years (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Indian Leopard
- 2) Indian aurochs
- 3) Asiatic cheetah
- 4) Great Indian bustard
- 5) Vaquita

**Answer - 1) Indian Leopard**

**Explanation:**

On February 7, 2020 Scientists found that the Leopard population has decreased to 75-90% in India over the past 120 to 200 years, suggesting that leopards need similar conservation attention like tigers in India. The study was conducted by scientists from the Centre for Wildlife Sanctuaries (CWS), Bengaluru, Karnataka and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Uttarakhand, Dehradun.

**2. Scientist of Which country has recently found 79-million-year-old fossils of new Thanatotheristes recently (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) India
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Vietnam
- 4) Canada
- 5) United States

**Answer - 4) Canada**

**Explanation:**

The University of Calgary's graduates Jared Voris and Darla Zelenitsky has discovered that the 79-million-year-old dinosaur fossils at Alberta, Canada in 2010 is belongs to a new species of Tyrannosaurus named as Thanatotheristes degrootorum after John and Sandra De Groot found the fossil in 2010, which means "reaper of death".

**3. The new mysterious virus found by Brazilian scientist in artificial lake Pampulha is \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Coronavirus
- 2) Yaravirus
- 3) Astrovirus
- 4) Lujo virus
- 5) Melaka virus

**Answer - 2) Yaravirus**

**Explanation:**

Researchers have discovered an unusual and intriguing phenomenon Called Yaravirus in an artificial lake Pampulha in the Brazilian city of Belo Horizonte. The Yaravirus has genes (not described before) and "puzzling origin & phylogeny", which is small in size and infects amoeba, named after Yara – or Iara, a water-queen figure in Brazilian mythology.

**4. A team of experts from the UK, Switzerland and India have discovered the world's largest species of cave fish (Tor putitora) in Jaintia Hills (India). The Jaintia hills is located in which Indian State?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer - **4) Meghalaya**

**Explanation:**

A team of experts from the UK (United Kingdom), Switzerland and India have discovered the world's largest species of cave fish in Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya. The fish, *Tor putitora* has no eyes and is white due to lack of melanin pigmentation.

**5. The NASA funded Catalina Sky Survey's (CSS) scientists has discovered the mini- moon or planet's 2nd moon \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Dubbed 2020 CD1
- 2) Dubbed 2020 AC3
- 3) Dubbed 2020 AC4
- 4) Dubbed 2020 CD3
- 5) Dubbed 2020 AC5

Answer – **4) Dubbed 2020 CD3**

**Explanation:**

The mini- moon or planet's 2nd moon "Dubbed 2020 CD3" was discovered by Kacper Wierzchos and Teddy Pruyne of the NASA-funded Catalina Sky Survey (CSS) in Arizona, US. It is an asteroid about the size of the car & its diameter is about 1.9-3.5 metre.

## SPORTS

**1. The 36<sup>th</sup> edition of National Games going to held Panaji, Goa (20th October,2020 to 4th November, 2020). The State bird of Goa is the official Mascot for the event. Which is the State bird of Goa?**

- 1) White-winged wood duck
- 2) Flame-throated bulbul
- 3) Yellow-footed green pigeon
- 4) Green imperial pigeon
- 5) Black-necked crane

Answer – **2) Flame-Throated Bulbul**

**Explanation:**

The Flame-Throated Bulbul or *Rubigula* bird the state bird for Goa, which is officially declared as the Mascot for the 36th National Games going to held in Panaji, Goa. It will be hosting the 36th National Games from 20th October,2020 to 4th November, 2020 there will be 37 sports events across 24 venues for the event. The next edition (37<sup>th</sup>) Edition of National Games is going to held in Chhattisgarh.

**2. National Anti-doping Agency (NADA) banned Weightlifter Ramshad AR for 2years along with Ravinder Kumar for 4years. The Ravinder Kumar related to which sport?**

- 1) Weightlifter
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Wrestling
- 5) Rowing

Answer - **4) Wrestling**

**Explanation:**

The National Anti-Doping Agency(NADA) banned Indian weightlifter Ramshad AR for a period of 2 years after he was found guilty of violating the anti-doping rule. Similarly, Indian wrestler Ravinder Kumar was banned for a 4-year period by NADA for failing the dope test.

**3. Who won the 108<sup>th</sup> edition of Australian Open (AO) held at Rod Laver Arena between 20 Jan – 2Feb, 2020 in Men's singles Category?**

- 1) Dominic Thiem (Austria)
- 2) Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- 3) Roger Federer (Switzerland)
- 4) Rafael Nadal (Spain)
- 5) Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland)

Answer – 2) **Novak Djokovic (Serbia)**

**Explanation:**

Serbia's Novak Djokovic claimed his 17th Grand Slam title & a record 8th Men's singles title in Australian Open 2020 in Melbourne.

**4. Women's singles Champion of 108<sup>th</sup> edition of Australian Open (AO) Sofia Kenin belong to which country?**

- 1) Serbia
- 2) Switzerland
- 3) U.S.A
- 4) France
- 5) Spain

Answer - 3) **U.S.A**

**Explanation:**

America's 21-year-old Women's Singles champion Sofia Kenin becomes the youngest Australian Open finalist in 12 years. Her victory follows the 2008 victory of Maria Sharapova, who was 20 when she won.

**5. India is the 1<sup>st</sup> cricket team to win a 5 match T20I series by 5-0. India achieved this feat against which cricketing nation?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) West Indies
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer - 4) **New Zealand**

**Explanation:**

India became 1st team to win a 5 match T20I series for 5-0 against New Zealand. It was the first time in the history of cricket that a team has won a five-match T20I series by a margin of 5-0. Apart from India being the 1st team to win 5 match series, it was also the first time India won a T20I series in New Zealand after it failed twice previously.

**6. Who is the Most Capped Men's T20 International cricketer (as on Jan 2020)?**

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Shoaib Malik
- 3) Ross Taylor
- 4) M S Dhoni
- 5) Suresh Raina

Answer - 2) **Shoaib Malik**

**Explanation:**

Pakistan's Shoaib Malik and India's Rohit Sharma are currently the only two players ahead of Ross Taylor (100 matches) where they featured in 113 matches and 108 matches respectively.

**7. Who retained the number 1 spot in ICC Test Batsman ranking released recently (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Ajinkya Rahane
- 2) Steve Smith
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Marnus Labuschagne
- 5) Cheteshwar Pujara

Answer - **3) Virat Kohli**

**Explanation:**

On February 01, 2020, the International Cricket Council (ICC) released its latest test batsmen rankings. Indian Cricketer Virat Kohli retained no.1 spot in the rankings while Indian cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara remained in 6th place and India's Ajinkya Rahane slipped to the 9th spot. Virat was followed by Steven Peter Smith (Australia) and Marnus Labuschagne (Australia) in the 2nd and 3rd spot respectively.

**8. Rakhi Halder belongs to which sports?**

- 1) Wrestling
- 2) Shooting
- 3) Weightlifting
- 4) Archery
- 5) 3000m Steeplechase

Answer - **3) Weightlifting**

**Explanation:**

Rakhi Halder of Bengal has bagged gold in the 64kg category of the 35th edition of Senior Women's National Weightlifting Championships in Kolkata, ranked 19th in the Olympic qualifiers list, who had clinched the gold with a total lift of 214-kg at the Commonwealth Championship in June 2019.

**9. Who has been appointed as India's non playing Davis cup captain 2020 by All India Tennis Association (AITA)?**

- 1) Rohit Rajpal
- 2) Leander Paes
- 3) Mahesh Bhupathi
- 4) Rohan Bopanna
- 5) Sumit Nagal

Answer - **1) Rohit Rajpal**

**Explanation:**

All India Tennis Association (AITA) announced Rohit Rajpal will continue as India's non-playing Davis Cup captain 2020, in the selection committee meeting held at New Delhi, India.

**10. Ellyse Perry unveils mural ahead of ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 Trophy Tour which features two of world's famous "perrys" Ellyse Perry and \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Adam Perry
- 2) Katy Perry
- 3) Alfred Perry
- 4) Linda Perry
- 5) Kenny Perry

Answer - **2) Katy Perry**

**Explanation:**

Australian all-rounder Ellyse Perry has unveiled a mural celebrating two of the world's most famous 'Perrys' (Ellyse Perry & global pop superstar Katy Perry), which was painted in the iconic Hosier Lane of the city (Melbourne) by local artist Tayla Broekman as part of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 Trophy Tour, to be held in Melbourne, Australia from February 21 to March 18.



**11. Abigail Spears who recently handed a 22-month ban after failing dope test associated with which sports?**

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Swimming
- 3) Javelin Throw
- 4) Football
- 5) Basketball

Answer - **1) Tennis**

**Explanation:**

American tennis player Abigail Spears (38 years) was given a 22 month doping ban by the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The ban was announced on spears after she failed the doping test from the 2019 US (United States) open match. The ban which was started from November 07, 2019, will end at midnight on September 6, 2021.

**12. Where was the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of ICC under-19 world cup 2020 between 17 January - 9 February 2020 held at \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) India
- 2) Australia
- 3) South Africa
- 4) England
- 5) UAE

Answer - **3) South Africa**

**Explanation:**

13th edition of 2020 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup, an international limited-overs cricket tournament was held in South Africa from 17 January – 9 February 2020. It was administered by International Cricket Council (ICC) & 16 teams participated in the cricket tournament with a total of 48 matches played between the teams. It was the 2nd time South Africa hosted the tournament.

**13. Which country has won the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of ICC under-19 world cup 2020 beating India in finals by 3 wickets in DL method (Feb 9, 2020)?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) South Africa

Answer - **4) Bangladesh**

**Explanation:**

The Finals were held at the JB Marks Oval, Potchefstroom, South Africa between Bangladesh & India. Bangladesh's youth team defeated India by three wickets in a thrilling match in the final of ICC U19 World Cup 2020. With this, the Bangladesh team won the under-19 World Cup title for the first time.

**14. Raquib Shamsudeen who has been suspended from bowling by International Cricket Council (ICC) for the illegal bowling action belongs to which country?**

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Canada
- 4) Oman
- 5) Malaysia

Answer - **3) Canada**

**Explanation:**

Canadian spinner Raquib Shamsudeen (18) has been suspended from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect by ICC in accordance with article 6.7 of the regulations. The decision was taken

after the ICC Under-19 World Cup event panel found his bowling action illegal during the match played between South Africa and Canada on 22 January, 2020.

**15. International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded the Women's Champions trophy to which cricketing nation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive time?**

- 1) England
- 2) Australia
- 3) India
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) South Africa

Answer - **2) Australia**

**Explanation:**

Australia were awarded the ICC (International Cricket Council) Women's Championship trophy 2020, which they maintained by winning victories in the eight-team one-day championship between 2017 and 2020. The ICC Women's Championship has given hosts New Zealand and four top teams a direct place in the World Cup 2021, Australia now qualified.

**16. Which Indian tennis player along with Bibiane Schoofs of the Netherlands won the doubles title in International Tennis Federation (ITF) women's tennis event 2020 in Thailand?**

- 1) Sania Mirza
- 2) Ankita Raina
- 3) Nirupama Sanjeev
- 4) Riya Bhatia
- 5) Sunitha Rao

Answer - **2) Ankita Raina**

**Explanation:**

Ankita Raina (27), an Indian professional tennis player along with her partner Bibiane Schoofs of the Netherlands, won the finals of the ITF (International Tennis Federation) Women's doubles event against the pair of Miyabi Inoue of Japan and Jia-Qi Kang of China with a 6-2, 3-6, 10-7 scores held in Nonthaburi, Thailand. This is the 18th career doubles title for the Ankita in the professional circuit, and the 3rd with Schoofs.

