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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1) Which metro station was renamed as 'Supreme Court metro station' recently by the committee headed by Manish Sisodia?

- 1) Rajiv Chowk metro station
- 2) Raja Nahar Singh metro station
- 3) Pragati Maidan metro station
- 4) Punjabi Bagh West metro station
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pragati Maidan metro station

Explanation:

On 31st December 2019, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia said that The Delhi Government's renaming committee has renamed Pragati Maidan metro station as Supreme Court metro station. The demand was made by the Supreme court in September 2019. Key Points: i. The committee has also decided to rename Mukarba Chowk and its flyover after Kargil war martyr Captain Vikram Batra, MB Road as Acharya Sri Mahapragya Marg and The Lajpat Nagar flyover to Jhulelal Setu. The committee has been constituted in 2017 based on the approval of Lieutenant governor Anil Baijal, and the committee was headed by the Deputy CM Manish Sisodia.

2) Name the 5th department that was created under Ministry of Defence (MoD) after a change in Government of India (Allocation of Business), Rules 1961?

- 1) Department of Defence
- 2) Department of Military affairs (DMA)
- 3) Department of Defence Production
- 4) Department of Defence Research and Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Department of Military affairs (DMA)

Explanation:

Department of Military affairs (DMA) was the newly created department. The new department works for the unity of the three forces Army, Navy and Air Force and will also monitor the services except capital acquisitions according to prevalent rules and procedures. The DMA is the 5th department in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and was created after a change in Government of India (Allocation of Business), Rules 1961. The other existing 4 departments under MoD are the Department of Defence, the Department of Defence Production, the Department of Defence Research and Development and the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare.

3) Who will head the newly created Department of Military affairs (DMA)?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Bipin Rawat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bipin Rawat

Explanation:

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Bipin Rawat will be the head of the newly created Department of Military affairs (DMA). The new department works for the unity of the three forces Army, Navy and Air Force and will also monitor the services except capital acquisitions according to prevalent rules and procedures. The DMA is the 5th department in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and was created after a change in Government of India (Allocation of Business), Rules 1961.

4) Which became the first state in India to pass a resolution scrapping the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kerala**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 the state govt. of Kerala became the 1st state in the country to pass a resolution scrapping the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The resolution was moved by Kerala's Chief Minister Shri Pinarayee Vijayan and was seconded by the Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala. It was also stated during the assembly that when the Citizenship Act was passed in 1955, it followed all international conventions. But the present act passed by the central govt was claimed to have not followed the international conventions.

5) Which state government's Road Transport Corporation has launched the 'Damini' helpline service to ensure the safety of women passengers with the unique number "81142-77777"?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 UPSRTC (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation) has launched 'Damini' helpline service considering the safety of the women passengers. As the extension of 'Nirbhaya Yojana' the unique number "81142-77777" has been subscribed for this helpline. Using these helpline women passengers can lodge their complaints by calling the helpline number and by using WhatsApp service. Women officers from UPSRTC will monitor this service from 9 a.m to 6 p.m everyday. After 6 p.m complaints can be lodged using general helpline number 1800-180-2877.

6) Dramatist, writer, social activist & Natyasurya Awardee Ratna Ojha passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Assam**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 renowned Assamese dramatist, writer and social activist Ratna Ojha passed away in Guwahati, Assam. He was 88. He took part in ongoing protest against amended Citizenship Act. He was born on December 5, 1931 in Barpeta district of Assam. In 1971 he introduced street plays in Assam. He also introduced Cartoon Theater in Northeast and produced and directed the documentary film 'Naam-ghar'. For his contribution in the field of theater, he received the prestigious Natyasurya Award in 2005.

7) How much percent of the Poshan Abhiyaan funds have been used in the past 3 years?

- 1) 35%
- 2) 40%
- 3) 30%

- 4) 50%
5) None of these
Answer – **3) 30%**

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019 according to an analysis of the data shared by Minister for Women and Child Development (MoWCD) Smriti Irani in the Parliament, merely 30% of the Poshan Abhiyaan funds have been used in 3 years. Apart from Mizoram, Lakshadweep, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar, none of the state govt has used the fund granted to them in the past 3 years.

8) Which State/UT has utilized the Poshan Abhiyaan funds well & emerged as the best performer?

- 1) Mizoram
2) Lakshadweep
3) Himachal Pradesh
4) Bihar
5) None of these
Answer – **1) Mizoram**

Explanation:

Best performers in Poshan Abhiyaan : Among the states that utilised the Poshan Abhiyaan funds well, Mizoram(65.12%) emerged as the best performer. It was followed by Lakshadweep (61.08%), Bihar (55.17%), Himachal Pradesh (53.29%) and Meghalaya (48.37%) in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively. Worst performers: The top worst performers were Punjab (0.45%), Karnataka (0.74%), Kerala (8.75%), Jharkhand (13.94%) and Assam (23.01%).

9) What is the Integrated help line number launched by Indian Railways for quick grievance and enquiries by the passengers during journeys?

- 1) 149
2) 152
3) 143
4) 139
5) None of these
Answer – **4) 139**

Explanation:

On 3rd January 2020, The Indian Railways launched an integrated helpline number 139 for quick grievance and enquiries by the passengers during journeys. It is an integrated form of existing helpline numbers (except 182) particularly to avoid the inconvenience over multiple helpline numbers and will be easy to connect with Railways for all their needs during travel. The helpline number will be available in 12 languages and it will be based on an interactive voice response system and it can also be used for general complaints, accidents and safety issues.

10) Where did Shri Vijay Ramniklal Rupani unveiled the 50 feet tall, “World’s 2nd largest statue of Sardar vallabhbhai Patel” recently?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
3) New Delhi, Delhi
4) Kolkata, West Bengal
5) None of these
Answer – **2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 the Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Ramniklal Rupani unveiled the world’s 2nd largest statue of Sardar vallabhbhai Patel at Sardardham campus near Vaishnodevi circle in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This bronze statue which is 50 feet tall weighing 70,000 kilograms was built at a

cost of Rs 3.25 crores. Padma Bhushan awardee Ram Vanji Sutar(Sculptor) who designed the world's tallest statue has built this world's second tallest statue too.

11) Which state has celebrated Ritualistic festival, 'Lai Haroba' recently?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Tripura
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Tripura**

Explanation:

Lai Haroba, a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities began in Agartala. The five-day long festival was inaugurated by Speaker of State legislative Assembly, Rebati Mohan Das. Lai Haroba was celebrated through oral literature, music, dance and rituals. A cultural troupe from Manipur came and performing manipuri martial arts, folk music and folk dances. The festival was organized by: Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of Tripura. Puthiba Lai Haraoba Committee and Puthiba Welfare & Cultural Society, Agartala.

12) Census of which animal, is set to be conducted in May 2020 by Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in Gujarat using 8,000-10,000 cameras?

- 1) Asiatic Lion
- 2) Cape lion
- 3) American lion
- 4) Barbary lion
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Asiatic Lion**

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020, The Wildlife Institute of India (WII), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate change (MoFCC), is set to conduct the Asiatic Lion Census in May 2020 by using around 8,000-10,000 cameras across 25,000 sqkm (Square kilometre) area spanning 7 districts in Gujarat. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)'s technology will be used for the lion census.

13) Which state government has launched a 'Cyber Safe Women' campaign to mark the birth anniversary of social reformer, Savitribai Phule?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 Maharashtra Government launched 'Cyber Safe Women' campaign to mark the birth anniversary of social reformer, Savitribai Phule. The main aim of this initiative is to reduce the cyber crimes against women and children. This campaign will be launched in 34 districts and 90 places at once across the state. To create awareness among women and children, cyber crime police will conduct presentations and lectures across the state.

14) Kerala government has launched, "K-RERA" to bring confidence and transparency in real estate sectors among the customers. What does 'A' stands for?

- 1) A - Asset
- 2) A - Authority

- 3) A - Association
- 4) A - Auctions
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) A - Authority**

Explanation:

A – Authority in K-RERA. The full form of K-RERA is Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority. It was in news recently because on January 1, 2020 Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan launched K-RERA (Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority) to bring confidence and transparency in real estate sectors among the customers. According to the CM, K-RERA will reduce real estate mafia and helps in creating valid relationships among promoter and buyer. As per the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016, State governments need to establish RERA for the effective regulations in real estate sectors.

15) NEST was in news recently, what does 'S' stand for _____?

- 1) S - Strategic
- 2) S - Securities
- 3) S - Stabilisation
- 4) S - Speculation
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) S - Strategic**

Explanation:

S stands for Strategic. The Full form of NEST is New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies (NEST).

16) To boost which type of Saree production, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has opened its first Silk Processing Plant in Gujarat?

- 1) Bomkai Sarees
- 2) Patola Sarees
- 3) Bandhani/Bandhej Saree
- 4) Bhagalpuri Saree
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Patola Sarees**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) opened its first Silk Processing Plant in Surendranagar district of Gujarat to increase the production of Gujarat Patola Sarees. The Plant was set up at a cost of Rs 75 lakh by Khadi institution where RS 60 lakh was contributed by KVIC. Patola Sarees are the trademark of Gujarat.

17) Name the division, that was formed by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to deal with new and emerging technologies?

- 1) NEST – Neutrality, Emerging and Strategic Technologies
- 2) NEST – Network, Emerging and Strategic Technologies
- 3) NEST – New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies
- 4) NEST – National, Emerging and Strategic Technologies
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) NEST – New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies**

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020 The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has set up a New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies (NEST) division which helps to deal with new and emerging technologies. NEST helps to partner with 5G and artificial intelligence areas of other countries. Under NEST, central government allows data sharing of various network makers in which Huawei shares its customer details with Chinese government under 5G trails.

18) Where was the India's 1st of its kind turtle rehabilitation centre inaugurated?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bihar**

Explanation:

A 1st of its kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles is to be inaugurated in January 2020 in the Bhagalpur forest division of Bihar. This centre spread over half a hectare will be able to shelter 500 turtles at a time. The centre will also treat turtles that are sick, severely injured or smuggled, and then be returned safely into its natural habitat.

19) Which 2 countries exchanged the list of Nuclear Installations on January 01, 2020?

- 1) India and Pakistan
- 2) Pakistan and China
- 3) China and Russia
- 4) India and Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) India and Pakistan**

Explanation:

On January 01, 2020 India and Pakistan exchanged lists of nuclear installations. The 2 countries have agreed to not be targeted incase of hostilities in continuation of the 3 decade old tradition. The exchanges were shared through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad (Pakistan).

20) How many States have finalized action plan for Agriculture Export Policy (AEP) to enhance exports?

- 1) 5
- 2) 6
- 3) 7
- 4) 8
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 8**

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, As per Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), eight states namely Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Punjab, and Karnataka finalized an action plan for Agriculture Export Policy (AEP) to enhance exports.

21) Name the 1st North Indian & 5th Indian Railway Station that inaugurated Navigation facilities for visually impaired recently?

- 1) Jagadhari Railway Station
- 2) Jalandhar Railway Station
- 3) Chandigarh Railway Station
- 4) Charbagh Railway Station
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Chandigarh Railway Station**

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020 Navigation facilities for visually impaired was inaugurated in Chandigarh railway station in Mohali, Punjab by Shri Gurinder Mohan Singh, Divisional Railway Manager- Ambala Division. It is fifth in the country and first in North India to have this facility for visually impaired. It

was developed by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC) and Makemytrip Foundation through NGO (Non-government organization) 'Anuprayaas'.

22) Name the 1st state in India that shortlist migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan for eligibility under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Explanation:

On January 05, 2020 Uttar Pradesh (UP) became the 1st state in India to conduct an exercise to shortlist migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan for eligibility under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019. This exercise will also eventually identify the people living illegally in UP. All the 75 district magistrates of UP have been asked to track down migrants from the above three countries who have settled without citizenship for decades. Migrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh were reported to be found mainly in Lucknow, Hapur, Rampur, Shahjahanpur, Noida and Ghaziabad cities of UP.

23) Which state has celebrated the 4th edition of the Buxa Bird Festival 2020 recently?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh (AR)
- 3) West Bengal(WB)
- 4) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) West Bengal(WB)

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, A 3-day long 4th edition of the Buxa Bird Festival 2020 has begun in Buxa National Park in the Alipurduar district of West Bengal(WB). The festival, organized by West Bengal Forest Department, will see the participation of around 50 people, including prominent ornithologists, birdwatchers and bird enthusiasts from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi. Till now, the presence of More than 300 rare species of birds has been noticed in Buxa National Park.