**17. Jyoti Gulia associated with which sports?**

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Shooting
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Boxing
- 5) Discus throw

Answer - **4) Boxing**

**Explanation:**

Indian boxers has clinched 5 medals (4 silver, 1 Bronze) at the 64th "Bocskai Istvan Memorial", an International Boxing Tournament for Elite Men and Women in 2020 held in Debracen, Hungary from February 2-8, 2020. Gaurav Chauhan (91kg) - Silver, Jyoti Gulia (51kg) - Silver, Manisha (57Kg) - Silver, PL Prasad (52Kg) - Bronze, Sachin (57Kg) - Bronze.

**18. Vidya Viswanathan has won women's title in Indian National Billiards & Snooker Championship 2020 held in Pune, Maharashtra. Who has won the Men's title in the event (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Pankaj Advani
- 2) Aditya Mehta
- 3) Rupesh Shah
- 4) Alok Kumar

5) Geet Sethi

Answer - **2) Aditya Mehta**

**Explanation:**

Indian former professional snooker player, Aditya Mehta (34) & Vidya Viswanathan Pillai (42) have won their men & women's title respectively in Indian National Billiards & Snooker Championship 2020 held at PYC Hindu Gymkhana in Pune, Maharashtra from 11 January – 09 February 2020.

**19. Recently who has created world record in pole vault with the jump of 6.17m beating the previous record of 6.16m at World Athletics Indoor Tour meeting in Torun, Poland (Feb 2020)?**

1) Paul Burgess

2) Sergey Bubka

3) Renaud Lavillennie

4) Armand Mondo Duplaints

5) Przemysław Czerwiński

Answer - **4) Armand Mondo Duplaints**

**Explanation:**

Armand Mondo Duplaints, 20 years old, American-born Swedish pole vaulter, broke the World record of frenchman Renaud Lavillennie. Mondo Duplaints jumped a height of 6.17 meters on his 2nd attempt at the World Athletics Indoor Tour meeting in Torun, Poland.

**20. Recently (Feb 2020) who has become the first cricket player to hit 5 consecutive 50-plus scores in T20 Internationals?**

1) Mithali Raj

2) Ellyse Perry

3) Chris Gayle

4) Brendon McCullam

5) Sophie Devine

Answer - **5) Sophie Devine**

**Explanation:**

New Zealand captain Sophie Devine has become the first international cricketer to score five consecutive 50-plus scores in T20I cricket, surpassed Mithali Raj, Brendon McCullum and Chris Gayle who all had four straight fifty-plus scores to their name in the shortest format of International Cricket.

**21. Which team has won the Premier Badminton League (PBL) 2020?**

1) Hyderabad Hunters

2) Bengaluru Raptors

3) Mumbai Rockets

4) Northeastern Warriors

5) Chennai Superstarz

Answer - **2) Bengaluru Raptors**

**Explanation:**

Bengaluru Raptors, led by World Championships bronze medallist B. Sai Praneeth and World No. 2 Tai Tzu Ying has defeated the mixed doubles pair -Chan Peng Soon and Eom Hye Won of North Eastern Warriors to clinch the Premier Badminton League (PBL) title 2020 for the 2nd time in a row by 4-2 scores, performing best in the final of the league's fifth season.

**22. Who has won emerging player of the league award in Premier Badminton League (PBL) 2020?**

1) Lakshya Sen

2) Pranav Jerry Chopra

3) Priyanshu Rajawat

4) Ashmita Chaliha

5) Subankar Dey

Answer - **3) Priyanshu Rajawat**

**Explanation:**

Player of the Tournament in Premier Badminton League (PBL) was won by Taiwanese badminton player, Tai Tzu Ying Emerging Player of the League was Priyanshu Rajawat & Indian Player of the League was bagged by Sikki Reddy.

**23. As per latest International Cricket Council's (ICC) men's One Day International (ODI) ranking who is the No.1 ODI bowler (Feb 12, 2020)?**

1) Jasprit Bumrah

2) Trent Boult

3) Mujeeb Ur Rahman

4) Kagiso Rabada

5) Pat Cummins

Answer - **2) Trent Boult**

**Explanation:**

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's ODI (One Day International) ranking 2020 released on February 12, 2020, Fast bowler Jasprit Jasbirsingh Bumrah has lost his top spot in Bowling Rankings and slipped to Number 2. He is now behind Trent Boult of New Zealand.

**24. Who has created record of 9 50s scores in 16 innings beating the previous record of Ian Chappell's 8 50s in 16 innings?**

1) Rishabh Pant

2) Shreyas Iyer

3) KL Rahul

4) Manish Pandey

5) Kedar Jadhav

Answer - **2) Shreyas Iyer**

**Explanation:**

Indian cricketer, Shreyas Iyer has surpassed former Australia cricketer Ian Chappell with a half-century and took a special world record. Iyer has scored 8 fifties and a century in 16 innings of 17 matches so far. Shreyas Iyer holds the record for the best 50+ score 9 times in 16 innings. With this, he overtook Ian Chappell, who had scored 50+ scores 8 times in 16 innings.

**25. Who is the No.1 Test batsman as per International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Test ranking 2020 (Released on 11 Feb, 2020)?**

1) Steve Smith

2) Babar Azam

3) Virat Kohli

4) Marcus Labuschagne

5) Cheteswar Pujara

Answer - **3) Virat Kohli**

**Explanation:**

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's test ranking 2020 released on 11th February 2020, Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has retained his top position with 928 points in the list of batsmen. At the same time, Pakistan batsman Babar Azam, who scored a century in the first Test match against Bangladesh, has jumped two places to 5th in test batting rankings with 800 points.

**26. Which team has won the 54<sup>th</sup> All India Bombay Gold Cup Tournament title held at Mahindra hockey stadium, Mumbai?**

- 1) South Central Railways
- 2) Mumbai Customs
- 3) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- 4) Indian Navy
- 5) Central Bank of India

Answer - **4) Indian Navy**

**Explanation:**

Indian Navy, Mumbai (Maharashtra) has defeated South Central Railway (SCR), Secunderabad (Telangana) to win the 54th All India Bombay Gold Cup Hockey Tournament title for the 1st time with 4-1 scores in the final played at Mahindra Hockey Stadium, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**27. Which Indian State/UT to host Khelo India Winter Games 2020 along with Ladakh in Feb - March 2020?**

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Goa
- 3) Assam
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Puducherry

Answer - **1) Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation:**

As a part of Khelo India programme, Union Territory of Ladakh will host the inaugural Khelo India Winter Games 2020 in the third week of February and Kongdori, Gulmarg of Jammu and Kashmir will host from March 7, 2020.

**28. Which Indian boxer ranked No.1 in International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Boxing Task Force rankings for Olympics Qualifiers 2020?**

- 1) Mary Kom
- 2) Amit Panghal
- 3) Vijender Singh
- 4) Vikas Krishnan
- 5) Sarita Devi

Answer - **2) Amit Panghal**

**Explanation:**

A 24-year-old world championship silver medalist boxer Amit Panghal has ranked No.1 in 52kg weight category in International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Boxing Task Force rankings for Olympics Qualifiers with 420 points. Amit became the 1st Indian to claim a silver medal at the world championship, he also clinched gold medals at the 2018 commonwealth and Asian Games.

**29. Who is the No.1 T20 Internationals (T20I) batswoman as per latest International Council for Cricket's (ICC) T20 internationals ranking 2020?**

- 1) Smriti Mandhana
- 2) Suzie Bates
- 3) Sophie Devine
- 4) Jemimah Rodrigues
- 5) Ellyse Perry

Answer - **2) Suzie Bates**

**Explanation:**

Batting ranking: New Zealand batsman Suzannah Wilson "Suzie" Bates is at the first place with a rating of 765.

Bowling: In the bowling rankings, Australia's Megan Scutt ranks first & India's Poonam Yadav slipped six places to drop out of the top 10 and now remains in the 12th position.

**Here's the list of top3 & Indian players in ICC T20 ranking 2020:**

Rank	Batting	Bowling	All-rounder
1	Suzannah Wilson "Suzie" Bates (New Zealand )	Megan Schutt (Australia)	Ellyse Alexandra Perry (Australia) Sophie Frances Monique Devine (New Zealand )
2	Sophie Frances Monique Devine (New Zealand )	Shabnim Ismail (South Africa)	-
3	Bethany Louise Mooney (Australia)	Sophie Ecclestone (England)	Natalie sciver (England)
Rank of Indian players			
	Smriti Shrinivas Mandhana-4th Jemimah Rodrigues-7th Harmanpreet Kaur-9th	Radha Prakash Yadav- 4th Deepti Bhagwan Sharma-4th	

**30. What is the motto of 2020 Summer Olympics to be held at Tokyo, Japan (24, 2020 to August 9, 2020)?**

- 1) 'A new world'
- 2) 'Passion.connected'
- 3) 'Inspire a generation'
- 4) 'United by Emotion'
- 5) 'Hot, Cool, Yours'

Answer - **4) 'United by Emotion'**

**Explanation:**

The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic games revealed the official motto, "United By Emotion", which reflects the "universal values" and "unifying power of sport", for the upcoming 2020 Olympics to be held in Tokyo, Japan from July 24, 2020 to August 9, 2020. The official Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius" or "Faster, Higher, Stronger", but each host city chooses its own motto to accompany that edition of the Games.

**31. Which team has won bronze medal at Badminton Asia team championships 2020 held at Manila, Philippines in Men's team event?**

- 1) India
- 2) Chinese Taipei
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) Malaysia

Answer - **1) India**

**Explanation:**

Indian men's team clinched bronze medal at the Badminton Asia team championships 2020 after losing to two-time defending champions Indonesia with 2-3 scores in semi-finals of the tournament held at Rizal Memorial Coliseum in Manila, Philippines from 11 – 16 February 2020. This is the 2nd time that India bagged bronze medal in the championship after it won the 1st bronze in 2016 at Hyderabad, Telangana. In the final, Women's Team, Japan defeated South Korea to win gold medal & Indonesia outperforms Malaysia to win the Men's team gold medal. Members of Indian Team: Arjun M.R., Subhankar Dey, Dhruv Kapila, Srikanth Kidambi, Prannoy Kumar, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, B. Sai Praneeth, Lakshya Sen, Chirag Shetty.



**32. Who has won the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Cairns cup chess tournament held at St.Louis, United States (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) Sasikiran Krishnan
- 2) Viswanathan Anand
- 3) Koneru Humpy
- 4) Parimarjan Negi
- 5) Harika Dronavalli

Answer - **3) Koneru Humpy**

**Explanation:**

Grandmaster Koneru Humpy has won the Cairns Cup Chess tournament held at St.Louis, US (United States). She won the title after finishing 6 points off 9 rounds and a cash prize of \$45,000. This was the second edition of the Cairns Cup.

**33. Which country is going to host International Hockey Federation (FIH) Junior Men's World cup 2021?**

- 1) South Africa
- 2) Argentina
- 3) India
- 4) Australia
- 5) Netherlands

Answer - **3) India**

**Explanation:**

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced that India will host Junior Men's World Cup 2021 and the women's Junior World Cup would be held for the first time in Potchefstroom, South Africa. This is the third time that India will be hosting the prestigious tournament, having staged in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP) in 2016 and in New Delhi in 2013.