24) Which state has celebrated the 1st edition of Zo Kutpui festival 2020?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mizoram

Explanation:

In a bid to unify different tribes of Mizo community, the state Government of Mizoram will organize the 1st edition of Zo Kutpui festival 2020 across 10 states in India & also in countries such as Maryland in the US (United States), Tahan in Myanmar and Bangladesh from January 9, 2020. The 1st such festival, organized by the Mizoram tourism department, would be held at Vanghmun, a hub of Mizos in neighbouring Tripura, from January 9 – 11, 2020. Then festival will carry forward to other states which have a significant Mizo population.

25) What is the default temperature setting of all Air Conditioner (AC) that was set by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) with effect from January 1, 2020?

- 1) 13°C
 - 2) 12°C
 - 3) 18°C
 - 4) 24°C
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) 24°C**

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020 the central govt. in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has notified new energy performance standards for room Air Conditioner (AC) on 30th October 2019. Under the ambit of BEE star-labelling program vide the notification, the default temperature setting for all ACs has been made mandatory at 24°C with effect from January 1, 2020. ISEER new range: The Indian Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (ISEER) as per the new standards will also be ranging from 3.30 – 5.00 for split ACs and 2.70 – 3.50 for window air conditioners. This will become effective from January 1, 2021 onwards.

26) Which city has launched the 3rd edition of the 'Sukanya' project that provides self defence training to girls studying in Schools and Colleges?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kolkata, West Bengal**

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020, the Kolkata police of West Bengal started the 3rd edition of the 'Sukanya' project in the state. The project provides self- defence training to girls studying in school and colleges of Kolkata city. In the 3rd batch of the project, 100 city based schools and colleges lying in the Kolkata police jurisdiction were given training.

27) Which university will be conferred with the status of Institution of National Importance to a cluster of Ayurvedic institutions?

- 1) National Institute of Homeopathy, Kolkata
- 2) North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homeopathy, Mawdiangdiang
- 3) Gujarat Ayurveda University campus, Jamnagar
- 4) National Institute Of Ayurveda, Jaipur
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Gujarat Ayurveda University campus, Jamnagar**

Explanation:

CCEA has approved to confer status of Institution of National Importance (INI) to the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda by conglomerating cluster of institutes at Gujarat Ayurveda University campus, Jamnagar. The institutes include Institute for Post Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Shri Gulabkunwerba Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya and Institute of Ayurveda Pharmaceutical Sciences including Pharmacy Unit.

28) What is the total length of the North East Gas Grid project of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) that was approved by cabinet with viability Gap Funding(VGF)/ Capital Grant at 60% of the estimated cost of Rs 9265 crore?

- 1) 1356 Kilometers
- 2) 1456 Kilometers
- 3) 1556 Kilometers

4) 1656 Kilometers

5) None of these

Answer – **4) 1656 Kilometers**

Explanation:

CCEA has approved the North East Gas Grid project of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL) with viability Gap Funding(VGF)/ Capital Grant at 60% of the estimated cost of Rs 9265 crore (Including interest during construction). The VGF capped at 60% of estimated cost will not be linked with upward capital cost variation. Pipeline length: The total length of the pipeline is 1656 Kilometers. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas(MoPNG) will identify milestones for major activities for this project and also link the same for releases of capital grant of the project.

29) By which year, the target of producing coal is set to one billion tonnes by government of India?

1) 2024-25

2) 2023-24

3) 2022-23

4) 2021-22

5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2023-24**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the promulgation of Mineral Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2020. This ordinance will provide an allocation of coal blocks for composite prospecting license-cum-mining lease. This ordinance will amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 and Coal Mines(Special Provisions) Act, 2015. Coal imports: India has imported 235 million tonnes coal worth Rs 1.75 lakh crore in 2019. Out of this quantity, 100 million tonnes was non-substitutable coking coal. Coal production target: The govt has targeted to produce one billion tonnes by 2023-24.

30) Which Indian city, celebrated the 31st International Kite Festival for the year 2020 recently?

1) Ahmedabad , Gujarat

2) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

3) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

4) Mumbai, Maharashtra

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ahmedabad , Gujarat**

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020 The 31st International Kite Festival has been launched at Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has inaugurated the colourful kite festival in the presence of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat on this occasion. In this festival around 140 kite flying experts from 40 countries are participating in this event. The festival is also being organized in 9 other places across the state simultaneously including Statue of Unity- Kevadiya, Surat, and Vadodara and continue till 14th January MakarSankranti (Uttarayan)- the festival of kites in different parts of the state.

31) Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) is to be set up in which of the following Indian State?

1) Arunachal Pradesh

2) Andhra Pradesh

3) West Bengal

4) Gujarat

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gujarat**

Explanation:

Gujarat will set its Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) soon. The objective of the center is to identify, nurture and promote innovation of children up to 18 years in the state. The innovation centre will come up in Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Extension Research and Innovation at Gujarat University. The centre provides a platform for children to identify their potential with a joint partnership between the Gujarat University and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The centre has been named after the noted Indian Physicist and astronomer Vikram Sarabhai who is known as the 'Father of the Indian Space Program'.

32) Which Indian state, has launched the 2nd phase of vaccination drive under Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0?

- 1) West Bengal (WB)
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Uttar Pradesh (UP)**

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, The Union Government has launched 2nd phase of vaccination drive under Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 at block level in 35 districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP). It aims to achieve 90 % vaccination coverage among children under 2 years of age & pregnant women against 8 vaccine preventable diseases (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles, meningitis and Hepatitis B). Under IMI 2.0, the government will provide the immunization activity in 4 rounds over seven working days excluding the Regular immunization days, Sundays and holidays between December 2019 & March 2020.

33) Annual festival of Madhavpur Mela will be held in which Indian city in April 2020?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Gujarat**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 in New Delhi Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) chaired a high-level meeting for the preparation of the annual festival Madhavpur Mela of Gujarat which will be held at Madhavpur Ghed in Porbandar district of Gujarat on 2nd April 2020. The seven days festival celebrates the immortal journey of Lord Krishna and Rukmini from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat. The eight North-Eastern states namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura will participate in this festival.

34) MLAT was in news recently, what does 'A' stands for?

- 1) Association
- 2) Authority
- 3) Assets
- 4) Assistance
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Assistance**

Explanation:

A stands for Assistance. The full form of MLAT is Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT).

35) How many countries have signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with India for cooperation in criminal matters in November 2019?

- 1) 40 Countries
- 2) 42 Countries
- 3) 50 Countries
- 4) 52 Countries
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 42 Countries

Explanation:

On 8th January 2020, The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued revised guidelines to expedite the delivery of mutual legal assistance and justice in criminal matters with other countries under the government's policy of zero tolerance for crime at all. In this regard, India has signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) with 42 countries in November 2019 for cooperation in criminal matters & the MHA is also designated 'Central Authority of India' for it.

36) By using which fund, Indian Railways will install Internet Protocol (IP) based Video Surveillance System (VSS) in 983 railway stations?

- 1) Railways funds
- 2) Nirbhaya funds
- 3) Credit Guarantee Fund
- 4) Stand Up India Fund
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nirbhaya funds

Explanation:

Indian Railways is in the process of installing Internet Protocol (IP) based Video Surveillance System (VSS) at railway stations. In the last budget Rs 250 crore was allocated to Indian Railways from Nirbhaya funds for installation of VSS in 983 railway stations. In the first phase of installation VSS is being installed at 200 stations and as on date work has been completed at 81 stations across India.

37) Name the scheme under which 24 states and Union Territories (UTs) will set up a total of 1,023 'fast-track special courts' (FTSCs)?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Mantru Vandana Yojana
- 2) SWADHAR Greh Scheme
- 3) National Mission for Safety of Women (NMSW)
- 4) Mahila e-Haat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) National Mission for Safety of Women (NMSW)

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 24 states and union territories (UTs) have joined together to set up a total of 1,023 'fast-track special courts' (FTSCs) to dispose of over 1.60 lakh cases of rape of children below the age of 12 years and women pending in various courts across the country. This has been done to bring out fast and time bound completion of trial of these cases for which Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 was enacted. The FTSC will be set up as part of National Mission for Safety of Women (NMSW).

38) What is the total outlay of the project, that will set up 1,023 'fast-track special courts' (FTSCs)?

- 1) Rs. 767.25 crore
- 2) Rs. 667.25 crore
- 3) Rs. 567.25 crore
- 4) Rs. 467.25 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rs. 767.25 crore

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 24 states and union territories (UTs) have joined together to set up a total of 1,023 'fast-track special courts' (FTSCs) to dispose of over 1.60 lakh cases of rape of children below the age of 12 years and women pending in various courts across the country. Law and Justice Ministry had sent a proposal regarding setting up FTSC to WCD (Women and child development) Ministry. The Empowered Committee of officers for the Nirbhaya Fund headed by WCD secretary Rakesh Srivastava approved the proposal. Project cost: Total financial implication of the project is over Rs. 767.25 crore. The central support of Rs 474 crore for one year will be funded under the Nirbhaya Fund.

39) How many Indian airports have received the International recognition for reducing the carbon emission level as per the standards set by Airports Council International (ACI)?

- 1) 2
- 2) 4
- 3) 3
- 4) 6
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 4

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has announced that 4 Indian airports have received international recognition for reducing the carbon emission level as per the standards set by Airports Council International (ACI) for the grading. The 4 airports are as follows:

Si.No	Airport	City and State
1	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport	Kolkata, West Bengal
2	Biju Patnaik International Airport	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
3	Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
4	Trivandrum International Airport	Trivandrum, Kerala.

40) Which section has been declared as the first solar section in South Central Railway?

- 1) Attipattu-Korukkupettai section, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Mangalore-Panambur section, Karnataka
- 3) Ernakulam-Haripad section, Kerala
- 4) Nandyal-Yerraguntla section, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Nandyal-Yerraguntla section, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 the Nandyal-Yerraguntla section in Guntakal Division of Andhra Pradesh has been declared as the first solar section in South Central Railway. In 2016 August Indian Railways opened Nandyal-Yerraguntla section in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh. All the 8 stations in the Nandyal-Yerraguntla section namely Madduru, Banaganapalle, Koilakuntla, Sanjamala, Nossam, S.Uppalapadu, Jammalamadugu and Proddutur has been provided with solar panels which are capable of meeting all the power needs in these railway stations.

41) By which year, Indian Railways has planned to source about 1000 MegaWatt (MW) Solar Power?

- 1) 2022-23
- 2) 2023-24
- 3) 2021-22

- 4) 2024-25
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 2021-22**

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 the Nandyal-Yerraguntla section in Guntakal Division of Andhra Pradesh has been declared as the first solar section in South Central Railway. By 2021-22, Indian Railways has planned to source about 1000 MegaWatt (MW) Solar Power and about 200 MW of wind power across Zonal Railways & Production Units. Out of which 500 MegaWatt (MW) solar plants are to be installed on the rooftop of Railway buildings.

42) Name the bridge, that will become the world's highest railway bridge (359 m height above river bed) after completion?

- 1) Chenab Bridge
- 2) Bogibeel Bridge
- 3) Saraighat Bridge
- 4) Dikhow Bridge
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Chenab Bridge**

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Government of India set a new deadline for the completion of the world's highest railway bridge (359 m) - Chenab bridge. Kashmir will be connected to the rest of India by Indian railways by December 2021. Konkan railway is the implementing agency of this project. The Chenab bridge will be 35m taller than the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. Once completed, it will surpass the record of the Beipan river Shuibai railway bridge (275 m) in China.

43) Which of the following cities will be connected by the 1.315-km-long Chenab Bridge?

- 1) Bishnah (Jammu) and Hazratbal (Srinagar)
- 2) Bakkal (Katra) and Kauri (Srinagar)
- 3) Kokernag (Anantnag) and Khanyar (Srinagar)
- 4) Bijbehara (Anantnag) and Eidgah (Srinagar)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bakkal (Katra) and Kauri (Srinagar)**

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Government of India set a new deadline for the completion of the world's highest railway bridge- Chenab bridge. The 1.315-km-long 'engineering marvel' will connect Bakkal (Katra) and Kauri (Srinagar). The bridge forms a crucial link in the 111-km stretch between Katra and Banihal, which is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project. The massive arch-shaped structure being constructed in hostile-terrain, have used over 5462 tonnes of steel will be 359 meters above the chenab river bed.

44) Under which scheme, Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) allowed forests to be traded as a commodity?

- 1) Green India Mission (GIM)
- 2) Intensification of Forest Management Scheme (IFMS)
- 3) National Afforestation Programme (NAP)
- 4) Green Credit Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Green Credit Scheme**

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) which is an apex body that considers questions on the diversion of forest land for non-forest uses such as mining, industrial projects,

townships etc and also issues granting of forest clearances has approved Green Credit Scheme that would allow forests to be traded as a commodity.

45) Which state will set up 121 acres zoological garden named after the freedom fighter and revolutionary Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan?

- 1) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- 4) Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a proposal to set aside Rs.234 crore for a zoological garden spread across 121 acres in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh to be named after the freedom fighter and revolutionary Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan. AIM: To attract tourists and to increase employment opportunities. The purpose of the zoological garden is conservation of the wildlife. Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan zoological garden was proposed in 2008-2009. At present there are two zoological gardens in Uttar Pradesh namely, Nawab Wajid Ali Shah Zoological Garden in Lucknow and Kanpur Zoological Park in Kanpur.

46) Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly (ARLA) adopted a new logo recently. Which of the following flower is seen in logo?

- 1) Dragon-like Dendrobium
- 2) Aerides falcata
- 3) Rhynchostylis gigantea
- 4) Rhynchostylis retusa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rhynchostylis retusa

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly (ARLA) adopted a new logo which will reflect the distinct identity and culture of the state. The new logo consists of the National Emblem to signify the federal system of the Indian Constitution and the flower foxtail orchid (Rhynchostylis retusa) which represents the state, its people and culture, while the blue colour denotes the autonomy of the assembly secretariat.

47) Tamil Nadu (TN)'s Fishery and Music universities were named after which politician recently?

- 1) K. Kamaraj
- 2) M. Karunanidhi
- 3) J. Jayalalithaa
- 4) M. G. Ramachandran
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) J. Jayalalithaa

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Tamil Nadu (TN) Assembly passed the Bills to rename 'Tamil Nadu Fisheries University' and 'Tamil Nadu Music and Fine Arts University', after the late Chief Minister and AIADMK leader Jayaram Jayalalithaa as 'Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Fisheries University (TNJFU)' and 'Tamil Nadu Dr. J. Jayalalithaa Music and Fine Arts University (TNMFAU)' respectively.

48) Under which rule, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has launched paperless licensing process through Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) for road tankers for transportation of petroleum?

- 1) Petroleum Rules, 2005
- 2) Petroleum Rules, 2004
- 3) Petroleum Rules, 2003
- 4) Petroleum Rules, 2002
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Petroleum Rules, 2002

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has launched paperless licensing process through Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) for road tankers for transportation of petroleum under the Petroleum Rules, 2002. This is a significant move towards paperless and green India that provides ease of doing business for petroleum road tankers. Moving towards digitalisation the process will include filing the applications through online processing of the application at every stage will be intimated via e-mail (electronic mail) and SMS (Short Message Service) whether discrepancy or approval or grant of license.

49) Where is the state-of-the-art, Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) located?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). The state-of-the-art Centre is located in New Delhi. The scheme to setup I4C was approved in October 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs. 415.86 crore to deal with all types of Cyber crimes. National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit, National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, National Cyber Crime Training Centre, Cyber Crime Ecosystem Management Unit, National Cyber Crime Research and Innovation Centre, National Cyber Crime Forensic Laboratory Ecosystem and Platform for Joint Cyber Crime Investigation Team are the seven components of I4C.

50) Name the mission launched by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in Kolkata, West Bengal for accelerating the development of eastern India through integrated steel hub?

- 1) PURVODAYA
- 2) INSPIRE
- 3) PROTSAHAN
- 4) VIDYUTIKARAN
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) PURVODAYA

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel (MoPNG&S) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched PURVODAYA with the aim of driving accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal.

51) By which year, India is expected to produce 300 Million Tonne (MT) capacity of steel?

- 1) 2035-36
- 2) 2020-21
- 3) 2030-31

- 4) 2025-26
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 2030-31**

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel (MoPNG&S) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched PURVODAYA with the aim of driving accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal. The eastern belt has the potential to add more than 75% of the country's incremental steel capacity envisioned by the National Steel Policy (NSP). This region alone is expected to produce 200MT (Million Tonne) out of 300MT of steel by 2030-31 driven by Industry 4.0(trend towards automation).

52) Which of the following mine act was amended along with Coal Mines (special provisions) act, 2015 (CMSP act 2015) in order to ease new areas of growth in the coal & mining sector?

- 1) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1955 (MMDR act 1955)
- 2) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1956 (MMDR act 1956)
- 3) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (MMDR act 1957)
- 4) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1958 (MMDR act 1958)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (MMDR act 1957)**

Explanation:

The central govt has promulgated ordinance for amendment in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (MMDR act 1957) and The Coal Mines (special provisions) act, 2015 (CMSP act 2015) in order to ease new areas of growth in the coal & mining sector.

53) What is the target year set by government of India to produce one billion tonnes of coal?

- 1) 2023-24
- 2) 2021-22
- 3) 2025-26
- 4) 2026-27
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 2023-24**

Explanation:

The central govt has promulgated ordinance for amendment in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 (MMDR act 1957) and The Coal Mines (special provisions) act, 2015 (CMSP act 2015) in order to ease new areas of growth in the coal & mining sector. The govt has targeted to produce one billion tonnes of coal by 2023-24. It also aims to produce 660 million tonnes of coal by 2019-20.

54) Name the institute that has developed IT (Information Technology) tool “Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD)”, that will help in proper monitoring and accurate analysis of road accidents?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology–Delhi (IIT-D)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology–Kanpur (IIT-K)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology–Kharagpur (IIT-K)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology–Madras (IIT-M)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Indian Institute of Technology–Madras (IIT-M)**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs(Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Shri Nitin Gadkari & Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh have jointly launched an IT (Information Technology) tool “Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD)” developed

by the Indian Institute of Technology–Madras (IIT-M) that will help in proper monitoring and accurate analysis of road accidents. It was launched during ‘Road Safety Stakeholders’ Meet held in New Delhi.

55) Which bank provides financial assistance of Rs. 258 crore for developing the IT (Information Technology) tool “Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD)”?

- 1) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 2) World Bank (WB)
- 3) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 4) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) World Bank (WB)

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Shri Nitin Gadkari & Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh have jointly launched an IT (Information Technology) tool “Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD)” developed by the Indian Institute of Technology–Madras (IIT-M) that will help in proper monitoring and accurate analysis of road accidents. Developed with the help of ₹258 crore financial assistance given by the World Bank, the database will be implemented by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). Initially this system is being implemented in 6 states with highest fatalities of road crashes namely Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu (TN) and Uttar Pradesh (UP). It will be launched Across India after the successful trial.

56) Under which scheme, financial support of Rs. 15 lakh will be provided for one-time treatment of rare diseases as per the National draft policy on Rare Disease?

- 1) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- 3) Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme
- 4) Shramew Arogya Nidhi Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 the govt has released the National draft policy on Rare Disease in which financial support of Rs. 15 lakh will be provided under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme for one-time treatment of rare diseases. Beneficiaries: The scheme benefit is limited to people below Poverty Line (BPL) and also 40% of the population eligible as per Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) norms for treatment in government tertiary hospitals only.

57) Name the campaign launched by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan to create awareness among the people in conservation of fuels?

- 1) Shram Yogi
- 2) Samman
- 3) Saksham
- 4) Sansad Adarsh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Saksham

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched ‘Saksham’ a month long People-centric fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas in New Delhi. Under this campaign PCRA and Gas companies will conduct various workshops, seminars, cyclothon to adapt the measure of using less fuels. This campaign programs will be also broadcast in social media to create awareness among the people in conservation of fuels.

58) Which state celebrates the festival 'Chapchar Kut' recently?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Mizoram**

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 Government of Mizoram along with the organizing committee under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Zoramthanga has decided to celebrate the 'Chapchar Kut', the biggest and most important festival of the Mizos, on March 6, 2020. The two- days festival is celebrated under the theme "Promotion of Mizos' culture and moral code".

59) Which state has become 1st in India to initiate the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s 'red listing' of orchids?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 2) Assam
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh (AR)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Arunachal Pradesh (AR)**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020, Arunachal Pradesh (AR) has become the 1st State in India to initiate the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s 'red listing' of orchids at the state level after it has inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Itanagar, AR. According to the MoU, the state government of Arunachal Pradesh will cooperate with IUCN and conduct a red-list evaluation of orchids in the state.

60) _____ edition of National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 held in Indira Pratishthan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) 23rd
- 2) 22nd
- 3) 21st
- 4) 20th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 23rd**

Explanation:

The 23rd edition of the National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 was held at Indira Pratishthan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from January 12-16, 2020. It was jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

61) What was the theme of the 23rd edition of the National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020?

- 1) "Youth for Digital India"
- 2) "Fit Youth, Fit India"
- 3) "Sankalp Se Siddhi"
- 4) "Celebrating Diversity"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) "Fit Youth, Fit India"**

Explanation:

The 23rd edition of the National Youth Festival (NYF) 2020 was held at Indira Pratishthan, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from January 12-16, 2020. It was jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and

Sports (MYAS) and State Government of Uttar Pradesh. The theme of the 2020 NYF was “Fit Youth, Fit India”.

62) Which firm’s brand “APNA UREA – Sona Ugle” was launched by Shri Devaragunda Venkappa Sadananda Gowda recently?

- 1) Oman India Fertilizer Company (OMIFCO)
- 2) Hindustan India Fertilizer Company (HIFCO)
- 3) Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL)
- 4) IOT India Fertilizer Services Ltd. (IIFSL)
- 5) National Fertilizer Services Ltd. (NFSL)

Answer – 3) Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL)

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 the Union Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers (MoC&F) Shri Devaragunda Venkappa Sadananda Gowda launched “APNA UREA – Sona Ugle” brand of Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL) and also the company’s logo at an event in New Delhi.

63) Indian Postal Department, has released the commemorative stamp of Chuni Goswami. He is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Hockey
- 4) Chess
- 5) Badminton

Answer – 1) Football

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020, the Indian Postal Department of India Post has released a commemorative stamp of legendary Indian footballer Chuni Goswami on his 82nd birthday at his residence in Kolkata, West Bengal. Chuni Goswami led the Indian team to win a gold medal in the 1962 Asian Games held in Bangkok, Thailand. He is only the 3rd Indian footballer on whose name a commemorative postal stamp has been released.

64) Name the villages of Uttar Pradesh, that is set to become India’s first ‘Model Sports villages’ as a part of ‘Adarsh Khel Gram’ program of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad, UP along with Non Governmental Organization, ‘Sports: A Way of Life’?

- 1) Kisarua and Chandau
- 2) Hansigunj and Jirauliya
- 3) Ughaiti and Maujampur
- 4) Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran
- 5) Ughaiti and Chandau

Answer – 4) Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 Two villages namely Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has set to become India’s first ‘Model Sports villages’ as a part of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad, UP ‘Adarsh Khel Gram’ program in association with NGO (Non Governmental Organization) ‘Sports: A Way of Life’ to evolve sports culture and increase sports literacy in the country.

65) Government allocates, Rs.2379 crore for construction of Z-Morh tunnel, it is build in which UT/State?

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)
- 3) Uttar Pradesh

- 4) Assam
- 5) West Bengal

Answer – **2) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020, a concession agreement was signed in New Delhi for completing the Z-Morh tunnel in the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K). Under the agreement, Rs.2379 crore has been allocated to complete the construction of the tunnel within 3.5 years.

66) Where was the 5th edition of the Science Film Festival of India, SCI- FFI 2020 held?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Panaji, Goa
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer – **3) Panaji, Goa**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 the 5th edition of the Science Film Festival of India, SCI- FFI 2020 held at Inox Complex and Maquinez Palace in Panaji, Goa. It was a 4-day long festival which was held from January 15-18, 2020 and was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Pandurang Sawant. The aim of the festival was to instill knowledge of science among youth of the country.

67) Who won the Kerala State Sports Council's V Raja (Lt.Col. P. R. Godavarma Raja) award for athletics (Male) recently?

- 1) Mohammad Anas
- 2) Arokiya Rajiv
- 3) Dharun Ayyasamy
- 4) Jinson Johnson
- 5) Manjit Singh

Answer – **1) Mohammad Anas**

Explanation:

On 16 January 2020, Kerala Sports Minister EP Jayarajan Nambiar announced the sports award instituted by Kerala State Sports Council. Indian Sprinter Mohammad Anas won GV Raja(Lt.Col. P. R. Godavarma Raja) award (Male) for athletics. GV Raja award is awarded yearly for excellence in Sports. Anas has won silver for India in the 400-meter race at Jakarta Asian games.

68) Which State/UT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Institution for Transforming India(NITI) Aayog to promote the development of infrastructures?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Ladakh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – **4) Ladakh**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020, the National Institution for Transforming India(NITI) Aayog has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with newly developed Union Territory(UT) of Ladakh in order to promote the development of infrastructures in the recently developed UT. Under the MoU, Niti Aayog will provide support to Ladakh through 'Development Support Services to States for Infrastructure Projects (D3S-i or DSSS for Infrastructure Projects)'. The MoU was signed by senior adviser of Niti Aayog Yogesh Suri and Adviser to the Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Umang Narula in presence of Niti Aayog Chief Executive Officer(CEO) Shri Amitabh Kant and joint secretary MC Jauhari.