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**35. Who is the No.1 T20I Batsman in International Cricket Council's (ICC) T20I ranking released on Feb 17, 2020?**

- 1) Steve Smith
- 2) Aaron Finch
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Babar Azam
- 5) KL Rahul

Answer - **4) Babar Azam**

**Explanation:**

Indian captain Virat Kohli slipped to the 10th position but K L Rahul and Rohit Sharma remained static at the 2nd and 11th place, whereas Babar Azam (Pak) remains at top in the T20I (Twenty20 International) ranking released by the International Cricket Council.

**Top 3 Players & Indian players ranking in T20I Rankings:**

Rank	Batting	Bowling	All-rounder
1	Babar Azam (Pakistan)	Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)	Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan)
2	Lokesh Rahul (India)	Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Afghanistan)	Glenn Maxwell (Australia)
3	Aaron Finch (Australia)	Mitchell Santner (New Zealand)	Sean Williams (Zimbabwe)
<b>Rank of Indian Players</b>			
	Virat Kohli- 10th	Jasprit Bumrah- 12th	Virat Kohli- 40th

**36. National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has banned Amit Dahiya for 4yrs for sending wrong sample collection. Amit Dahiya related to which sports?**

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Javelin throw
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Cricket
- 5) Weightlifting

Answer - **2) Javelin throw**

**Explanation:**

The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) has passed an order to National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) to ban javelin thrower Amit Dahiya for four years for sending wrong sample collection and trying to cheat officials during the 2nd National Javelin throw open Championship 2019 held at Sonapat in Haryana.

**37. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> South Asian country to host 2022 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Asian Cup?**

- 1) Nepal
- 2) India
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Maldives
- 5) Bhutan

Answer - **2) India**

**Explanation:**

The Women's Committee of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) informed that India has been recognised as the first South Asian to host the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup, in the meeting held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**38. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has received "Grassroots charter bronze level" membership of Asian Football Confederation (AFC). Where is the Headquarters of AFC located at?**

- 1) Doha, Qatar
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Answer - **5) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

**Explanation:**

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) had received the "Grassroots Charter Bronze Level" membership which will allow the national body to promote its basic-level events recognised by Asian Football Confederation (AFC). Headquarters of AFC- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**39. India to host the U-17 Women's World Cup 2020 (Nov 2 – 21, 2020). What is the slogan of the tournament?**

- 1) "Play with an Open Heart"
- 2) "Kick Off the Dream"
- 3) "Be Brave, Be Bold"
- 4) "The Wings of Women's pride"
- 5) "Billion people, One sport"

Answer - **2) "Kick Off the Dream"**

**Explanation:**

Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced the 5 host cities of India for the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) Under-17 Women's Football World Cup which begins on 2nd November 2020. The official slogan of the match is: Kick Off the Dream.

**40. Pragyant Ojha who announced retirement recently (Feb 2020) is related to which sports?**

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Hockey
- 4) Cricket
- 5) Shooting

Answer - **4) Cricket**

**Explanation:**

Left arm Indian spinner Pragyant Ojha tweeted about his retirement from all forms of cricket on twitter. The 33-year-old player has 16 years' experience in professional cricket. He hailed from Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He played 108 matches, scored 848 runs and took 424 wickets.

**41. Hockey player Alex Danson-Bennett who announced retirement from the sport recently (Feb 2020) belongs to which country?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) Germany
- 3) Great Britain
- 4) Argentina
- 5) Netherlands

Answer - **3) Great Britain**

**Explanation:**

Great Britain Women's field hockey captain Alex Danson-Bennett, 34 years old, announced her retirement from the sport due to head injury.

**42. Name the country which is going to host the new edition of AIBA (International Boxing Association) world cup 2020?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) Chile
- 3) Kazakhstan
- 4) Cuba
- 5) Mexico

Answer - **1) Russia**

**Explanation:**

Russia will be the 1st country to host the new format of AIBA (International Boxing Association) Team World Cup 2020 which was approved by AIBA Executive committee members, at the meeting held at Budapest, Hungary, Europe. The Boxing tournament will be coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the victory in World War II under the motto "Boxing for Peace".

**43. Name the Indian football club, which becomes 1<sup>st</sup> ever Indian club to qualify for group stage of AFC (Asian Football Club) champions league (2021 edition)?**

- 1) Mohun Bagan AC
- 2) Bengaluru FC
- 3) Chennaiyin FC
- 4) FC Goa
- 5) FC Pune city

Answer - **4) FC Goa**

**Explanation:**

FC Goa, an Indian professional football club (FC) has created new history in Indian football when it defeated Jamshedpur FC in an Indian Super League (ISL 2019-20)) match to become the 1st Indian club to qualify for the group stage of the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Champions League 2021.

**44. Dommaraju Gukesh who is in news recently (Feb 2020) related to which sports?**

- 1) Rowing
- 2) Gymnastic
- 3) Chess
- 4) Snooker
- 5) Squash

Answer - **3) Chess**

**Explanation:**

The 13-year old Young Indian Grandmaster (GM) Dommaraju Gukesh (Youngest GM of India) emerged as champion in the 34th Cannes Open 2020 chess tournament held at Cannes, France by beating Harutyun Barcheghyan (France) in the Final round. Gukesh also won the title in the Hillerod 110th Anniversary Open event 2020 in Denmark and it was his 1st Open Tournament title.

**45. The 1<sup>st</sup> ever Khelo India University games was inaugurated at?**

- 1) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Cuttak, Odisha
- 5) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Answer - **4) Cuttak, Odisha**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever Khelo India University Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha through video conferencing. Nearly 3,400 athletes from 159 universities across the country will participate in 17 disciplines including rugby which is among the 6 team events.

**46. What is rank of India in 2020 Asian Wrestling Championships held at KD Jadhav Indoor Stadium in Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi (Feb 18-23, 2020)?**

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) 5

Answer - 3) 3

**Explanation:**

The 2020 Asian Wrestling Championships, organized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and United World Wrestling (UWW), an international governing body for the sport of amateur wrestling, was held at the KD Jadhav Indoor Stadium in Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi from February 18 – 23, 2020. Japan topped the medal tally with 16 medals (8 Gold, 4 Silver, 4 Bronze). While India finished 3rd rank with 20 medals( 5 Gold, 6 Silver, 9 Bronze).

**Indian winners:**

S.No	Player Name	Category	Medal
1	Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Men's freestyle- 57kg	Gold
2	Sunil Kumar	Men's Greco-Roman-87 kg	Gold
3	Pinki	Women's freestyle-55 kg	Gold
4	Sarita Mor	Women's freestyle- 59 kg	Gold
5	Divya Kakran	Women's freestyle- 68 kg	Gold
6	Bajrang Punia	Men's freestyle-65 kg	Silver
7	Jitender Kumar	Men's freestyle -74 kg	Silver
8	Gourav Baliyan	Men's freestyle -79 kg	Silver
9	Satyawart Kadian	Men's freestyle -97 Kg	Silver
10	Nirmala Devi	Women's freestyle -50Kg	Silver
11	Sakshi Malik	Women's freestyle -65 kg	Silver
12	Rahul Aware	Men's freestyle-61 kg	Bronze
13	Deepak Punia	Men's freestyle-86 kg	Bronze
14	Arjun Halakurki	Men's Greco-Roma-55 Kg	Bronze
15	Ashu	Men's Greco-Roma-67 Kg	Bronze
16	Aditya Kundu	Men's Greco-Roma-72 Kg	Bronze
17	Hardeep Singh	Men's Greco-Roma-97 Kg	Bronze
18	Vinesh Phogat	Women's freestyle- 53 kg	Bronze
19	Anshu Malik	Women's freestyle- 57 kg	Bronze
20	Gursharan Preet Kaur	Women's freestyle- 72 kg	Bronze

**47. Name the Indian City which is going to host 2022 Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships?**

- 1) Mumbai
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Bhubaneswar
- 4) Chennai
- 5) New Delhi

Answer – 2) Chandigarh

**Explanation:**

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has approved the proposal from Commonwealth Games India (CGI) to host the 2022 Commonwealth Archery and Shooting Championships in Chandigarh, India to be held in January 2022, while the Birmingham Commonwealth Games is scheduled from July 27 to August 7, 2022.

**48. International Cricket Council (ICC) banned Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi from cricket for 7 years due to fixing charges. Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi plays for which country?**

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) UAE
- 4) Oman
- 5) Afghanistan

Answer – **4) Oman**

**Explanation:**

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned Oman player Yousuf Abdulrahim Al Balushi from all forms of cricket for 7 years, because he tried to fix a match and he accepted 4 charges of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

**49. Name the Indian duo who won silver medal in World Tour Hungarian Open 2020 (Table Tennis) doubles category held in Budapest, Hungary?**

- 1) Sharath Kamal & Antony Amalraj
- 2) Antony Amalraj & Manika Batra
- 3) Sharath Kamal & Sathiyen Gnanasekaran
- 4) Sharath Kamal & Manika Batra
- 5) Sathiyen Gnanasekaran & Manika Batra

Answer – **3) Sharath Kamal & Sathiyen Gnanasekaran**

**Explanation:**

The Indian pair of professional table tennis players, Achanta Sharath Kamal & Sathiyen Gnanasekaran have won the silver medal (lost to German pair in finals) of the doubles at the 2020 ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) World Tour Hungarian Open 2020 held in Budapest, Hungary from February 21- 23, 2020.

**50. Kiren Rijiju (MoS Independent charge - Youth Affairs and Sports) has inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Khelo India Winter Games at Which Indian state/UT?**

- 1) Leh, Ladakh
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Shillong, Meghalaya
- 5) Kohima, Nagaland

Answer - **1) Leh, Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports, inaugurated the first ever Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh at Leh, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

**51. Jiya Rai who is in news recently (Feb 2020) related to which sports?**

- 1) Gymnastic
- 2) Basket Ball
- 3) Swimming
- 4) Shooting
- 5) Cricket

Answer - **3) Swimming**

**Explanation:**

An 11yr old Ms Jiya Rai has become the fastest special girl to create a world record in solo swimming event was conducted under the supervision of Swimming Association of Maharashtra, who is a student of Navy Children School (NCS), Mumbai swam from Elephanta Island to Gateway of India at a distance of 14 Km in 03 hours 27 minutes and 30 seconds in open water swimming.



**52. Tennis Player Maria Sharapova who announced retirement recently (Feb 2020) belongs to which of the following nation?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) Serbia
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Spain
- 5) United States

Answer – **1) Russia**

**Explanation:**

Russian tennis star and 5-time Grand Slam winner Maria Yuryevna Sharapova, 32 years old, announced her retirement. She became the World No.1 in 2005 and as a Grand Slam winner with 2 titles in French Open (2012, 2014), an Australian Open (2008), a US [United States] Open (2006) and Wimbledon Open (2004). She won 36 singles titles and netted prize money of \$ 38.8 million and the 3rd youngest player to conquer the All England Club's hallowed grass courts.

**53. As per International Cricket Council's (ICC) latest test ranking released on February 26, 2020, who is the No.1 Test Batsman?**

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) Kane Williamson
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) Cheteshwar Pujara
- 5) Steve Smith

Answer – **5) Steve Smith**

**Explanation:**

India's Cricket Team Captain Virat Kohli slipped to No.2 position in the ICC (International Cricket Council) test rankings for Test batsman with 906 points while Australia's Steve Smith (911 points) leads Kohli by 5 points to become No. 1 test batsman.