69) Where did Union Minister of Law and Justice (MoL&J) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer – 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 the Union Minister of Law and Justice (MoL&J) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology set up in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The CoE has been set up with the aim of providing blockchain as a service and help all stakeholders to benefit from shared learning, experiences and resources.

70) Name the organization, that sets up the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology in Bengaluru, Karnataka?

- 1) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)
- 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 3) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 4) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- 5) National Development Centre (NDC)

Answer – 4) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 the Union Minister of Law and Justice (MoL&J) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad inaugurated the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Blockchain Technology set up by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The CoE has been set up with the aim of providing blockchain as a service and help all stakeholders to benefit from shared learning, experiences and resources.

71) Find the information that will be collected by the citizens of India for the first time during Census 2021?

- a. Data on households headed by a transgender.
 - b. Inquiry about main cereal consumed
 - c. Data on OBC
- 1) Only a
 - 2) Only b
 - 3) Both a & b
 - 4) Both b & c
 - 5) All the above given options (a, b & c)

Answer – 3) Both a & b

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020, According to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the central government, for the 1st time, will collect data on households headed by a transgender and members living in the family for census 2021. Previously, the choice of the head of the household was gender – male or female. The Census 2021 is to ask 31 questions to the citizens. For the first time of Indian history, the following are to be included The information about households run by transgender is to be collected. Under the question of sex of household head, male, female and transgender is to be collected. The Census 2021 is to be conducted through mobile phone application Inquiry about main cereal consumed Earlier it was announced that the census for the first time will collect data on OBC. However, this has not been included. Rather there is provision of SC/ST in the census.

72) Where did President Ram Nath Kovind, laid down the foundation stone of Lakshadweep's 1st Super Specialty Hospital?

- 1) Kavaratti, Lakshadweep
- 2) Minicoy, Lakshadweep
- 3) Kalpeni, Lakshadweep
- 4) Kiltan, Lakshadweep
- 5) Andrott, Lakshadweep

Answer – 1) Kavaratti, Lakshadweep

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, who was on a first ever 2-day State Visit to the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, has laid the foundation stone for Lakshadweep's 1st Super Specialty Hospital at Kavaratti.

73) Which state celebrates the "Magh Bihu festival" recently?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – 2) Assam

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 Magh Bihu, an auspicious harvest festival is being celebrated in Assam. Magh Bihu falls in the local month of 'Magh' during mid-january. It is also called 'Bhogali Bihu' or 'Maghor Bihu' as it is celebrated with community feasts after the annual harvest takes place. The night before 'Magh Bihu' is called 'Uruka' meaning the night of feasts. The villagers make bamboo huts called 'Bhelghor' or community kitchen where they begin with the preparations for the festival.

74) Which Indian city is connected with Biratnagar of Nepal through 2nd Integrated Check Post (ICP) inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) of India, Shri Narendra Modi along with the PM of Nepal Shri Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli?

- 1) Purnia (Bihar)
- 2) Begusarai (Bihar)
- 3) Jogbani (Bihar)
- 4) Darbhanga (Bihar)
- 5) Saharsa (Bihar)

Answer – 3) Jogbani (Bihar)

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 the Indian Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi along with the PM of Nepal Shri Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the 2nd Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Jogbani – Biratnagar of India (in Bihar state) and Nepal respectively through video conference. Jogbani – Biratnagar acts as an important trade point between the two nations and is equipped with modern facilities.

75) Which date is set as deadline (preponed from June 30, 2020) to implement 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme across the country?

- 1) May 1, 2020
- 2) June 1, 2020
- 3) April 30, 2020
- 4) April 1, 2020
- 5) May 30, 2020

Answer – 2) June 1, 2020

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme will be implemented by June 1, 2020 across the country. This scheme has been preponed from its original date of June 30, 2020 to June 1, 2020. The announcement was made by the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan. On January 1, 2020 the scheme is operational in 12 states across the country which includes Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Tripura, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana. Under this scheme, the beneficiaries will be able to avail their entitled food grain under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) from any Fair Price Shop located across India.

76) How many Agri products testing laboratories are there in India after Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has set up additional 135 laboratories recently?

- 1) 190
- 2) 195
- 3) 180
- 4) 186
- 5) 179

Answer – 4) 186

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has set up additional 135 Agri products testing laboratories under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI). Now APEDA recognized Agri products testing laboratories has reached 186 across the Country. The number of Agri product testing laboratories have increased in states like Maharashtra (35), Gujarat (23), Andhra Pradesh & Telangana (10), Tamil Nadu (23) and Karnataka (17).

77) Which state government has passed Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system recently?

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

Answer – 5) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government has passed Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system.

78) Name the city, that will be made as the judicial capital of Andhra Pradesh if "Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020" gets approval?

- 1) Kurnool
- 2) Vizianagaram
- 3) Anantapur
- 4) Nellore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kurnool

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government has passed Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system. The bill proposes to make Visakhapatnam as the executive capital, Amaravati as the legislative capital and Kurnool as the judicial capital of Andhra Pradesh.

79) Which state has recently released the “Guarantee Card”, 10-point shorter election manifesto of the party that promises pollution-free city?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Delhi
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) West Bengal

Answer – 3) Delhi

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020, Delhi Chief Minister (CM) and AAP (Aam Aadmi Party) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal has launched the “Kejriwal Ka Guarantee Card”, a 10-point shorter election manifesto of the party, ahead of Delhi Assembly elections 2020 to be held on Feb 8, 2020. The detailed manifesto will be released after January 26, 2020.

80) To meet which of the following purpose, Ministry of Earth Science has launched Seismic Hazard Microzonation project?

- 1) For identifying the earthquake prone areas based Volcanic inflation and geophysical characteristics
- 2) For identifying the earthquake prone areas based Climate change and Volcanic inflation
- 3) For identifying the earthquake prone areas based on its geological and geophysical characteristics
- 4) For identifying the earthquake prone areas based on its Explosions and Fracking
- 5) For identifying the earthquake prone areas based on its Climate change and Fracking

Answer – 3) For identifying the earthquake prone areas based on its geological and geophysical characteristics

Explanation:

The Ministry of Earth Science has launched Seismic Hazard Microzonation project in major cities of India. The project aims to reduce the hazards of Seismic activities by taking proper measures. Seismic Hazard Microzonation is the process of identifying the earthquake prone areas based on its geological and geophysical characteristics. The project has been completed in the State of Sikkim and in other eight cities namely Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Guwahati, Jabalpur, Dehradun Ahmedabad and Gandhidham. Japan is the best example for the proper implementation of microzonation techniques.

81) Name the first Airport in India, that acquired Disabled Aircraft Recovery Equipment (DARE) from KUNZ GmbH to recover disabled aircraft up to Code F category and enabling faster resumption of operations?

- 1) Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)
- 2) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA)
- 3) Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)
- 4) Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport (JPNIA)
- 5) Cochin International Airport (CIA)

Answer – 1) Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)

Explanation:

On 14th January 2020, An agreement was signed by The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) to acquire Disabled Aircraft Recovery Equipment (DARE) to enhance operational capabilities and to reduce downtime during runway emergencies. The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has signed an agreement with a German based company KUNZ GmbH to manufacture, supply, commission and maintain the specialized equipment for Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bangalore. This will make Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) the first airport in the region to acquire such facility to recover disabled aircraft up to Code F category and enabling faster resumption of operations.

82) What was the theme of the 2nd edition of 'NIC Tech Conclave 2020' inaugurated by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – “Advance Manufacturing with Quality, Innovation & Technology Interventions”
- 2) Theme – “Access for all: Leveraging Innovations & Investments”
- 3) Theme – “Technologies for NextGen Governance”
- 4) Theme – “Accessible Technologies for NextGen”
- 5) Theme – “Science and Technology: Rural Development”

Answer – 3) Theme – “Technologies for NextGen Governance”

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, the Union Minister for Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology(IT), has inaugurated a 2-day long 2nd edition of 'NIC TechConclave 2020' based on the theme “Technologies for NextGen Governance” held at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

83) Name the first state in India that implemented agricultural land leasing policy recently?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) West Bengal

Answer – 2) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Uttarakhand has become the first state in India which has made a policy to lease agricultural land. After the approval of Rashtrapati Bhavan, the state government has issued the order. Under this leasing policy, instead of giving land on a 30-year lease, the concerned farmer will get the rent for the land. By this policy any institutions, company, firm or NGO can take farm lands of maximum 30 acres in villages for lease for a period of 30 years and the government land around farm land can be taken for lease by paying the fee with the permission of the District Magistrate.

84) Which country was declared as the “reciprocating territory” under Section 44A of Civil Procedure Code (CPC), 1908 by Ministry of Law and Justice recently?

- 1) Iran
- 2) Saudi Arabia
- 3) Iraq
- 4) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 5) United States (US)

Answer – 4) United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Explanation:

The Central Government has declared the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to be a “reciprocating territory” under Section 44A of Civil Procedure Code (CPC), 1908. The order was issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice. By this the order passed by the superior Courts of UAE can now be enforced in India as if they had been passed by the local courts in India. Section 44A provides the law on the subject of execution of decrees of Courts in India by foreign Courts and vice versa. The decision is believed to help bring down the time required for executing decrees between the two countries.

85) What is the capital of the newly merged Union Territory (UT) Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu?

- 1) Daman
- 2) Diu
- 3) Dadra
- 4) Nagar Haveli
- 5) Silvassa

Answer – 1) Daman

Explanation:

After the parliament passed a bill to merge two Union territories(UTs) Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli into a single UT, CCEA has now approved the proposed amendments/extension/repeal in the following Acts and Regulations dealing with Goods and Services Tax (GST), Value Added Tax (VAT) and State Excise, and for designation of Daman as Headquarter of UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu on January 26,2020. The amendments are as follows:

Amendments/repeals/extensions:

Current Act	Name of act after being amended/repealed or extended
Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017.	To be amended as Central Goods and Service Tax (Amendments) Regulation, 2020.
Union Territory Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017.	To be amended as Union Territory Goods and Service Tax (Amendments) Regulation, 2020.
Dadra and Nagar Haveli Value Added Tax Regulation, 2005.	To be amended as Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Value Added Tax (Amendments) Regulation, 2020.
Daman and Diu Value Added Tax Regulation, 2005.	To be repealed as Daman and Diu Value Added Tax (Repeal) Regulation, 2020.
Goa, Daman and Diu Excise Duty Act, 1964.	To be amended as Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Excise Duty (Amendment) Regulation, 2020.
Dadra and Nagar Haveli Excise Duty Regulation, 2012.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli Excise Duty (Repeal) Regulation, 2020.

86) What is the total cost approved by the cabinet for the establishment of permanent campuses of National Institutes of Technology (NITs) till 2021 – 2022?

- 1) Rs.5171.90 crore
- 2) Rs.5871.90 crore
- 3) Rs.4371.90 crore
- 4) Rs.4871.90 crore
- 5) Rs.5371.90 crore

Answer – 3) Rs.4371.90 crore

Explanation:

CCEA has approved the revised cost estimates(RCE) for the establishment of permanent campuses of National Institutes of Technology (NITs), at a total cost of Rs.4371.90 crore for the period till 2021 – 2022. These NITs were established in 2009 and have been functioning since 2010-11 academic year in temporary campus. After the revised cost estimate approval, these NITs will be functional from respective permanent campuses by March 31, 2022. These NITs will have overall student capacity of 6320.

87) Cabinet committee approved to shut down the Hindustan Fluorocarbons Limited (HFL) recently, it is located in which city?

- 1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Gurugram, Assam
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer – 5) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

CCEA has given its approval to shut down the operation as well as closure of Hindustan Fluorocarbons Limited (HFL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals situated in Rudraram, District Sangareddy of Hyderabad, Telangana. The other approval related to HFL closure are as follows: Grant of interest free loan of Rs.77.20 crore by the Govt. to HFL for expenditure exclusively on its closure and it will be helpful in implementation of VRS (Voluntary Retirement Scheme)/ VSS (Voluntary Separation Scheme(VSS), payment of outstanding salary & statutory dues, etc.

88) What is deadline, fixed by the cabinet for the extension of the term of commission under Article 340 to examine issues related to sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBC)?