**54. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has announced to withdraw participation of Indian contingents from the Shooting World Cup tournament which is going to be held in Cyprus. What is the Capital & Currency of Cyprus?**

- 1) Nicosia & Euro
- 2) Beirut & Pound
- 3) Beirut & Pound
- 4) Nicosia & Pound
- 5) Athens & Pound

Answer – **1) Nicosia & Euro**

**Explanation:**

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) announced that the Indian shotgun team has withdrawn from tournament in the Shooting World Cup in Nicosia, Cyprus which is scheduled to be from March 5 to 12 due to coronavirus outbreak. The capital and currency of Cyprus is Nicosia and Euro respectively.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

**1. 'Lord J: Lord of Anonymity' is the autobiography of Lord J. He is a?**

- 1) Classical Singer
- 2) Pop Singer
- 3) Jazz Singer
- 4) Rap Singer
- 5) Rock Singer

Answer – **2) Pop Singer**

**Explanation:**

Lord J is the 1st and only Anonymous singer in the world. Lord J was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Lord J is a Self-Taught singer and Lyric writer in an Anonymous way, and he is a world famous celebrity without revealing his identity to the world. The Name Lord J was given to him by an LA(Los-Angeles)-based fan.

**2. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has released the book “A child of Destiny” which is the autobiography of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Koneru Ramakrishna Rao
- 2) Salman Rushdie
- 3) Vikram Seth
- 4) Amitav Ghosh
- 5) R.K. Narayanan

Answer - **1) Koneru Ramakrishna Rao**

**Explanation:**

The Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu released a Book titled ‘A Child of Destiny’ Autobiography penned by Professor Koneru Ramakrishna Rao at GITAM (Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management) University Vishakatapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

**3. Who has Authored the book “The Thin Mind Map”?**

- 1) David J Lincoln
- 2) RKS Mangesh Dash
- 3) Dharmendra Rai
- 4) Ralph Watson
- 5) Kruti Shah

Answer - **3) Dharmendra Rai**

**Explanation:**

Dharmendra Rai, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book “The Thin Mind Map”. The book is designed to be an expert in mind mapping. Dharmendra Rai was the first person in the world to talk on TEDx on creativity & mind mapping. He has conducted 380 plus mind map seminars less than 10 years which is a world record.

**4. Who Authored the Book “A Commentary & Digest on the Air, Act 1981” which was released by Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar (Feb 2020)?**

- 1) K K Khandelwal
- 2) Vinod Rai
- 3) Sandip Sen
- 4) Milan Vaishnav
- 5) Goutam Das

Answer - **1) K K Khandelwal**

**Explanation:**

Manohar Lal Khattar, released a book titled “A Commentary & Digest on The Air, Act 1981” at Chandigarh, Haryana. The book was written by Dr K K Khandelwal and Published by the Bright Law House.

**5. Who has written the book “Messages from Messengers”?**

- 1) Chetan Bhagat
- 2) Arundhati Roy
- 3) Vikram Seth
- 4) Aravind Adiga
- 5) Priti K Shroff

Answer - 5) Priti K Shroff

**Explanation:**

"Messages from Messengers" book written by Priti K Shroff was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The book deals with Indian culture and tradition and is suitable for everyone in all stages of life, as a tool for self-guidance.

**5. Who has translated the famous sayings of ancient master of statecraft Chanakya from Sanskrit to existing language titled as "Chanakya Niti: Verses on life and Living" published by Penguin Random House India?**

- 1) K. Srinivasachari
- 2) A.N.D. Haksar
- 3) Vishnu Sharma
- 4) Dwaipayana Vyasa
- 5) Bharavi

Answer - 2) A.N.D. Haksar

**Explanation:**

Indian Diplomat Aditya Narayan Dhairyasheel Haksar has translated the famous aphorisms(sayings) of the ancient master of statecraft Chanakya or Kautilya from Sanskrit to current existing languages for the readers and the book titled as "Chanakya Niti: Verses on life and Living" and it has been published by Penguin Random House India.

**7. Who unveiled the 64<sup>th</sup> edition of the book "The Reference Annual – India / Bharat – 2020" published by Publication division (India) along with New Media Wing?**

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 3) Prakash Javadekar
- 4) Nitin Gadkari
- 5) Piyush Goyal

Answer - 3) Prakash Javadekar

**Explanation:**

The Union cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri. Prakash Javadekar has released the 64th Edition of the book "The Reference Annual- India/Bharat-2020" in both English and Hindi and also released the e-version of the book.

**8. Name the person, who authored the book 'Who is Bharat Mata'?**

- 1) Vikram Seth
- 2) Kiran Desai
- 3) Purushottam Agarwal
- 4) Sudha Murthy
- 5) Arundhati Roy

Answer - 3) Purushottam Agarwal

**Explanation:**

The Former Prime Minister of India Mr. Manmohan Singh has released the books "who is bharat mata" and the English version of the book is penned by professor Purushottam Agarwal, and the Kannada version the book is translated by Professor K E Radhakrishna and titled as "Yaaru Bharat Maate" Published by the Swapna Book House, Bengaluru in association with Delhi Karnataka Sangha.

**9. Who is the Author of the book 'Death; An Inside Story: A book for all those who shall die'?**

- 1) Jaggi Vasudev
- 2) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- 3) Mata Amritanandamayi
- 4) Morari Bapu

5) Zakir Naik

Answer - 1) Jaggi Vasudev

**Explanation:**

Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu, who was the chief guest at the 26th Maha Sivaratri celebrations at Isha Yoga Centre in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, has launched a book titled "Death; An Inside Story: A book for all those who shall die" penned by Jaggi Vasudev, an Indian yogi, author & founder of Isha Foundation.

## OBITUARY

**1. Maharashtra's Vidya Bal who died recently (in January 2020) is a?**

- 1) Politician
- 2) Environmentalist
- 3) Social Activist
- 4) Classical Dancer
- 5) Marathi Poet

Answer - 3) Social Activist

**Explanation:**

Maharashtra's stalwart social activist, Marathi feminist writer and journalist vidya bal (83) passed away in Pune, Maharashtra. She had fought for gender equality for women and had expressed 'socialist feminism' through her own established magazines such as STREE(women) and MILOON SARYAJANI (All of us together) in 1989.

**2. Padma shri awardee and eminent Novelist Dalip Kaur Tiwana who passed away in Jan 2020 belongs to which Indian state?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer - 2) Punjab

**Explanation:**

On January 2020, Padma Shri awardee and renowned Punjabi novelist, Dalip Kaur Tiwana passed away at the age of 84 due to old age ailments. She was well known for novels 'Teeli da Nishaan' and 'Sooraj te Samandar'. She was also a former president of the Punjabi Sahit Akademi. She won Padma Shri in 2004 for literature and education. Dalip also returned her Padma Shri award in 2015 to express solidarity with writers who were protesting against the suppression of freedom of expression and communalism.

**3. Jaswant Singh of Punjab who is in news recently (February 2020) is a?**

- 1) Politician
- 2) Writer
- 3) Singer
- 4) Environmentalist
- 5) Sand artist

Answer - 2) Writer

**Explanation:**

The Eminent Punjabi Writer, Novelist and Sahitya Academy Awardee Jaswant Singh Kanwal (101), passed away in his native village Dhudike, Moga district in Punjab, due to age related illness issues.

**4. American Author Higgins Clark who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is famously known as?**

- 1) "Queen of Writing"
- 2) "Queen of Thrill"
- 3) "Queen of Suspense"
- 4) "Queen of love"
- 5) "Queen of king"

Answer - **3) "Queen of Suspense"**

**Explanation:**

American author Mary Theresa Eleanor Higgins Clark also known as "Queen of Suspense" passed away at the age of 92 in Naples, Florida, US. She also worked as a script writer for "portrait of a President", a radio series on American presidents. Higgins Clark famous books "A Stranger Is Watching" and "Lucky Day" were adapted for movies and television.

**5. Poet Rabindranath Singh who was popularly known as 'Biplabi Kabi' recently in news (FEB 2020) Born in which Indian State?**

- 1) Assam
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Sikkim

Answer - **3) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

On February 2, 2020 Famous Odia poet and freedom fighter Rabindranath Singh, 89 years old, passed away at Khapuria, Cuttack, Odisha. He was born on 27 January 1931 at Jagatsinghpur district, Odisha. He was popularly known as 'Biplabi kabi' (the revolutionary poet) for his patriotic writings.

**6. Daniel Arap Moi who passed away recently, is the longest serving Ex-President of which East African nation?**

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Zimbabwe
- 3) Uganda
- 4) Comoros
- 5) South Sudan

Answer - **1) Kenya**

**Explanation:**

Daniel Arap Moi Kenya's Ex-President, who is a former School Teacher and became Kenya's longest serving President dies at 95 due to age issues and also getting treatment in Hospital for a month. Moi's Death was announced by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta on the State Broadcaster with a Statement.

**7. Narayana Reddy who passed away recently is former Lok Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) of which constituency of Telangana?**

- 1) Warangal
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) Secunderabad
- 4) Nizamabad
- 5) Peddapalli

Answer - **4) Nizamabad**

**Explanation:**

Mr. Narayana Reddy, Former Nizamabad Lok Sabha MP (Member of Parliament), senior advocate, educationist & supporter of separate Telangana movement, passed away at the age of 89 in Hyderabad, Telangana.

**8. D.Manjunath who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is the former minister of which Indian state?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Telangana

**Answer – 4) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

Former Karnataka Minister D. Manjunath, 92 years old passed away in Karnataka, Bengaluru due to age-related ailments. He was the former Minister of Forest and Higher Education in former Chief Minister (CM) H.D Kumaraswamy cabinet.

**9. Pranab Kumar Gogoi who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is a?**

- 1) Stuntman
- 2) Politician
- 3) Freedom fighter
- 4) Businessman
- 5) Journalist

**Answer - 2) Politician**

**Explanation:**

Former Assam Legislative Assembly Speaker and sitting Congress MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Pranab kumar Gogoi, 84 years old passed away in Guwahati, Assam due to age-related illness. In 2015, Pranab Kumar took the definition of the term 'Assamese'.

**10. Krik Douglas who passed away recently (February) is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Pop singer
- 2) Poet
- 3) Hollywood Actor
- 4) Social Reformer
- 5) Law maker

**Answer - 3) Hollywood Actor**

**Explanation:**

Issur Danielovitch Demsky named Kirk Douglas was born on December 9, 1916 in Amsterdam, New York, U.S. Kirk was an American actor, producer, director, and author passed away at 103 announced by his son Michael Douglas as a statement to People Magazine.

**11. Raju Bharatan who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Actor
- 2) Film Historian
- 3) Cricket Journalist
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 2) and 3)

**Answer - 5) Both 2) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

Famous cricket journalist and film historian Raju Bharatan, 86 years old, passed away at Mumbai, Maharashtra. He is also the writer for The hindu and Sportstar and also a popular radio commentator for India's cricket matches.

**12. Roger Kahn who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Hollywood actor
- 2) Pop singer



- 3) Writer
- 4) Politician
- 5) Weightlifter

Answer - **3) Writer**

**Explanation:**

American author Roger Kahn, known for his best-selling book in 1972 "The Boys of Summer" passed away at Nursing home in Mamaroneck, New York, U.S due to age related ailments announced by his son Gordon Jacques Kahn.