- 1) 31, July 2020
- 2) 31, March 2020
- 3) 30, April 2020
- 4) 31, May 2020
- 5) 30, June 2020

Answer – **1) 31, July 2020**

Explanation:

CCEA has approved extension of the term of commission under Article 340 to examine issues related to sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes (OBC), by 6 months that is up to 31, July 2020. Following Term of Reference(ToR) to existing ToR of the commission has also been approved.It is as follows: To study the various entries in the Central List of OBCs and recommend corrections based on any kind of repetitions, ambiguities, inconsistencies and errors of spelling or transcription etc.

89) India, Tunisia and Papua New Guinea signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for co-operation of which of the following field?

- 1) Health and medicine & Protocol convention on tax evasion
- 2) Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy
- 3) Exploration and Uses of Outer Space
- 4) Electoral management and Administration
- 5) Research Work on Biology and Medicine

Answer – **4) Electoral management and Administration**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the proposal of legislative Department in allowing the India's electoral commission to enter into Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Independent High Authority for Elections of Tunisia (ISIE) and the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission(PNGEC) for elections for cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration.

90) Which 2 countries have signed 4 agreements/MoUs for Cooperation on legal assistance in criminal matters, oil and natural gas sector, early childhood & Geology and Mineral Resources?

- 1) India and Singapore
- 2) India and Brazil
- 3) India and Malaysia
- 4) India and Japan
- 5) India and United States

Answer – **2) India and Brazil**

Explanation:

A total of 4 agreements/MoUs were between India and the Federative Republic of Brazil were approved by the CCEA. The MoUs were on legal assistance in criminal matters, cooperation in oil and natural gas sector, cooperation in the field of early childhood and cooperation in the field of geology and mineral resources. These approvals in brief are as follows:

i.Cooperation on legal assistance in criminal matters.

- ii.Cooperation in the field of oil and natural gas sector.
- iii.Cooperation in the field of early childhood.
- iv.Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources.

91) Where did, East Coast Railway (ECoR) commissioned Indian Railways 1st & India's 4th waste to energy plant?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer – 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 Railway Board Member (Rolling Stock) Rajesh Agarwal inaugurated the East Coast Railway's (ECoR) waste to energy plant at Mancheswar Carriage Repair workshop in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. It is the fourth waste to energy plant in the country and first plant manufactured by Indian Railways (IR). Total cost of the plant is Rs 1.79 crore and it can convert 500kg waste to light diesel oil which can be used in light furnaces.

92) Which organization has released the vision document for the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP) that provide tools for analytics and visualisation of data to stakeholders?

- 1) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
- 2) National Development Council
- 3) Finance Commission
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 5) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Answer – 1) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog, a policy think tank of the Government of India (GoI), has released the vision document for the National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP), which contain the latest datasets from several government departments and will also provide tools for analytics and visualisation of data to stakeholders in a user-friendly manner. The website for NDAP can be accessible by public & have features for visually-impaired users, audio and video tutorials in bilingual manner (Hindi & English language) and datasets in multiple languages. In addition, the NDAP will enable users to follow a sector, dataset and location which they are interested in. They will also get update alert of these datasets.

93) In which city, government of India will set up India's 1st war memorial for service animals such as dogs, horses, mules?

- 1) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh(UP)

Answer – 5) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh(UP)

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 the govt has announced to set up country's 1st war memorial for service animals such as dogs, horses, mules in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh(UP). This war memorial will come at army's specialised breeding, rearing training centre for animals in the Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre and College in Meerut. Names of 300 dogs, 350 handlers and a few horses mules that had dedicated its life in various military operations like kargil war etc will be inscribed in the granite tablets in the memorial. Mansi, a labrador breed dog which was awarded the highest honour of

animals will top the list of animals to be remembered. The Indian currently has army has more than 100 dogs, 5000 mules and 1500 horses.

94) Which city has joined the list of 'Open Defecation Free (ODF)' cities recently?

- 1) Leh
- 2) Shimla
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Srinagar
- 5) Ladakh

Answer – **4) Srinagar**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 Mayor of Srinagar Junai Azim Mattu announced that the Srinagar has joined the list of 'Open Defecation Free (ODF)' cities. Swachata certificate: Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir received its Swachata certificate from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Central Government and joins the list of cities that are now 'OPEN DEFECATION FREE'. Achievement of Srinagar: Srinagar receives 45th Rank in Cleanest cities in the country.

95) Where was the India's first e-waste clinic inaugurated?

- 1) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Pune, Maharashtra
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Answer – **1) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 India's first e-waste clinic was opened in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The e-waste clinic was inaugurated by C K Mishra (Secretary to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change, MoEFCC). The e-waste clinic was jointly set up by the Central Pollution Board Control -CPCB and Bhopal Municipal Corporation -BMC.

96) Under which organization assistance, Ministry of Women and Child Development launched "Establishment of Chairs in the Universities in the name of eminent women" to inspire women to achieve their goals?

- 1) National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
- 2) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
- 3) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- 4) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) University Grants Commission (UGC)**

Explanation:

January 24, 2020 is celebrated as the "National Girl Child Day" under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Ministry announced an initiative called "Establishment of Chairs in the Universities in the name of eminent women" which encourages women to carry out research activities. This initiative was launched under the assistance of University Grants Commission (UGC) to inspire women to achieve their goals and to motivate young girls towards higher studies.

97) Whose name was proposed as the chair for the "Administration" field by University Grants Commission (UGC)?

- 1) Mahadevi Varma
- 2) Devi Ahilyabai Holkar
- 3) Rani Gaidinliu

- 4) Lilavati
- 5) Amrita Devi

Answer – **2) Devi Ahilyabai Holkar**

Explanation:

January 24, 2020 is celebrated as the “National Girl Child Day” under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Ministry announced an initiative called “Establishment of Chairs in the Universities in the name of eminent women” which encourages women to carry out research activities. The 10 chairs will be set up by UGC for five years. They are named after the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar (for Administration), Mahadevi Varma (for Literature), Rani Gaidinliu (for Freedom Fighter North East), Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi (for Medicine and Health), M S Subbulakshmi (for Art), Amrita Devi (for Forest and Wildlife conservation), Lilavati (for Mathematics), Kamala Sohoni (Science), Lal Ded (Poetry and Mysticism) and Hansa Mehta (for Educational Reforms). Each chair will be given Rs 50 lakh each for a year with the total expenditure of Rs 5 crore per annum for a period of five years.

98) Which state topped in vegetable production in 2018-19 (3rd advance estimates) by producing 29.55 million tonnes of vegetables?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal (WB)
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh (AR)
- 5) Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Answer – **3) West Bengal (WB)**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to the State-wise horticulture production data released at a conference organised by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, the state of West Bengal (WB) has been at the forefront of vegetable production in 2018-19 (3rd advance estimates), where the production of vegetables was 29.55 million tonnes (MT). It was followed by Uttar Pradesh –UP (27.70 MT) and Madhya Pradesh (17.77 MT). Andhra Pradesh (AP) continued to hold the top spot in fruits with 17.61 MT in 2018-19. It was followed by Maharashtra (10.82 mt) and UP (10.65 mt).

99) Name the country that received 30,000 doses of Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccine from Serum Institute of India Private Limited, Pune, Maharashtra, India?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Seychelles
- 3) Mauritius
- 4) China
- 5) Nepal

Answer – **1) Maldives**

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 the Government of India (GoI) has supplied 30,000 doses of Measles and Rubella (MR) vaccine within 72 hours on the emergency request of the Maldives government. These vaccines are supplied by Serum Institute of India Private Limited, Pune, Maharashtra. Though Maldives have eradicated Measles in 2017, it has detected four positive cases a week back, so the outbreak vaccines are sent on the emergency request.

100) Name the organization that collaborated with National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) to establish ‘Communication Resource Unit’ (CRU)?

- 1) International Atomic Energy Agency, New Delhi (Delhi)
- 2) International Solar Alliance, New Delhi (Delhi)
- 3) Indian-Ocean Rim Association, New Delhi (Delhi)
- 4) UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund), Hyderabad (Telangana)
- 5) United Nation, New Delhi (Delhi)

Answer – 4) UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund), Hyderabad (Telangana)

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), an autonomous organisation under the Union Ministry of Rural Development has entered into the partnership with UNICEF (United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund), Hyderabad (Telangana) field office to set up ‘Communication Resource Unit’ (CRU).

101) Name the country that has completely phased out of the Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)-141 b, one of the most potent ozone depleting chemical?

- 1) India
- 2) United States (US)
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) Russia

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

The republic of India has successfully achieved complete phase out of the Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)-141 b. It is a chemical used in foam manufacturing companies and is one of the most potent ozone depleting chemicals after the Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). India took the challenge to phase out HCFC-141b by January 1, 2020. HCFC 141b: Act to prohibit usage of HCFC-141b: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) issued a notification for the prohibition of HCFC-141b from Jan 1st, 2020 under the Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Amendment Rules, 2019 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. This was achieved through the ministry’s HCFC Phase out Management Plan (HPMP).

102) Which country will be the guest of honour at 2022 New Delhi World Book Fair?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) United Kingdom (UK)
- 3) France
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) Russia

Answer – 3) France

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 France ambassador to India, Emmanuel Lenain has announced that France will be the guest of honour at New Delhi World Book Fair for the year 2022 (NDWBF 2022) as part of the reciprocal invitation as New Delhi was the guest of honour for 2020 Livre Paris (Paris Book Fair).

103) Which state government has made it mandatory for schools to read the preamble of the constitution under the name sovereignty of constitution?

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

Answer – 4) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020 the govt of Madhya Pradesh has made it mandatory for schools to read the preamble of the constitution every Saturday under the name sovereignty of constitution. This has been done to make the students understand the basic principles of justice, equality, liberty & brotherhood. The order has been issued by the department of school education of Madhya Pradesh.

Earlier Maharashtra govt made the reading of the constitution's preamble mandatory in all primary and secondary schools.

104) Which state government has partnered with National Innovation Foundation & organized the "1st ever Innovation festival" recently?

- 1) Kerala (Held in Kochi)
- 2) Madhya Pradesh (Held in Bhopal)
- 3) Uttar Pradesh (Held in Varanasi)
- 4) Maharashtra (Held in Pune)
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh (Held in Itanagar)

Answer – 5) Arunachal Pradesh (Held in Itanagar)

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020 Arunachal Pradesh state council for science & Technology (APSCS&T) with partnership with National Innovation Foundation organised the 1st ever Innovation festival at science centre IG Park, Itanagar Arunachal Pradesh. The two days festival aims to encourage the cultural innovation among the people and students of Arunachal Pradesh.

105) Where was the India's 1st Super Fab Lab inaugurated, that will collaborate with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States(US) to enhance the hardware industry?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Assam

Answer – 1) Kerala

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020 the Chief Minister(CM) of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated India's 1st Super Fab Lab facility at the Integrated Startup Complex of the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM). The lab which will function in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States(US), will work in enhancing the hardware industry. It is the only such facility outside the United States(US). The concept for the Super Fab Lab was by Dr. Neil Gershenfeld, Director of MIT Centre for Bits and Atoms. He set up the 1st Fab Lab in the U.S. before 17 years.

106) Name the scheme, launched by Maharashtra state govt with the aim of providing a meal to the poor for Rs.10?

- 1) Shiv Shetkari
- 2) Shiv Jyotirao
- 3) Shiv Bhojan
- 4) Jyotirao Phule Shetkari
- 5) Shiv Phule

Answer – 3) Shiv Bhojan

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020, The Shiv Sena party led Maharashtra Government (govt) launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme, with the aim of providing a meal to the poor for Rs.10 on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day. The district guardian Minister Aslam Shaikh inaugurated the "Shiv Bhojan Thali" canteen at the civic-run Nair Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Aaditya Uddhav Thackeray, Tourism Minister, and Mumbai suburban district Guardian Minister inaugurated similar center at the Collector's Office in Bandra, Maharashtra.

107) Which state government has approved the abolition of the legislative council which is a major hurdle for passing crucial bills?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal (WB)
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Answer – 5) Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, The Andhra Pradesh (AP) cabinet chaired by the chief minister (CM) Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy has approved the abolition of the legislative council which the government feels is a major hurdle for passing crucial bills. This approval came after AP government failed to pass 2 important bills (Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system & and the AP Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Act (Repeal) Bill) in the upper house of the legislature.

108) Name the 2nd Indian state that has signed an MoU with the Government eMarketplace (GeM) to set up a GeM Organizational Transformation Team (GOTT) Project Management Unit (PMU)?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 2) West Bengal (WB)
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Mizoram

Answer – 1) Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, The Government eMarketplace (GeM) under the Department of Commerce of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Uttar Pradesh (UP) govt to set up a GeM Organizational Transformation Team (GOTT) Project Management Unit (PMU) in the state. It is also to be noted that UP is the second state after Punjab to establish GOTT-PMU. Aim: The aim of the MoU is to make the procurement guidelines easier and also to make procurement processes more enhanced for MSMEs (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) in UP to transact on GeM.