**13. Giriraj Kishore who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Actor
- 2) Novelist
- 3) Politician
- 4) Lawyer
- 5) Theatre Artist

Answer - **2) Novelist**

**Explanation:**

Padma Shri awardee & well-known Hindi Novelist Giriraj Kishore passed away at the age of 83 in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

**14. P.Parameswaran who passed away recently (Feb 2020) belongs to which Indian state?**

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Karnataka

Answer - **4) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

RSS Veteran, Orator and Philosophical Author P.Parameswaran (93) passed away at Palakkad, Kerala due to age related ailments. Parameswaran was born in Thamarasseril Illam, Muhamma village in Alappuzha district in the year 1927.

**15. Nandu R Kulkarni who in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Social Reformer
- 2) Journalist
- 3) Law Maker
- 4) Sand Artist
- 5) Film Producer

Answer - **2) Journalist**

**Explanation:**

Famous journalist Nandu R Kulkarni, 70 years old, passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was the bureau chief of the Kolkata- based newspaper "The Statesman" in 1992 & also reported on a wide range of subjects including politics & business.

**16. Wendell Rodricks who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Theatre Artist
- 2) Fashion Designer
- 3) Environmentalist
- 4) Musician
- 5) Stunt Artist

Answer - **2) Fashion Designer**

**Explanation:**

Famous Indian Fashion designer Wendell Rodricks, 59 years old, passed away at Colvale, Goa. He was born on 28th May 1960 in Goa.

**17. Rajindra Kumar Pachauri (Noble Awardee) who passed away recently is a former director general of Which Indian institute?**

- 1) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- 2) Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP)
- 3) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- 4) World Wide Fund for Nature - India (WWF)
- 5) Indian Council for Forest Research Foundation (ICFRF)

**Answer - 3) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

**Explanation:**

Rajindra Kumar Pachauri, former Chairman and Director General of The Energy Resources Institute (TERI), passed away at the age of 79 in New Delhi, India due to cardiac ailments. Pachauri received the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

**18. Sonam Sherpa the founder of Parikrama, who passed away recently is a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Fashion Designer
- 2) Guitarist
- 3) Astrologer
- 4) Spiritualist
- 5) Politician

**Answer - 2) Guitarist**

**Explanation:**

Sonam Sherpa, founding member & lead-guitarist of music band Parikrama, passed away at the age of 48 in Kurseong, West Bengal due to cardiac arrest. He was born on 8th October 1971 in Kalimpong, West Bengal.

**19. Nikita Pearl Waligwa was passed away recently is a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Climate Activist
- 2) Diplomat
- 3) Lawyer
- 4) Child Actress
- 5) Pop Singer

**Answer - 4) Child Actress**

**Explanation:**

Nikita Pearl Waligwa, a Ugandan student, who played a memorable role in 2016 Disney film "Queen of Katwe" as a local chess prodigy, passed away at the age of 15 in Uganda, Kampala due to brain tumour. "The small one can become the big one" is one of Gloria's memorable quotes from the "Queen of Katwe".

**20. Actress Lynn Cohen who passed away recently belongs to which country?**

- 1) Lebanon
- 2) Russia
- 3) Germany
- 4) United States
- 5) Canada

**Answer - 4) United States**

**Explanation:**

Lynn Cohen, American actress, best known for playing the role of Magda on “Sex and the City” series, passed away at the age of 86 at New York, US (United States). She was born on 10th August 1933 in Kansas City, Missouri, US.

**21. Tapas Pal, who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is the former Member of Parliament (MP) from which Indian State?**

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Bihar
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Odisha

Answer - **4) West Bengal**

**Explanation:**

Bengali actor & former Trinamool Congress MP (Member of Parliament) Tapas pal passed away at the age of 61 in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to cardiac arrest. He was born on 19th September 1958 in Chandannagar, West Bengal and completed his graduation from the Hooghly Mohsin College in Bio-Science.

**22. Harry Greg who passed away recently (Feb 2020) related to which sports?**

- 1) Shooting
- 2) Baseball
- 3) Swimming
- 4) Football
- 5) Basketball

Answer - **4) Football**

**Explanation:**

Harry Greg, former Manchester United goalkeeper and Munich hero, passed away at the age of 87 in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, UK (United Kingdom). He was born on 27th October 1932 in Magherafelt, Northern Ireland. Harry Greg, was named as “Hero of Munich” for rescuing 2 teammates as well as a baby and her pregnant mother in the 1958 air disaster that killed 23 people.

**23. The Hall of fame golfer Mickey Wright who passed away recently (Feb 2020) belong to which country?**

- 1) Russia
- 2) Australia
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) U.S.A
- 5) UK

Answer - **4) U.S.A**

**Explanation:**

Hall of famer Mary Kathryn Mickey Wright, was an American LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Tour professional golfer, passed away at the age of 85. She was born on February 14, 1935 in San Diego, California, US (United States). She was a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Mickey Wright joined the LPGA tour in 1955 & won 82 events on the LPGA tour, which puts her second on the all-time win list behind Kathy Whitworth, who won 88 times. 13 victories in major championships which places here second to Patty Berg, who won 15 majors.

**24. M.S. Mani, who passed away recently is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Novelist
- 2) Cartoonist
- 3) Journalist

4) Social Worker

5) Cine Actor

Answer - **3) Journalist**

**Explanation:**

Former Chief-editor of Kerala Kaumudi (Malayalam daily) and kala kaumudi (magazine) chief editor M.S. Mani passed away at the age of 79 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Former Chief-editor of Kerala Kaumudi (Malayalam daily) and kala kaumudi (magazine) chief editor M.S. Mani passed away at the age of 79 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. In 1975 he launched Kala Kaumudi magazine and in 1990 he launched Kala Kaumudi daily from Mumbai, one of the first Malayalam newspapers to be printed and published from outside Kerala.

**25. Karnataka based Kishori Ballal who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_\_**

1) Cine Actor

2) Western Dancer

3) Pop Singer

4) Politician

5) Musician

Answer - **1) Cine Actor**

**Explanation:**

Veteran Kannada actor Kishori Ballal passed away at the age of 82 in Bengaluru, due to her age related illness. She hailed from Dakshina Kannada district, Karnataka.

**26. Velagapudi Lakshmana Dutt who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is the former president of which Indian organization/Association?**

1) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

2) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

3) PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry

4) National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM)

5) The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

Answer - **2) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**

**Explanation:**

Velagapudi Lakshmana Dutt, former FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) President & Executive Chairman of KCP Group passed away at the age of 82 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Dutt was born on December 27, 1937 and was educated in London.

**27. The American computer scientist Larry Tesler who passed away in February 2020 is the inventor of which function/command of computer?**

1) Delete

2) Cut-Copy-Paste

3) Shutdown

4) Print Document

5) Undo last action

Answer - **2) Cut-Copy-Paste**

**Explanation:**

Lawrence Gordon Tesler known as Larry Tesler was an American computer scientist who worked in the field of human-computer interaction and also the Inventor of Copy-Cut-Paste functions for computers in 1973 has passed away at the age of 74.

**28. C Chennigappa who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is the former minister of which Indian state?**

1) Telangana

2) Andhra Pradesh

- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Gujarat

Answer - **3) Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

Former Karnataka Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) leader C Chennigappa passed away at the age of 70, in Bengaluru, Karnataka on February 22, 2020. He hailed from Byranayakanahalli, Nelamangala taluk, Karnataka. He was Forest Minister in the Congress-JD(S) coalition government in 2006.

**29. West Bengal sportsman Ashok Chatterjee who passed away recently (Feb 2020) belongs to which sports?**

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Football
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Badminton
- 5) Chess

Answer - **2) Football**

**Explanation:**

The former Indian Footballer Ashok Chatterjee who was a part of India's bronze-medal winning teams in the Merdeka Cup in 1965 and 1966, passed away at the age of 78 in Kolkata. Ashok Chatterjee captained the Mohun Bagan club in 1969 and he was honoured with the Mohun Bagan Lifetime Achievement Award by the club in 2019.

**30. Netaji kin Krishna Bose who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Politician
- 2) Actor
- 3) Musician
- 4) Singer
- 5) Environmentalist

Answer - **1) Politician**

**Explanation:**

Krishna Bose, former Lok Sabha MP and relative of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, passed away at the age of 89 in Kolkata, West Bengal due to heart-related ailments. She was the Chairperson of the Netaji Research Bureau. She was elected as MP from the Jadavpur, West Bengal constituency in 1998 & 1999 as TMC (All India Trinamool Congress) candidate and in 1996 as a Congress candidate.

**31. Katherine Johnson, who passed away recently is a \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) Mathematician
- 2) Hollywood Actor
- 3) Biologist
- 4) Astronaut
- 5) Law maker

Answer - **1) Mathematician**

**Explanation:**

Famous NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson passed away at the age of 101 in Virginia, US. She was born on August 26, 1918, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, US. Her life was portrayed in the movie "Hidden Figures". Katherine was awarded a "Presidential Medal of freedom" by former President Barack Obama in 2016.

**32. Hosni Mubarak who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is the former President of which country?**

- 1) Kuwait
- 2) Iran
- 3) Syria
- 4) Jordan
- 5) Egypt

**Answer - 5) Egypt**

**Explanation:**

Muhammad Hosni El Sayed Mubarak, former President of Egypt passed away at the age of 91, in Cairo, Egypt. He was born on 4th May 1928 in Egypt. He served as the president of Egypt for nearly 30 years (1981-2011).

**33. Mr. K P P Samy who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is the former minister of which Indian state?**

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Telangana

**Answer - 4) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

Former Tamil Nadu Fisheries Minister and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's (DMK) present Thiruvottiyur (state assembly constituency) Member of Legislative assembly (MLA) Mr. K P P Samy, passed away at age of 57 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, due to Kidney related illness.

**34. Sudhakar Krishna Rao from Karnataka who passed away recently (Feb 2020) is a \_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Vedic Scholar
- 2) Law Maker
- 3) Singer
- 4) Stunt man
- 5) Environmentalist

**Answer - 1) Vedic Scholar**

**Explanation:**

Sudhakar Krishna Rao, Centenarian Vedic Scholar and Freedom fighter passed away at in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He was the founding editor of Veda Taranga, the Kannada magazine devoted to Vedic studies. He was given the title "Pandit Sudhakar Chaturvedi" for his authority on all the four Vedas. He was also called "Gandhi's postman" as he delivered the letters dictated by Gandhi addressed to the Viceroy or Governor-general and Gandhi called him 'Karnataki'.

**35. Karnataka's Shadakshari Settar who is in news recently (Feb 2020) belongs to which field?**

- 1) Politics
- 2) Geography
- 3) Mathematics
- 4) History
- 5) Science

**Answer - 4) History**

**Explanation:**

Shadakshari Settar (85), a famous Historian, Linguist, who conducted research in the field of epigraphy, anthropology has passed away at a private hospital in Karnataka, where he was undergoing treatment for respiratory problems.



**36. S Kathavarayan who passed away recently is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Politician
- 2) Freedom fighter
- 3) Theatre artist
- 4) Educationalist
- 5) Musician

**Answer – 1) Politician**

**Explanation:**

S Kathavarayan, DMK (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam) MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) from Gudiyatham constituency in Vellore district passed away at the age of 58 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

**37. Baidyanath Prasad Mahto who is in news recently (Feb 2020) is a Member of Parliament (MP) of which Indian state?**

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) West Bengal

**Answer – 3) Bihar**

**Explanation:**

Baidyanath Prasad Mahto, Janata Dal (United) MP (Member of Parliament) from Bihar passed away in AIIMS hospital, New Delhi. Baidyanath Prasad Mahto was a JD(U) MP from Bihar's Valmiki Nagar constituency as well as a Member of Indian Parliament to the 15th (2009) and 17th (2019) Lok Sabha.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

**1. The theme of world wetlands day 2020 is "Wetlands and Biodiversity". The World Wetlands Day every year was observed on?**

- 1) January 31
- 2) February 2
- 3) February 4
- 4) February 9
- 5) February 13

**Answer - 2) February 2**

**Explanation:**

World Wetlands Day (WWD) was observed on February 2 to spread awareness and to conserve the wetlands all over the world. The theme of WWD 2020 is "Wetlands and Biodiversity".

**2. The World Cancer day (WCD) organized by Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) observed every year on February 4. The Theme WCD for 2019-21 is?**

- 1) Theme: "I am, no one can"
- 2) Theme: "I am and I will"
- 3) Theme: "We can, I can"
- 4) Theme: "We and I will"
- 5) Theme: "Not beyond us"

**Answer - 2) Theme: "I am and I will"**

**Explanation:**

The World Cancer Day is organized by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), Geneva, Switzerland, every year on February 4 to raise awareness to encourage cancer's prevention, detection and treatment. The primary goal of World Cancer Day is to reduce the illness & death caused by cancer. The theme of WCD from 2019-21 is "I am and I will". The theme highlights that all of us can fight against cancer.

**3. The theme for International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) 2020 is “Unleashing Youth Power: One decade of accelerating actions for zero female genital mutilation”. The International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation celebrated every year on?**

- 1) February 4
- 2) February 9
- 3) February 6
- 4) February 12
- 5) February 3

**Answer - 3) February 6**

**Explanation:**

On February 6, 2020 International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) was observed. It was observed since 2003, as part of the UN's efforts to eradicate Female Genital Mutilation. The day spreads the awareness about FGM which is a violation of the human rights of girls and women. Theme: “Unleashing Youth Power: One decade of accelerating actions for zero female genital mutilation”. The theme focus on mobilizing youth to eradicate harmful practices against women including FGM and to end FGM by 2030.

**4. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organize the National Deworming Day every year on \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) February 9
- 2) February 10
- 3) February 11
- 4) February 12
- 5) February 13

**Answer - 2) February 10**

**Explanation:**

On February 10, 2020 National Deworming Day (NDD) was observed across the country. The day was organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The objective of the day is to deworm children and adolescents to reduce the prevalence of parasitic worms in the intestine.

**5. The World Pulse Day was observed on February 10. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of World Pulse day commenced on \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) 2020
- 2) 2016
- 3) 2019
- 4) 2017
- 5) 2018

**Answer - 3) 2019**

**Explanation:**

World Pulses Day was observed on Feb 10, 2020. World Pulses day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to recognize the importance of pulses. World Pulses day has been designated on Feb 10 every year since 2019 by the 73rd session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on December 20, 2018.

**6. The International Day for Women & Girls in Science 2020 with the theme “Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth” celebrated on?**

- 1) February 6
- 2) February 9
- 3) February 11
- 4) February 13
- 5) February 15

Answer - **3) February 11**

**Explanation:**

International Day of Women & Girls in Science was observed on 11th February. The day was celebrated to achieve equal participation & access to women and girls in science. Theme: "Investment in Women and Girls in Science for Inclusive Green Growth". The theme aims to encourage women and girls to opt for science.

**7. February 11 was celebrated as \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) World Yoga Day
- 2) World Unani Day
- 3) World Ayurveda Day
- 4) World Homeopathy Day
- 5) World Siddha Day

Answer - **2) World Unani Day**

**Explanation:**

World Unani Day was celebrated on February 11, 2020, since 2017. The day marks the birthday of great Unani scholar and social reformer "Hakim Ajmal Khan". Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh was the chief guest of the 4th Unani day function organized by AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) Ministry, New Delhi, India.

**8. International Darwin Day was celebrated on \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) February 10
- 2) February 11
- 3) February 12
- 4) February 13
- 5) February 14

Answer - **3) February 12**

**Explanation:**

On February 12, 2020, Darwin Day was celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the father of evolutionary biology, Charles Darwin. This year on 12th February has marked the 211th birth anniversary of the Charles Darwin.

**9. February 12 to February 18, 2020 celebrated as \_\_\_\_ week?**

- 1) Financial Literary Week
- 2) National Productivity week
- 3) Road Safety Week
- 4) Children's mental health week
- 5) World Immunisation week

Answer - **2) National Productivity week**

**Explanation:**

National Productivity day was observed on february 12 to increase the productivity culture in India. The day commemorates the foundation of the National Productivity Council (NPC) and Productivity week will be celebrated from (Feb 12 to Feb 18, 2020). National Productivity Council (NPC) comes under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

**10. The World Radio Day (WRD) celebrated annually on February 13. What is the theme of WRD 2020?**

- 1) Theme: 'Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace'
- 2) Theme: 'Radio and Sports'
- 3) Theme: 'Radio and Diversity'
- 4) Theme: 'Radio is You'
- 5) Theme: 'Securing freedom of expression and journalists'

Answer - 3) Theme: 'Radio and Diversity'

**Explanation:**

February 13, 2020, World Radio Day (WRD) is celebrated all over the world with the theme "Radio and Diversity". The day aims to highlights the unique power of radio which connects lives and brings people together from across the world.

**11. When was 'National Women's Day' observed on (Every year) \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) March 8
- 2) February 13
- 3) February 8
- 4) May 19
- 5) January 4

Answer - 2) February 13

**Explanation:**

The birth anniversary of independence activist, Sarojini Naidu, every year India observes February 13 as it's National Women's day. She was born in 13 February 1879 in Hyderabad British India (now in Telangana, India). It should be noted that the International Women's Day is observed on 8th March annually.

**12. Safer Internet Day 2020 with the theme "Together for Better Internet" was observed on \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) February 11
- 2) February 12
- 3) February 13
- 4) February 14
- 5) February 15

Answer - 1) February 11

**Explanation:** Safer Internet Day was observed on Feb. 11, 2020. The day is observed every year on the 2nd day of the 2nd week of February with an aim to provide safer & better internet, without getting their data leaked. The day was first initiated in Europe in 2004 as part of the EU Safe Borders Project. Theme: "Together for better Internet".

**13. World Pangolin Day 2020 was observed on \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) February 12
- 2) February 13
- 3) February 14
- 4) February 15
- 5) February 16

Answer - 4) February 15

**Explanation:**

World Pangolin Day will be observed every year on 3rd Saturday in february month to raise awareness & to protect these unique species from extinction. The 9th World Pangolin day was observed on february 15, 2020.

**14. Which Indian State's forest department & Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT) has radio tagged Indian Pangolin for the first time inorder to know its ecology and to develop conservation plan?**

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer - **5) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

The Madhya Pradesh (MP) forest department & Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT) has radio-tagged an Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*) for the first time in order to know its ecology and develop an effective conservation plan.

**15. To promote the increase in yields and sustainable farming, Ministry of Agriculture and farmers' welfare launched the soil health card scheme. The Soil Health Card (SHC) day was celebrated annually on \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1) February 16
- 2) February 17
- 3) February 18
- 4) February 19
- 5) February 20

Answer - **4) February 19**

**Explanation:**

Fifth year of the launch of Soil Health Card Day was observed across the country on february 19, 2020. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had launched the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme on February 19, 2015 at Suratgarh in Rajasthan, to increase the fertility of the soil.

**16. Which Indian state announced to celebrate February 24 as 'State girl child protection day' as remembrance of the former CM of the state?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Haryana

Answer - **3) Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation:**

According to the Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister(CM) ,Karuppa Gounder Palanisamy (known as Edappadi K. Palaniswami),the state government will celebrate the birth anniversary of former CM Jayaram Jayalalithaa on February 24 as 'State Girl Child Protection Day' in honor of the passion with which she worked for the well-being of children, especially girls.

**17. The Theme of World Day of social justice 2020 is "Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice". The World day of social justice celebrated every year on?**

- 1) February 17
- 2) February 18
- 3) February 19
- 4) February 20
- 5) February 21

Answer - **4) February 20**

**Explanation:**

World Day of Social Justice is observed annually on February 20. The day creates awareness against social injustice regarding gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. Theme of 2020: "Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice".

**18. The International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is observed annually on February 21. The Theme of IMLD 2020 is?**

- 1) Theme: ""Indigenous languages development"
- 2) Theme: "no discrimination on the basis of language"
- 3) Theme: "Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education"

- 4) Theme: "Languages without Borders"  
5) Theme: "Quality education, language(s) of instruction and learning outcomes"

Answer - 4) **Theme: "Languages without Borders"**

**Explanation:**

International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is observed annually on February 21 since 2000 as a worldwide observance of UNESCO (United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation). The day creates an awareness on linguistic, cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism and in India the day is observed as 'Matrihasha Diwas'. Theme: "Languages without Border".

**19. The Theme of world Thinking Day 2020 is "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion". The World Thinking Day celebrated every year on?**

- 1) February 24  
2) February 19  
3) February 18  
4) February 22  
5) February 21

Answer - 4) **February 22**

**Explanation:**

Each year on February 22 Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. The theme of World Thinking Day 2020 is "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion". The day is observed in the memory of Scouting and Guiding Founder Lord Baden-Powell and his wife Lady Olave Baden-Powell.

**20. The Central Excise Day celebrated annually on \_\_\_\_?**

- 1) January 26  
2) April 15  
3) February 24  
4) May 12  
5) July 24

Answer - 3) **February 24**

**Explanation:**

Central Excise Day was celebrated every year on February 24 across India to encourage the employees of the excise department to carry out the central excise duty in a better way and to prevent corruption. The Central Excise Day is celebrated to commemorate the Central Excise and Salt Act, which was enacted on February 24, 1944.

**21. Right to Protein, a national-level public health initiative, has launched India's 1<sup>st</sup> (in 2020) Protein Day with the theme "ProteinMeinKyaHai" on \_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about the health benefits of protein.**

- 1) July 4  
2) February 27  
3) January 29  
4) September 8  
5) May 30

Answer - 2) **February 27**

**Explanation:**

Right to Protein, a national-level public health initiative, has launched India's 1st Protein Day on February 27, 2020 to raise awareness about the health benefits of protein. Theme of the Protein Day 2020: ProteinMeinKyaHai. The theme aims to include proteins in our every meal.



**22. The National Science Day (NSD) in India celebrated annually on February 28. What is the Theme of NSD 2020?**

- 1) Theme: "Science & Technology for specially abled persons"
- 2) Theme: "Women in Science"
- 3) Theme: "Science for people and people for science"
- 4) Theme: "Science and Technology for a sustainable future"
- 5) Theme: "Scientific Issues for Development of the Nation"

Answer – **2) Theme: "Women in Science"**

**Explanation:**

National Science Day (NSD) was observed all over India on Feb 28, 2020. This day marks the discovery of the Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir ChandraShekhara Venkata Raman (also called Sir C V Raman) on 28th February 1928 for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930. In 1986, the Government of India (GOI) declared Feb 28 as National Science Day. Theme of the NSD 2020: "Women in Science".