109) As per the, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare's 1st advance report for 2019-20, what is the estimated total horticulture production in 2019-20?

- 1) 353.35 million tonnes (mt)
- 2) 343.35 million tonnes (mt)
- 3) 333.35 million tonnes (mt)
- 4) 323.35 million tonnes (mt)
- 5) 313.35 million tonnes (mt)

Answer – 5) 313.35 million tonnes (mt)

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India (GoI) has presented the first advance report for 2019-20 & as well as the final estimate for 2018-19 for Area and Production of various Horticulture Crops. Horticulture production: According to the report, horticulture production in 2019-20 can be 313.35 million tonnes (mt), 0.84% higher than in 2018-19 (310.74 mt).

110) India's 1st underwater metro rail, that will run partly under Hooghly River will be completed in which Indian city by March 2022?

- 1) Nashik
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Ahmedabad

Answer – 3) Kolkata

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) is set to complete its East-West Project, which runs partly under the Hooghly river, West Bengal, by March 2022. It will be India's first underwater metro. The new metro rail is expected to carry about 900,000 people daily & will take less than a minute to cross a 520-meter underwater tunnel. 74% of the East-West metro project is owned by India's Railway & remaining 26% by the nation's Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

111) Which crop production's 1st estimate for 2019-20 was released by the National Collateral Management Services Limited (NCML) recently?

- 1) Rabi crop
- 2) Kharif crop
- 3) Zaid crop
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer – 1) Rabi crop

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 agriculture post-harvest management company- National Collateral Management Services Limited (NCML) has released its 1st estimate of for 2019-20 rabi crop production. The year 2020 is expected to make record food grain production led by the wheat crop along with corn and jowar while Oilseeds and pulses may have lower production.

112) How many wetland sites from India was declared as Ramsar sites recently making the total count 37?

- 1) 16
- 2) 10
- 3) 12
- 4) 14
- 5) 15

Answer – 2) 10

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 in an effort to improve the conservation, restoration and rejuvenation of wetlands, the Ramsar Convention has declared 10 more wetland sites from India as sites of national importance. Ramsar sites are those which are declared under the Ramsar Convention signed in 1971 to preserve wetlands of national importance. Thus India now has a total of 37 Ramsar sites covering an area of 1,067,939 hectares.

113) Nandur Madhameshwar was added to the Ramsar site recently, it is located in which state?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Nandur Madhameshwar was added to Ramsar site recently. It is the 1st Ramsar site of Maharashtra. The 10 newly added Ramsar sites are as follows: Nandur Madhameshwar: This is the 1st Ramsar site of Maharashtra. Keshopur-Miani, Beas Conservation Reserve, Nangal: These 3 Ramsar sites are newly added to Punjab. Apart from these 3 sites, Punjab already has 3 Ramsar sites. Thus the total Ramsar sites in the states counts to 6. Nawabganj, Parvati Agra, Saman, Samaspur, Sandi and Sarsai Nawar: These 6 Ramsar sites have been newly added to Uttar Pradesh (UP) apart from 1 Ramsar site it already had. Thus, UP now has 7 Ramsar sites.

114) Where was the World's largest meditation centre inaugurated to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) and Heartfulness Institute?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer – 3) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 the World's largest meditation centre was inaugurated at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Hyderabad, Telangana to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) and Heartfulness Institute. The center is dedicated to the first guide of Heartfulness Lalaji Maharaji. It can accommodate 1 lakh practitioners at a time. To celebrate the 75th anniversary, special sessions will be addressed by President Ram Nath Kovind on February 2, 2020 and social activist Anna Hazare on February 8, 2020.

115) By which month, Government of India (GoI) is set to release the report card of 100 selected smart cities?

- 1) August, 2020
- 2) June, 2020
- 3) March, 2020
- 4) April, 2020
- 5) July, 2020

Answer – 2) June, 2020

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) is to release the report card of 100 selected smart cities in June, 2020 as the Smart Cities Mission completes its five year. This report will be released in three categories, namely ease of living index, municipal performance index and climatic index. Ease of Living index: Under this index 35 percent weightage will be given "to quality of life", 20 percent to "sustainability", 20 percent to "economic viability" and 30 percent to "citizen participation". Municipal Performance index: Under this index 30 percent weightage will be given for "services", 20 percent for "finance", 15 percent for "technology", 15 percent for "planning", 20 percent for "governance". Climatic index: Under this index cities will be ranked for promoting environment related issues.

116) Name the animal, that will be introduced in India from Namibia?

- 1) African Leopard
- 2) leopard
- 3) Acinonyx kurteni
- 4) African cheetah
- 5) Asiatic cheetah

Answer – 4) African cheetah

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 the Supreme Court(SC) has allowed the govt. to introduce African Cheetah in a suitable wildlife habitat in India including Kuno-Palpur (Kuno National Park) in Madhya Pradesh. The decision was taken after a petition was filed by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to introduce the African Cheetah from Namibia as the rare Indian Cheetah that has become almost extinct in India. A 3-member committee was set up to take a decision on this issue. The committee comprised of former Director of Wildlife Trust of India(WTI) Shri Ranjit Singh; Director General(DG) of Wildlife of India Shri Dhananjay Mohan; and Deputy Inspector General(DIG), Wildlife under the Ministry of Environment and Forests(MoE&F).

117) Name the scheme, that faces fund crunch as 96% funds has been spent?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)
- 3) Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- 5) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Answer – **5) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme**

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020, as per Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme's financial statement, the govt is on the verge of running out of funds for the MGNREGA scheme. It has been announced that more than 96% of the allocated money to the fund has been spent and is still needed to pay the pending dues. Less than Rs. 2500 crore is left to sustain the scheme for the next two months.

118) Where was the India's 1st & biggest 'walk-through' aviary inaugurated?

- 1) Byculla Zoo in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Jawaharlal Nehru Biological Park, Jharkhand
- 4) Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in Darjeeling, West Bengal
- 5) Nandankanan Zoological Park in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Answer – **1) Byculla Zoo in Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray inaugurated the country's first and biggest 'walk-through' aviary in Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan and Zoo also known as Byculla Zoo in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The aviary is spread over in 18,234 sq ft, is 44 feet tall and consists of 100 species of Indian and exotic birds. The special enclosures for animals like bears, hyenas, leopards, fox, barasingha and antelope are completed and Asiatic Lion, tigers will be included soon.

119) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the National Commission for Homeopathy Bill (NCH) 2019. It will amend which of the following act?

- 1) Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1971
- 2) Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1972
- 3) Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1973
- 4) Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1974
- 5) Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1975

Answer – **3) Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1973**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved for the official amendments in the National Commission for Homeopathy Bill (NCH) 2019. This bill which is currently pending in the Rajya Sabha, will amend the Homoeopathy Central Council (HCC) Act, 1973. Amendment features: The amendment will make reforms in the field of Homoeopathy education and enable transparency and accountability to protect the interest of the public. Through these amendments, affordable healthcare services will be enhanced.

120) How much percentage of North Eastern Council's (NEC's) allocation will be dispensed for new projects in deprived areas under the already existing "Schemes of North Eastern Council"?

- 1) 10%
- 2) 30%
- 3) 45%
- 4) 40%
- 5) 25%

Answer – **2) 30%**

Explanation:

The CCEA has given its approval to allocate 30% North Eastern Council's (NEC's) allocation for new projects under the already existing "Schemes of North Eastern Council". Focus areas: This 30% allocation is to focus on the development of deprived areas; deprived/neglected sections of society & emerging priority sectors in the North eastern States. The remaining allocation will be bifurcated into 2 components with the State component's share being 60% & the central component's share being 40%.

121) Productivity-Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme of which of the following labour was extended beyond 2017-18 by Cabinet recently?

- 1) Food Public and Distribution Labour
- 2) Testing and Quality Labour
- 3) Organic Chemicals & Fertilizers Labour
- 4) Port Trust & Dock Labour
- 5) Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Labour

Answer – **4) Port Trust & Dock Labour**

Explanation:

The CCEA has given its approval to extend the already existing Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme beyond 2017-18. The extension will be made applicable until any changes/ amendments made in the scheme. Scheme benefits: PLR scheme boosts industrial relationship and the work atmosphere in the Port Sector, apart from generating productivity.

122) What is the upper limit for abortions of special category women raised from 20 weeks by cabinet recently?

- 1) 24 weeks
- 2) 21 weeks
- 3) 22 weeks
- 4) 25 weeks
- 5) 28 weeks

Answer – **1) 24 weeks**

Explanation:

The CCEA has given its approval to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020. This bill which will be introduced in parliament soon will amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971. Opinion on pregnancy termination: Opinion of 1 provider to terminate pregnancy up to 20 weeks of gestation (period of development inside the womb) will be required. For 20-24 weeks opinion of 2 providers will be required for termination. 24 week gestation limit: Upper gestation limit from 20 to 24 weeks will be defined in the amendments to MTP (Medical Termination of Pregnancy) rules for special category women. The special category includes survivors of rape, victims of incest, differently-abled women, Minors etc.

123) Name the e-commerce firm that has signed an MoU with the Gujarat State Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd (GSHHDC) for the promotion of local handicrafts?

- 1) Myntra
- 2) ShopClues
- 3) Snapdeal
- 4) Flipkart
- 5) Amazon

Answer – 4) Flipkart

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, Flipkart Private Limited, an Indian e-commerce company, has entered into an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with the Gujarat State Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd (GSHHDC) for the promotion of local handicrafts by bringing on board thousands of artisans, weavers and craftsmen. The agreement is a part of Flipkart's "Samarth" initiative & was signed in the presence of Gujarat chief minister (CM) Vijay Ramniklal Rupani at an event held in Rajkot, Gujarat.

124) Where did Assam Rifles (military unit) has constructed a war memorial "Veer Samriti" in remembrance of 357 Army personnel, who died while fighting against insurgency against north-eastern state?

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) New Delhi

Answer – 3) Nagaland

Explanation:

On January 30, 2020 Assam Rifles (military unit) has constructed a war memorial "Veer Samriti" in Nagaland, Kohima for 357 Army & Assam Rifles, died while fighting against insurgency against north-eastern state. The memorial has been built at Mokokchung, Nagaland (one of the cultural & intellectual center), which was planned & executed by Inspector General Assam Rifles (North), will be inaugurated soon.

125) Which country is the focal theme country of the 44th edition of International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 (IKBF) held in Kolkata, West Bengal?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) China
- 3) Japan
- 4) Russia
- 5) United States (US)

Answer – 4) Russia

Explanation:

On 28 January 2020, The 44th edition of International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 (IKBF) has commenced at Central Park Mela Ground in Salt Lake, Kolkata, West Bengal with Russia as a "Focal Theme Country".

126) Name the cab service, launched in Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi to ensure safety of women?

- 1) Shakthi the power
- 2) Shakthi on force
- 3) Mitra Shakthi
- 4) Pink-Specially for women
- 5) Women with Wheels

Answer – 5) Women with Wheels

Explanation:

'Women with Wheels' cab service was started at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), New Delhi. The service was initiated by 'Sakha cabs' for the safety of women. The taxis are operated by women drivers and the services are provided only to women or men with family. The cab had been installed with GPS (Global Positioning System) and panic button to help the women drivers & women passengers. Sakha Consulting wings also provide women cab service in Indore, Jaipur and Kolkata.

127) What is the official Mascot of the 44th edition of International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 (IKBF)?

- 1) Tyto
- 2) Kakapo
- 3) Kagu
- 4) Mesite
- 5) Gruiformes

Answer – 1) Tyto

Explanation:

Tyto, a category of bird species consisting of barn owls, grass owls and masked owls was selected as the official Mascot of the 44th edition of International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 (IKBF) for the 1st time.

128) Which Project of worth Rs. 112.96 crore undertook by Indian Railways for automatic identification & data collection of rolling stock with focus on improving the safety and reliability?

- 1) Radio-frequency identification (RFID) project
- 2) micro-frequency identification (MFID) project
- 3) Audio-frequency identification (AFID) project
- 4) Infra-red frequency identification (IrFID) project
- 5) Video-frequency identification (VFID) project

Answer - 1) Radio-frequency identification (RFID) project

Explanation:

Indian Railways undertook the Radio-frequency identification (**RFID**) project which aims for automatic identification & data collection of rolling stock with focus on improving the safety and reliability. **Two** works for the RFID project have been sanctioned by the Railway board worth **Rs.112.96 Crores** where coaches and wagons are to be RFID-tagged. It has features of Real time visibility of railway wagons through the **National Rail Network (NRN)** with the help of RFID technology.