**23. The World Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) day observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) February 23
- 2) February 4
- 3) March 8
- 4) April 6
- 5) February 27

Answer – **5) February 27**

**Explanation:**

World NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Day was observed annually on February 27, the human Right activists & all individuals celebrated World NGO Day 2020, to raise awareness about the NGO sector and to encourage people worldwide who are involved & dedicatedly working for a good cause.

**24. The Theme of Rare Disease Day (RDD) 2020 is "Rare is Many. Rare is Strong. Rare is Proud". When was RDD observed in 2020?**

- 1) February 28
- 2) February 19
- 3) March 3
- 4) January 31
- 5) February 29

Answer – **5) February 29**

**Explanation:**

Rare Disease Day (RDD) is an observance held on the last day of February. This year marked the 13th observance of International Rare Disease Day, which was observed on February 29, 2020. The day creates an awareness of rare diseases and improves access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases & their families. Slogan of RDD 2020: "Rare is Many. Rare is Strong. Rare is Proud".

## STATIC GK

**1. Where is the Headquarters of ICICI bank located at?**

Answer - **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

Recently ICICI bank launched 'iBOX' first of its kind 24 x 7 self-help delivery tool.

**2. What is the largest optical telescope in World?**

Answer - **Gran Telescopio CANARIAS**

**3. What is the tagline of Canara Bank?**

Answer – ‘Together we Can’

**Explanation:**

Lingam Venkata Prabhakar has been appointed as MD&CEO of Canara Bank recently in Jan 2020.

**4. Where is Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary located at?**

Answer - Madhya Pradesh

**Explanation:**

Recently Supreme court of India allowed the introduction of African Cheetahs to a suitable habitat in India. Kuno-Palpur is chosen as a suitable site as of now.

**5. Where is the Headquarters of CARE ratings located at?**

Answer – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**6. Where is the Headquarters of Commonwealth located at?**

Answer - London, United Kingdom

**7. What is the capital and currency of Iraq?**

Answer - Capital - Baghdad & Currency - Iraqi Dinar

**8. Where is the Headquarters of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) located at?**

Answer - Montreal, Canada

**9. Where is the Headquarters of company Coal India (CIL) located at?**

Answer - Kolkata, West Bengal

**10. The river Matla flows in Which Indian state?**

Answer - Sundarbans region, West Bengal

**11. Mopa airport to be set in which state?**

Answer – Goa

**Explanation:** Recently Chief Minister of Goa announced that Dabolim and Mopa airports to be operated together.

**12. What is the Capital and Currency of Kenya?**

Answer - Capital – Nairobi & Currency – Kenyan Shilling.

**13. What is the Capital and Currency of Republic of Kosovo?**

Answer – Capital – Prishtina & Currency – Euro.

**14. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of International Cricket Council (ICC)?**

Answer – Manu Sawhney

**15. When is International Day of childhood cancer observed on?**

Answer – February 15 annually.

**16. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is the wholly owned subsidiary of?**

Answer - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**17. In World Bank Ease of doing Business report, India jumps how many positions from 2014-19?**

Answer - **79**

**Explanation:**

India Jumps up 79 positions in World Bank Doing Business Rankings, Improving from 142 In 2014 To 63 in 2019.

**18. Wasim Jaffer belongs to which sports?**

Answer - **Cricket**

**Explanation:**

On February 4, 2020 Vidharba batsman Wasim Jaffer became the first cricket player to register 12,000 runs in Ranji Trophy. He achieved the feat while batting against Kerala in on going ranji trophy match.

**19. Patagonia desert is located in which continent?**

Answer - **South America (Shares border with Chile and Argentina)**

**20. What is the capital and currency of South Korea?**

Answer - **Capital - Seoul & Currency - South Korean won**

**21. In which year India targets to achieve 100GW solar power?**

Answer - **December 2022**

**Explanation:**

Government has set a target for installation of 100 GW solar by December 2022.

**22. Where is Jawaharlal Nehru Port trust located at?**

Answer - **Maharashtra**

**23. The constituency of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is?**

Answer - **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

**24. Where is the headquarters of World Intellectual Property organization (WIPO) located at?**

Answer - **Geneva, Switzerland**

**25. Who is the chief of the Navy staff in India?**

Answer - **Admiral Karambir Singh**

**26. Cricketer Babar Azam belongs to which country?**

Answer - **Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

Recently in February 2020, Babar Azam named as Pakistan One Day International (ODI) captain.

**27. Bidar Airport located in which Indian state?**

Answer - **Karnataka**

**Explanation:**

On 07 February, 2019 Karnataka Chief minister Yeddyurappa inaugurated the service in Bengaluru and flew in the same flight to Bidar and back. This comes days after GMR Airports signed an agreement earlier this week to operate and maintain the civilian enclave at Bidar airport under the Udan, or Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, regional connectivity scheme.

**28. Who is the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?**

Answer - **Sangita Reddy**

**29. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) comes under which ministry?**

Answer – Department of communications

**30. Ellyse Perry is the cricketer belongs to which country?**

Answer - Australia

**31. Which country has world's largest Elephant population?**

Answer - Botswana

**Explanation:**

Recently in February 2020 Botswana has lifted ban on Elephant hunting and conducted auctions to hunt Elephants.

**32. Who is the minister of Housing & Urban Affairs (M0HUA)? He/she belongs to which constituency?**

Answer - MoS (Independent charge) Hardeep Singh Puri, Constituency – Amritsar, Punjab

**33. What is the target of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?**

Answer - 8 crore LPG or cooking gas connection by 2021

**34. What is the Capital and currency of Syria?**

Answer - Capital - Damascus & Currency - Syrian Pound

**35. Where is Headquarters of Asian Development Bank (ADB) located at?**

Answer - Mandaluyong, Philippines

**36. Cricketer Nasim Shah belongs to which country?**

Answer - Pakistan

**Explanation:**

On February 9, 2020, Nasim shah (Pakistan) becomes youngest bowler to take test hat-trick.

**37. Where is Indian Army's College of Military Engineering (CME) located at?**

Answer - Pune, Maharashtra

**38. Who is the Chairman of GST (Goods and Service Tax) Council?**

Answer – Nirmala Sitharaman

**39. The 2022 winter Olympics will be held at?**

Answer – Beijing, China

**40. Which Indian city has the nickname of Queen of Mountains?**

Answer – Mussoorie, Uttarakhand

**41. India's defence export target by 2024?**

Answer - \$5 Billion

**42. Who is Israel's National Security Advisor(NSA)?**

Answer - Meir Ben Shabbat

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the National Security Advisor (NSA) of Israel, Meir Ben Shabbat, on February 10. He was called on by PM Modi in New Delhi. India's NSA Ajit Doval was also present in the meeting.

**43. What is 'T' in NTDL refers?**

Answer – Time (NTDL – Net Demand and Time Liabilities)

**44. Who is the chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)?**

Answer – Pankaj Jain

**45. When was the first edition of Academy awards (Oscars) presented at?**

Answer - May 16, 1929

**46. What is the Maximum denomination of Currency Notes that can be printed in India?**

Answer - Rs. 10,000

**Explanation:**

In terms of the provisions of the RBI Act 1934, notes in denominations higher than Rs 10000 cannot be issued. As per the Coinage Act, 1906, coins can be issued up to the denomination of Rs 1,000.

**47. Who is the Union minister of Minority Affairs in India?**

Answer - Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

**48. Which Indian Cricket Stadium renamed as Arun Jaitley Stadium?**

Answer - Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium, Delhi

**49. Who is the current chairperson of African Union (AU)?**

Answer - Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa

**50. Where is the Headquarters of South Indian Bank (SIB) located at?**

Answer - Thrissur, Kerala

**51. Who is the 1<sup>st</sup> women match referee at global event in cricket?**

Answer - GS Lakshmi

**Explanation:**

India's GS Lakshmi has been selected by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to referee in the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup (21 February – 8 March, 2020) in Australia, making her the first-ever woman match referee in a global ICC event.

**52. Where is the National Institute of Banking Management located at?**

Answer - Pune, Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

Recently in February 2020, The President of India Ram Nath Kovind addressed the Golden Jubilee celebrations at National Institute of Banking Management, Pune, Maharashtra.

**53. Where is the headquarters of Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) located at?**

Answer – London, England

**54. What is the Capital and Currency of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?**

Answer - Capital - Abu Dhabi & Currency - UAE Dirham

**55. Where is the headquarters of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) located at?**

Answer - Kolkata, West Bengal

**56. Where is world's largest railway station located at?**

Answer - Uttar Pradesh (Gorakhpur railway station)

**Explanation:**

Gorakhpur Junction railway station has the world's longest railway platform with total length of 1,366.33 m (4,483 ft). Gorakhpur station is also among the top hundred booking stations of Indian Railways. Recently Indian Railways' started a unique initiative! To increase the plantation and natural cover across the Indian Railways network, flowering pots have been installed over the hydrant pipe at the Gorakhpur railway station.

**57. Where is the world's highest-altitude site in the world where scientists have obtained a climate record from an ice core?**

Answer – Dasuopu

**Explanation:**

Dasuopu -- at 7,200 meters or 23,600 feet above sea level -- is the highest-altitude site in the world where scientists have obtained a climate record from an ice core. Dasuopu is located on Shishapangma, one of the world's 14 tallest mountains, which are all located in the Himalayas.

**58. Who is the president of International Hockey Federation?**

Answer - Narinder Dhruv Batra

**59. Where is the headquarters of New Space India Limited (NSIL) located at?**

Answer - Bengaluru, Karnataka

**60. Who is the founder & CEO of Amazon?**

Answer – Jeffrey Preston Bezos

**61. Where is the secretariat of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) located at?**

Answer – Dhaka, Bangladesh

**62. Where is the Headquarters of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) located at?**

Answer – Mumbai, Maharashtra

**63. Who is the Head of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance commission?**

Answer - Nand Kishore (NK) Singh

**64. What is India's organic food business expected goal by 2025?**

Answer – Rs. 75,000 Crores

**65. Where is the Headquarters of Global System for Mobile Operation (GSM) Association located at?**

Answer – London, United Kingdom

**66. Who is the Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?**

Answer – Ajay Tyagi

**67. What is the capital & currency of Switzerland?**

Answer - Capital - Bern & Currency - Swiss franc

**68. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa is the president of which country?**

Answer - Portugal

**69. Armand Duplantis belongs to which sports?**

Answer – Pole Vault



**Explanation:**

A 20-year-old US born Swedish based Pole vaulter Armand Duplantis has broken his own pole vault world record(6.17m) by clearing 6.18 m at the Indoor Grand Prix in Glasgow, Scotland. Prior to that French vaulter Renaud Lavillenie (2014) has set a record of 6.16 m.

**70. Bhawna Jat is related to which sports?**

Answer - **20 km race walk**

**Explanation:**

Rajasthan based female race walker Bhawna Jat has earned a berth in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and also broken the national record of the 20 km race walk at the 7th National Race Walk Championships in Ranchi. The 23-year-old athlete clocked 1 hour 29 minutes and 54 seconds, well inside the Olympic qualification time (1:31.00).

**71. Which is India's first private train?**

Answer – **Tejas Express**

**72. Who is the current Finance Secretary of India?**

Answer - **Rajiv Kumar**

**73. Name the Asia's largest bi-directional tunnel which is going to connect Leh & Srinagar?**

Answer - **Zojila Tunnel**

**Explanation:**

Government of India (GOI) recently (Feb 2020) announced that they are working towards completing the Asia's largest bi-directional Zojila Tunnel without cost escalation.