129) Dept. of Telecommunications has taken over the process of issuing IMEI number from Private Body Mobile Standard Alliance of India. IMEI is a __ digit serial number?

- 1) 12
- 2) 15
- 3) 17
- 4) 13
- 5) 16

Answer - 2) 15

Explanation:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), a department of the Ministry of Communications, has taken over the process of issuing and managing IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity), a special 15-digit serial number of mobile phones in the country, from private body MSAI (Mobile Standard Alliance of India). The government decided to develop a new system called "Indian Counterfeited Device Restriction (ICDR).

130) Nagoba Jatara, the 2nd biggest tribal festival/Carnival of India celebrated in which Indian State?

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Nagaland

Answer - **4) Telangana**

Explanation:

NagobaJatara is a festival which is prominently celebrated in Keslapur village, Indervelly Mandal, Adilabad district of Telangana. It is also the 2nd biggest tribal carnival and is celebrated by Mesaram clan of Gond tribes for nearly a month.

131) Indian Railways has decided to provide Content on Demand(COD) to its passengers to enjoy uninterrupted free subscription based entertainment service such as movies, shows, educational programs during their journey in trains and railway stations from ____?

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

Answer -**3) 2022**

Explanation:

The Indian Railways has decided to provide 'Content on Demand Service (CoD)' on trains and railway stations from 2022. With COD, passengers will be able to enjoy uninterrupted free subscription based entertainment service such as movies, shows, educational programs during their journey.

132) Railtel has selected Margo Networks Private Limited as the Digital Entertainment Service Provider (DESP) to provide content on Demand(COD) to trains and stations. Margo Networks Private Limited is subsidiary of which Entertainment entity?

- 1) Sony Pictures Entertainment
- 2) Star Television Ltd.
- 3) Zee Entertainment
- 4) Sahara One media and Entertainment Ltd.
- 5) Saregama India Ltd.

Answer - **3) Zee Entertainment**

Explanation:

RailTel has selected Zee Entertainment's subsidiary Margo Networks Private Limited as the Digital Entertainment Service Provider (DESP) to provide COD to trains and stations. CoD will be available in all premium / express / mail trains as well as suburban trains. In this, content will be made available in both free / paid forms for a contract period of 10 years, including the first two years of implementation.

133) Which Indian State's Chief Minister launched State's 1st Virtual police Station (in January 2020) following Andhra Pradesh?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Haryana
- 5) Gujarat

Answer: **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, The **Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik** has inaugurated the state's **1st virtual police station** in **Bhubaneswar**, which will facilitate online registration of FIR (first information report) in an unknown motor vehicle theft cases. Virtual police station has been established at the State Crime Record Bureau.

Difficulty Type – Medium

GOVT SCHEMES

1) Under which scheme, the Department of Heavy Industries has sanctioned 2636 EV (Electric Vehicles) charging stations to clean the mobility in Road Transport Sector?

- 1) FAME India (Fast Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) Scheme
- 2) QAME India (Quick Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) Scheme
- 3) RAME India (Rapid Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) Scheme
- 4) FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) Scheme

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 the Department of Heavy Industries had sanctioned 2636 EV (Electric Vehicles) charging stations in 62 cities across 24 State/UTs under FAME India (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India) scheme phase II to clean the mobility in Road Transport Sector. It aims to increase the electric vehicle users and also encourage Original Equipment Manufacturer's (OEM) to launch new electric models.

2) Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi, released the 3rd installment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana of Rs.2000 for the December 2019- March 2020 period?

- 1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Tumkuru, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tumkuru, Karnataka

Explanation:

PM Shri Modi released the 3rd installment of PM Kisan scheme i.e., Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana of Rs.2000 for the December 2019- March 2020 period in Tumkuru, Karnataka. Through this amount disbursement, nearly 6 crore people will be benefited. The beneficiaries were also handed over certificates under the scheme from 8 states/Union Territories (UTs). Under the 3rd tranche of the scheme Rs 12000 crore has been deposited. The money has been disbursed to the personal accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

3) Name the scheme launched by Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP), Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy to provide free medical treatment to the poor?

- 1) YSR Asara
- 2) YSR Jalayagnam
- 3) YSR Aarogyasri Bharosa
- 4) YSR Aarogyasri scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) YSR Aarogyasri scheme

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, In a bid to provide free medical treatment to the poor, The Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP), Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy has inaugurated "YSR Aarogyasri scheme" at Eluru in West Godavari district of AP. The scheme will be extended to each district of the state from the month April 2020.

4) Under which scheme, a total of 171 hospitals de-empanelled & Rs. 4.5 crore penalty was imposed for committing fraud and indulging in malpractices?

- 1) Rashtiya Swasthiya Bima Yojana (RSBY)
- 2) Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme
- 3) Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)
- 4) Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020 the National Health Authority (NHA) which is the apex body regulating and implementing Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB- PMJAY) has de-empanelled a total of 171 hospitals and also imposed penalty of Rs 4.5 crore on hospitals for committing fraud and indulging in malpractices under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme.

5) Which state government launched the "Mukhyamantri karmchari swasthya bima yojana" for the welfare of all 12.55 lakh employees of the state?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Madhya Pradesh (MP)

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, Madhya Pradesh (MP) state Cabinet led by its Chief Minister (CM), Kamal Nath has approved the Mukhya Mantri Karmchari Swasthya Bima Yojana (Chief Minister Employees Health Insurance Scheme) implementation from April 1, 2020, for the welfare of all 12.55 lakh employees of the state. Benefits of the scheme: Under this, Rs 5 lakh for general illness and 10 lakh for critical illness & Cashless treatment facility up to Rs 10,000 per annum in OPD (Outpatient Department) will be provided / free medicines will be distributed.

6) Name the scheme, under which nearly eight crore farmer families have benefited by receiving Rs.6000 per year?

- 1) Prime Minister Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM Kisan) scheme
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 4) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM Kisan) scheme

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 Nearly eight crore farmer families have benefited under PM Kisan (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) scheme. The scheme was launched on 24 February 2019 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry reported more than 48 thousand 937 crore rupees has been released under the scheme till date. Under this scheme an income of Rs.6000 per year in three equal installments of Rs.2000 is provided to small and regional farmers.

7) Name the 1st of its kind scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister(CM) Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy that provides Rs.15,000 to indigent mothers to educate their children?

- 1) YSR Asara
- 2) Paydalandariki Illu
- 3) Jagananna Amma Vodi
- 4) YSR Rythu Bharosa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jagananna Amma Vodi

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister(CM) Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy launched his government's flagship programme 'Jagananna Amma Vodi' scheme in Chittoor, AP. The scheme is to support lakhs of poor and needy mothers to educate their children. Rs.6318 crore has been released for the benefit of around 43 lakh mothers, under the scheme to educate their 82 lakh children around 70 kms in the state this year. An annual financial assistance to the tune of Rs.15,000 credited into the accounts of indigent mothers to educate their children. The Amma Vodi scheme is a first of its kind in the country to bring about historical changes in the education system of the state of Andhra Pradesh.

8) Which state has launched the “Wage Subsidy Scheme”, that will provide Wage subsidy for new ventures getting registered on April 1, 2020 for the first 5 years?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kerala

Explanation:

Wage subsidy scheme was unveiled by Chief Minister of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan during the Global Investors Meet – ASCEND 2020. As per the scheme Wage subsidy will be provided for the first 5 years for new ventures getting registered on April 1, 2020. The benefit will only be available to those units that provides ESI (Employee State Insurance) and PF (Provident Fund) benefits to workers. This would benefit 37 lakh people.

9) Name the scheme launched by Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani for Women entrepreneurship in Goa?

- 1) National Creche Scheme
- 2) Yashaswini scheme
- 3) SWADHAR Greh Scheme
- 4) Mahila Shakti Kendra scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Yashaswini scheme

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani launched Yashaswini scheme for Women entrepreneurship at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium in Taleigao town near Panaji district of Goa. Swasthya Sakhi Project and breast cancer screening initiative were also inaugurated on the occasion.

10) What is the maximum limit of Interest free loans provided by state government of Goa through, “Yashaswini scheme” for a tenure of 5 years?

- 1) Rs. 2 lakhs
- 2) Rs. 15 lakhs

- 3) Rs. 10 lakhs
- 4) Rs. 5 lakhs
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rs. 5 lakhs**

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani launched Yashaswini scheme for Women entrepreneurship at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium in Taleigao town near Panaji district of Goa. Swasthya Sakhi Project and breast cancer screening initiative were also inaugurated on the occasion. Under this scheme, interest free loans up to Rs. 5 lakhs with a tenure of 5 years will be given to women self-help groups by the state government of Goa.

11) Name the scheme launched by Dharmendra Pradhan under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) to promote & facilitate Voluntary Philanthropist Activities (VPA) by the employees through “SAIL SERVICE” portal?

- 1) SAIL Employee Random Voluntarism and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SAIL SERVICE)
- 2) SAIL Employee Rendering Voluntary and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SAIL SERVICE)
- 3) SAIL Employee Rendering Voluntarism and Initiatives for Communal Entity (SAIL SERVICE)
- 4) SAIL Employee Rendering Voluntarism and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SAIL SERVICE)
- 5) SAIL Employee Random Voluntary and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SAIL SERVICE)

Answer – **4) SAIL Employee Rendering Voluntarism and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SAIL SERVICE)**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched a scheme under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), “SAIL Employee Rendering Voluntarism and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SAIL SERVICE)” to promote and facilitate Voluntary Philanthropist Activities (VPA) by the employees. The Minister also launched a dedicated interactive “SAIL SERVICE” portal for the implementation of this Scheme. This portal acts as a platform for enabling faster interaction and communication amongst the various stakeholders.

12) Which state government has launched ‘Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana’ that will provide Rs 5 lakh to the farmers’ family in case of farmer’s death while working in the state’s fields?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 3) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 4) West Bengal (WB)
- 5) Assam

Answer – **3) Uttar Pradesh (UP)**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has implemented ‘Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana’ for the farmers in the state. The assistance of Rs 5 lakh will be provided to the farmers’ family in case of farmer’s death or disabled due to the accident. The age limit of the scheme is between 18 to 70 years. This scheme is fully funded by the government of UP. With in 45 days, the beneficiaries will receive the amount under this scheme. UP government will launch a web portal for this scheme for its easy access.

13) Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Grameen (PMAU-G) the Central government aims to achieve housing for all by _____?

- 1) 31 March, 2020
- 2) 15 August, 2020
- 3) 2 October, 2022

4) 31 March, 2022

5) 26 January, 2021

Answer - 4) 31 March, 2022

Explanation:

PMAU-G is an initiative by the Government of India in which affordable housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 20 million affordable houses by 31 March 2022 which is also 75th year of Independence.

14) Chief Minister of which Indian State has announced Direct Consent to Operate (CTO) scheme for green Industries in the state at 125year celebration of CII (Confederation of the Indian Industry)?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Telangana

3) Karnataka

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Kerala

Answer: 4) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) Shri Edappadi K Palaniswami, announced a new scheme, 'Direct Consent to operate (CTO) scheme for green industries' to get faster clearances from government for green category industries. The scheme was announced at the 125th year celebrations of the Confederation of the Indian Industry (CII) held in Chennai, TN.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1) Name the 1st nation in the world, that ban 'reef-toxic' sun cream to save corals and sea life?

1) Nauru

2) Marshall Islands

3) Kiribati

4) Palau

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Palau

Explanation:

Palau has become the first nation to ban sun cream which damages the coral reefs, sea life and are toxic to juvenile wildlife species. It is the Pacific Island country in the Western Pacific Ocean near Philippines. The sun cream consists of oxybenzone and octinoxate absorbs UV (UltraViolet) rays which causes water more acidic, makes corals susceptible to bleaching and agitating fish stocks. Following Palau, Hawaii bans sun cream comes into effect from 2021.

2) Which organization has reported that more than 1,70,000 grave violations against children in conflict were verified for the last 10 years?

1) World Bank

2) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

3) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

4) United Nation

5) None of these

Answer – 2) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019 the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) also known as the United Nations Children's Fund announced that more than 1,70,000 grave violations

against children in conflict were verified which is the equivalent of more than 45 violations a day for the last 10 years.

3) Name the most powerful military commander of Iran, who was killed by the American airstrike at Baghdad International Airport in Iraq?