**74. Cricketer Faf Du Plessis belongs to which country?**

Answer – **South Africa**

**Explanation:**

Recently (Feb 2020), Faf Du Plessis steps down as a captain of South Africa for test and T20 teams.

**75. When was the soil health card scheme launched?**

Answer - **February 2015**

**Explanation:**

On February 17, 2020, According to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Soil Health Card Scheme which was launched by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on 19.02.2015 at Suratgarh, Rajasthan completes 5 years on February 19, 2020. Till now, a total of Rs.751.42 crore has been released under the scheme.

**76. Who is the Governor of Bihar?**

Answer – **Phagu Chauhan**

**77. Where is Katas Raj temples located at?**

Answer – **Katas, Pakistan**

**Explanation:**

The Pakistan High Commission has issued visas to a group of Indian Hindu pilgrims for visiting Katas Raj temples in Chakwal city of Pakistan's Punjab province from February 19 to 25, 2020, these visit governs under The Pakistan-India Protocol on visits to Religious Shrines (1974) signed by both the countries.

**78. The 'L' in LAF refers to?**

Answer - **Liquidity**

**Explanation:**

LAF - Liquidity Adjustment Facility.

**79. Who is the present Chief Justice of India?**

Answer - **Sharad Arvind Bobde (47<sup>th</sup>)**

**80. Who is the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying & what is his/her constituency?**

Answer - **Minister - Giriraj Singh & Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar**

**81. What is the currency & capital of Norway?**

Answer - **Capital – Oslo & Currency - Norwegian krone**

**82. The capital and Administrator of the Union Territory (UT) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu is?**

Answer – **Capital - Daman & Administrator - Praful Patel**

**83. Where is the Headquarters of Economics Intelligence Unit (EIU) located at?**

Answer – **London, United Kingdom**

**84. What is the Tagline of State Bank of India (SBI)?**

Answer - **Tagline– The Banker to Every Indian; With you all the way; Purely Banking Nothing Else; The Nation Banks on Us**

**85. Where is the Headquarters of Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. (GRSE) located at?**

Answer – **Kolkata, West Bengal**

**86. Which Indian State is nicknamed as 'Life science capital of India'?**

Answer – **Telangana**

**87. Najma Heptulla is the Governor of which Indian state?**

Answer – **Manipur**

**88. What is the capital & currency of Myanmar?**

Answer – **Capital – Naypyidaw & Currency – Burmese Kyat**

**89. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Twitter?**

Answer – **Jack Dorsey**

**90. Pramod Bhagat is related to which sports?**

Answer – **Para Badminton**

**Explanation:**

Badminton World Federation (BWF), the international governing body for the sport of badminton has organized Brazil Para badminton International 2020 in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 10 – 15 February 2020. India ended its campaign with 11 medals (4 Gold, 5 Silver, 2 Bronze). Indian para-badminton player Pramod Bhagat from Odisha claimed 2 gold medals for India at the Championship.

**91. Khajuraho Dance festival was celebrated in which Indian state?**

Answer – **Madhya Pradesh**

**92. Name the Novel, which predicted Wuhan virus 40years before coronavirus outbreak?**

Answer - **The Eyes of Darkness by Dean Koontz**

**93. Who is the present president of South Sudan?**

Answer - **Salva Kiir Mayardit**

**94. The Jaffna International Airport is located in which country?**

Answer – **Sri Lanka**

**Explanation:**

India to sign Mou/agreement with Sri Lanka to develop the Jaffna's Palaly airport (Feb 2020).

**95. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> State/UT of India to run completely on renewable energy?**

Answer – **Ladakh**

**Explanation:**

In line with the Union government's plan to make Ladakh the first union territory (UT) to run completely on renewable energy and reduce the heavy dependence of diesel in the area, the ministry of new and renewable energy is planning to run hydrogen fuel celled buses in Leh.

**96. Who is the Chairman of CSIR and Where is the Headquarters of CSIR located at?**

Answer – **Chairman – Narendra Modi & HQ – New Delhi**

**97. Where is the Headquarters of Dhanlaxmi Bank located at?**

Answer – **Thrissur, Kerala**

**98. Who is the head of 21<sup>st</sup> Law commission?**

Answer - **Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan**

**99. Where is Ranthambhore National Park located at?**

Answer – **Rajasthan**

**Explanation:**

Recently in February 2020 the member of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) Diya Kumari has written to Environment minister that 26 tigers are missing in the National park.

**100. Which Stadium going to host India's FIFA WC qualifier against Qatar?**

Answer – **Kalinga Stadium, Odisha**

**101. Who is the present minority affairs minister?**

Answer - **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**

**102. What is the capital and currency of Sri Lanka?**

Answer – **Capital - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte & Currency - Sri Lankan rupee.**

**103. Where is the headquarters of BRICS located at?**

Answer – **Shanghai, China**

**104. Yulimar Rojas related to which sports?**

Answer – **Triple jump**

**Explanation:**

Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas has set a new indoor women's triple jump world record of 15.43m at the Villa de Madrid World Athletics Indoor Tour meet on Friday, 21 February. Prior to this, The World record of 15.36m in triple jump was set by Russia's Tatyana Lebedeva in Budapest in March 2004.

**105. Where is the Headquarters of Geological Survey of India (GSI) located at?**

Answer – Kolkata, West Bengal

**Explanation:**

On February 22, 2020 Geological Survey of India(GSI) has denied the discovery of gold deposits of over 3,000 tonnes and mentioned that the mineralised zone having an average grade of 3.03 grams per tonne of gold is tentative in nature and the total gold which can be extracted from the total resource of 52,806.25 tonnes of ore is approximately 160 kg and not 3,350 tonnes in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh.

**106. Where is Headquarters of International Court of Justice (ICJ) located at?**

Answer – The Hague, Netherlands

**107. What is the Capital & Currency of Republic of Vanuatu?**

Answer – Capital – Port Vila & Currency – Vanuatu Vatu

**108. Where is the Headquarters of United World Wrestling (UWW) located at?**

Answer – Lausanne, Switzerland

**109. Lonar lake, India's only crater lake is located in which state?**

Answer – Maharashtra

**Explanation:**

The Indian government proposed names of 10 more wetlands to be declared as sites of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. The new wetlands being proposed for inclusion are – Lonar from Maharashtra which is a unique wetland and the only Crater Lake in the country, a site from Bihar-Kanwar lake, two sites from Haryana which doesn't have a Ramsar site till now – Sultanpur and Bhindawas. Uttarakhand also has sent a proposal for its first Ramsar site-Asan and the rest are from Uttar Pradesh.

**110. Who is the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and customers (CBIC) in India?**

Answer – Pranab Kumar Das

**111. The Pakke Tiger reserve is located in which state?**

Answer – Arunachal Pradesh

**Explanation:**

A 692-km Highway road through the Pakke Reserve has been cleared recently.

**112. Malai Mahadeswara wildlife sanctuary is located in which state?**

Answer – Karnataka

**Explanation:**

The Malai Mahadeshwara sanctuary will be renamed as Malai Mahadeshwara Hill Tiger Reserve (MMH TR) as per the request of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NCTA).

**113. Bandaru Dattatreya is the Governor of which Indian state?**

Answer – Himachal Pradesh

**114. Who is the Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?**

Answer - Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

**115. What is the tagline of State Bank of India?**

Answer - The Banker to Every Indian

**116. River Alaknanda & Bhagirathi is located in which Indian state?**

Answer – **Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

The tripartite Memorandum of Understanding(Mou) was signed between the National Mission for Clean Ganga(NMCG), State Program Management Group-Uttarakhand (SPMG-UK) & Indorama Charitable Trust (ICT) at New Delhi to renovate Ghats at Badrinath (located in river Alaknanda) & Ghats & Crematoria at Gangotri (located in river Bhagirathi) in Uttarakhand. The total cost of the project is 26.64 Crore.

**117. Name the world's largest cricket stadium located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat?**

Answer - **Sardar Patel Stadium (Motera Stadium)**

**Explanation:**

Namaste, Trump event was organized for Donald Trump at Ahmedabad's newly-built Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Cricket Stadium in Motera. It is the world's biggest cricket stadium. The 125,000-strong crowd gathered to welcome to US president on his first visit to India.

**118. The 2028 summer Olympics will be held at which country?**

Answer - **Los Angeles, US**

**Explanation:**

Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced recently (Feb 2020) India is working to be in top ten countries in medal tally in 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

**119. Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training and Research Institute located at which Indian state?**

Answer – **Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:**

Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on February 25, 2020 inaugurated the newly constructed building of a national groundwater research institute in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

**120. Bhitarkanika National park located in which Indian state?**

Answer – **Odisha**

**Explanation:**

The population of endangered dolphins has come down by half (from 126 to 62) in Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park as per the Dolphin census report released on February 24, 2020.

**121. What is the Capital & Currency of Australia?**

Answer – **Capital – Canberra & Currency – Australian Dollar**

**122. Where is the Headquarters of Bandhan Bank located at?**

Answer – **Kolkata, West Bengal**

**123. What is the Capital & Currency of Egypt?**

Answer - **Capital – Cairo & Currency – Egyptian Pound**

**124. Van vihar national park is located in which Indian state?**

Answer – **Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

As per recent news, Bhopal's Van Vihar National Park will get A tiger and a tigress (2 new tigers) from Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve (BTR) in Madhya Pradesh.

**125. Which is the Nodal agency for the implementation of PM-JAY?**

Answer - **National Health Authority (NHA)**

**Explanation:**

National Health Authority (NHA) is the apex body responsible for implementing India's flagship public health insurance/assurance scheme called "Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana."

**126. Who is the present president of Myanmar (Feb 2020)?**

Answer – Win Myint

**127. Where is the Headquarters of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) located at?**

Answer – Kolkata, West Bengal

**128. Where is the Headquarters of BIMSTEC located at?**

Answer – Dhaka, Bangladesh

**129. The 'A' in CRAR denotes?**

Answer – Assets

**Explanation:**

CRAR - Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio.

**130. Who is the present CEO of NITI Aayog (Feb 2020)?**

Answer – Amitabh Kant

**131. Where is the Headquarters of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) located at?**

Answer – New Delhi

**132. Which is the constituency of Tribal Affairs minister – Arjun Munda?**

Answer – Khunti (Jharkhand)

**133. Who is the present Managing Director (MD) of HDFC bank?**

Answer – Aditya Puri

**134. What is the currency & Capital of Venezuela?**

Answer – Currency - Venezuelan bolivar & Capital – Caracas

**135. Who is the present Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?**

Answer – Ajay Tyagi

**Explanation:**

Chairman of Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Ajay Tyagi gets a 6-month extension from the government, whose tenure of 3 years (from 2017) to end on February 29, 2020.

**136. Barauni thermal power station is located in which Indian state?**

Answer – Bihar

**Explanation:**

State-owned power major NTPC announced recently (Feb 28,2020) its 250 mw unit of Barauni Thermal Power Station in Bihar will start commercial operation from March 1.

**137. Where is the Headquarters of World Confederation of Productivity Science (WCPS) located at?**

Answer – Montreal, Canada

**138. Who is the present Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India?**

Answer – Soma Roy Burman



139. V.P. Singh Badnore is the Governor of which Indian state?

Answer – Punjab

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