- 1) Qassem Soleimani
- 2) Hassan Nasrallah
- 3) Mohammad Javad Zarif
- 4) Abu Azrael
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Qassem Soleimani**

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020 Iran's most powerful military commander, General Qassem Soleimani, who was the head (since 1998) of the Quds Force, a unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was killed in an American drone airstrike at Baghdad International Airport in Iraq. The airstrike was conducted by the order of United States(US) President Donald Trump. Soleimani was seen as the 2nd most powerful person in Iran after Iran's supreme leader Sayyid Ali Hosseini Khamenei. Reason for airstrike: The drone strike came days after US (United States) embassy in Baghdad was attacked by protestors. Previously in April 2019, the US also designated Iran's Revolutionary Guards and its Quds Force as foreign terrorist organisations.

4) Which country has complained to World Trade Organisation's (WTO) against India for increasing customs duties of its 28 goods in July 2019?

- 1) China
- 2) United States
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) United States**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints of United States(US) against India for hiking customs duties of 28 American goods in July 2019. US alleged New Delhi's move of increasing the custom duties and alleged that the decision was inconsistent with 2 global trade norms of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) 1994 agreement. Dispute panel formation: In case of dispute a consultation will be requested to the WTO. After 60 days, if the consultations fail to resolve the dispute then a panel will be requested to be formed.

5) India supported the Hormuz Peace initiative 2020, it is associated with which country?

- 1) United States
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Iran
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Iran**

Explanation:

India participated in the Tehran Dialogue Forum, the 23rd Persian Gulf International Conference held in Tehran, Iran from January 06- 07, 2020. During the forum, India supported the Hormuz Peace initiative 2020. The initiative was done so as to seek stability in one of the world's busiest and strategically located shipping lanes i.e, Strait of Hormuz amid escalating US-Iran tensions. Oman, India, China and Afghanistan were the key participants.

6) Which organization has released the “Global challenges for 2020”, that identified 13 health challenges in this decade?

- 1) World Health Organisation (WHO)
- 2) United Nations (UN)
- 3) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- 4) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) World Health Organisation (WHO)

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 the World Health Organisation(WHO) released the Global challenges for 2020. 13 health challenges in this decade were also identified. Top global challenges: Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), climate crisis, eventuality of an influenza epidemic and spread of infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV (Human immunodeficiency virus) and tuberculosis (TB) were listed as the top global health challenges for 2020. It is also the second straight year that these challenges have topped the WHO list.

7) Name the country, that assumes the chairmanship of Group of 77 (G77) for the year 2020 from the State of Palestine recently?

- 1) Guyana
- 2) Bolivia
- 3) Thailand
- 4) South Africa
- 5) Egypt

Answer – 1) Guyana

Explanation:

Guyana takes over chairmanship of the Group of 77 (G77) for the year 2020. It assumes the chairmanship of the Group from the State of Palestine. The United Nations (UN) celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2020. The G77 is the largest intergovernmental organization of developing countries in the UN. It was designed to promote its members’ collective economic interests and create an enhanced joint negotiating capacity in the UN.

8) What is the target year set by United Nations (UN) to Net Zero Carbon Emissions?

- 1) 2060
- 2) 2050
- 3) 2040
- 4) 2030
- 5) 2025

Answer – 2) 2050

Explanation:

UN emissions has set 2050 as the target year to achieve net zero Carbon Emissions.

9) As per University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS) experts study, how much total outlay has to be spend on new fuel technology to decarbonise the international shipping to meet United Nation (UN) emissions targets by 205?

- 1) \$.5 trillion (£0.4 trillion)
- 2) \$1.5 trillion (£1.2 trillion)
- 3) \$1 trillion (£0.8 trillion)
- 4) \$2 trillion (£1.6 trillion)
- 5) \$3 trillion (£2.4 trillion)

Answer – 3) \$1 trillion (£0.8 trillion)

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to a new study by experts from University Maritime Advisory Services (UMAS), London, England, which includes University College London's (UCL) Energy Institute & the Energy Transitions Commission, the shipping industry must spend a scale of investment of at least \$1 trillion (£0.8 trillion) on new fuel technology to decarbonise the international shipping if it is to meet UN emissions targets by 2050.

10) Name the project that was launched by World Economic Forum(WEF) and its partners to support efforts to grow, restore and conserve 1 trillion trees globally?

- 1) 1t.com
- 2) 1tt.com
- 3) 1ttglobally.org
- 4) 1tt.org
- 5) 1t.org

Answer – 5) 1t.org

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 the World Economic Forum(WEF) and its partners have launched 1t.org which is a multistakeholder effort to support efforts to grow, restore and conserve 1 trillion trees around the world inorder to restore the biodiversity and help combat climate change. 1t.org's aims and efforts to be taken: Project aim: 1t.org project aims to unite all the countries' govts, non-govt. organisations, businesses & individuals in to restore nature in a mass scale. The initiative is set up with initial support of Salesforce (CRM) Chairman Marc and his wife Lynne Benioff who are also American internet entrepreneurs.

11) Which country minted the world's smallest gold coin of 2.96 millimeter (0.12 inches), that features a face of scientist Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue?

- 1) United Kingdom (UK)
- 2) France
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) Russia

Answer – 3) Switzerland

Explanation:

On January 23,2020 Switzerland state-owned Swissmint has minted World's smallest gold coin of 2.96 millimeter (0.12 inches). The coin features a face of scientist Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue. It weighs 0.063 grams (1/500 th of an ounce) and has a nominal value of 1/4 Swiss francs (USD United States Dollar- 0.26).Its weight is comparable to that of 2 grains of rice.Swissmint has minted 999 coins which will be sold for 199 francs with a special magnifying glass to see Einstein's face.

12) Name the country that has received the approval to exit from European Union (EU) recently?

- 1) United Kingdom (Britain)
- 2) Belgium
- 3) Czech Republic
- 4) Bulgaria
- 5) Romania

Answer – 1) United Kingdom (Britain)

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 ,The presidents of European Commission Ursula von der Leyen & the European Council Charles Michel, have signed the Brexit deal agreed in the month of October 2019 . It will be placed before the European Parliament on 29 January,2020 for approval. Then the Diplomats from European Union (EU) member states will give written approval to the agreement on 30

January, 2020. This will ensure Britain's separation from the European Union in the prescribed manner from midnight on 31 January, 2020.

13) How many countries will be there in European Union (EU) after United Kingdom (Britain) exits?

- 1) 23
- 2) 24
- 3) 25
- 4) 26
- 5) 27

Answer – **5) 27**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020, The presidents of European Commission Ursula von der Leyen & the European Council Charles Michel, have signed the Brexit deal agreed in the month of October 2019. This will bring to an end 47 years as a member of the pan-European partnership. After Brexit, the 28 member states will come down to 27, but the withdrawal deal provides for an 11-month transition period for Britain until the end of 2020.

14) Which country has launched the South Asia's 1st and world's 119th e-passport recently?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Nepal
- 4) India
- 5) Myanmar

Answer – **2) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 Prime Minister (PM) of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina Wazed have launched e-passport in Dhaka, Bangladesh as Mujib Century year gift to the country. Bangladesh is the first country in South Asia and 119th country in the world to have e-passport facility. Malaysia is the first country in the world to launch this facility in 1998.

15) FATF was in news recently, what does 'A' stands for?

- 1) A - Auction
- 2) A - Arbitrage
- 3) A - Assets
- 4) A - Action
- 5) A - Association

Answer – **4) A - Action**

Explanation:

A stands for Action. The full form of FATF is Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

16) Where was the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Asia Pacific Joint Group meeting held?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Washington D.C., United States (US)
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) Beijing, China

Answer – **5) Beijing, China**

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 the Asia Pacific Joint Group, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) international cooperation review group meeting was held in Beijing, China. According to China, the chairman country of FATF Pakistan has 75 percent chances of exiting 'Grey List'. In 2018 June, Pakistan was

placed on the 'Grey List' by the FATF and it may exist from 'Grey List' in next FATF meeting which is to be held on February 16, 2020 in Paris, France.

17) Name the virus, whose global risk degree was increased from moderate to high by World Health Organization (WHO) recently?

- 1) Marburgvirus
- 2) Hantavirus
- 3) Lassavirus
- 4) Coronavirus
- 5) Ebolavirus

Answer – **4) Coronavirus**

Explanation:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the global risk of Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that cause serious illnesses ranging from the common cold to Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV) from moderate to high.

18) Which nation has moved a resolution against India over Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the clampdown on Jammu and Kashmir?

- 1) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- 2) European Union (EU)
- 3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- 4) United Nation (UN)
- 5) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Answer – **2) European Union (EU)**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 the European Union (EU) parliament has decided to make a debate and conduct vote on the resolution against the controversial Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019, and on the annexation of occupied Kashmir by India after abrogating Jammu and Kashmir's special status. The decision taken after Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's global campaign against CAA and the Kashmir issue, cited that the annexation of Kashmir was in clear violation of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions.

19) What was the theme of the 13th edition of International Children's Film Festival that was inaugurated in Dhaka, Bangladesh?

- 1) Theme – 'Till we meet again'
- 2) Theme – 'Film-The World'
- 3) Theme – 'Better Film, Better Audience and Better Society'
- 4) Theme – 'Under The World'
- 5) Theme – 'Film that change the worlds'

Answer – **4) Theme – 'Under The World'**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 the 13th edition of International Children's Film Festival was inaugurated in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The theme of International Children's Film Festival 2020 is 'Under The World'. The week long festival will be concluded on January 31, 2020. It is organized by the Children's Film Society, Bangladesh. It is the biggest film festival of Southeast Asian country and only international festival celebrated since 2008. It will feature 173 films from 39 countries including Bangladesh, India, France, Korea, Spain and other countries. German film 'Rocca Changes the World' directed by Katja Benrath will be screened during the inauguration.

20) Which country has launched a £4 Mn (about Rs 37 crore) 'Innovation Challenge Fund' in India at an event in Pune, Maharashtra?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) United Kingdom (UK)
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) Japan

Answer – 2) United Kingdom (UK)

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, The government of UK (United Kingdom) has launched a £4 Mn (about Rs 37 crore) 'Innovation Challenge Fund' in India at an event in Pune, Maharashtra. The fund is focused on 2 main tech platforms including artificial intelligence (AI) and big data in Karnataka and future mobility in Maharashtra. The fund, which is one of several new initiatives of the UK-India Tech Partnership, is aimed to boost industry and academia to collaborate & develop tech solutions to social, economic and environmental challenges in India.

21) As per 9th edition of Tomtom traffic Index 2019, Provided by Tomtom a Dutch Multinational developer company which Indian state tops the list of most congested city of the world?

- 1) Bengaluru
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Pune
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Kolkata

Answer - 1) Bengaluru

Explanation:

Tomtom, A Dutch multinational developer company has released its 9th edition of Tomtom Traffic Index 2019. As per the index, Bengaluru (Karnataka) emerged as the worst traffic congested cities in the world with 103% congestion. Along with Bengaluru, 3 other Indian Cities placed in top 10 are Mumbai (4), Pune (5), Delhi (8). Abu Dhabi is the least congested city with 10% congestion recorded.

22) World Health Organization(WHO) has declared Global health emergency on which virus in January 2020?

- 1) Ebola Virus
- 2) Novel Corona Virus
- 3) Nipah Virus
- 4) Rubella Virus
- 5) Polio Virus

Answer - 2) Novel Corona Virus

Explanation:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared novel **Coronavirus(nCoV)** as a global health emergency. This announcement was made as the outbreak which was more prominent in Hubei Province, Wuhan, China has now continued to spread to other countries too.

VISITS

1) How many high-tech Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) labs with scientists under age 35 years was inaugurated recently?

- 1) 5
- 2) 4
- 3) 3
- 4) 2
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 5

Explanation:

PM Modi inaugurated 5 new scientific DRDO (Defence Research Development Organisation) laboratories in Bengaluru. In this laboratory only scientists under the age of 35 years will be deployed. These scientists will develop cutting-edge and futuristic technologies for military weaponry. DRDO lab locations: The DRDO Young Scientist Laboratories (DYSLs) have come up in Bengaluru (Karnataka), Mumbai (Maharashtra), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Hyderabad (Telangana).

Sl.No	DRDO labs location	State	Lab domain
1	DRDO Bengaluru	Karnataka	Artificial Intelligence (AI)
2	IIT-Bombay	Maharashtra	Quantum Technology
3	IIT-Madras	Tamil Nadu	Cognitive Technology
4	Jadavpur University, Kolkata	West Bengal	Asymmetric Technology
5	IIT Hyderabad	Telangana	Smart materials

2) Where was the 107th International Science Congress for the year 2020 with the theme “Science and Technology: Rural Development” inaugurated?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

Prime Minister was inaugurating the 107th Indian Science Congress (ISC) at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in Bengaluru. The theme of ISC for the year 2020 was “Science and Technology: Rural Development”. Events to be held: The 5 day ISC event will have 15,000 participants. For the 1st time Farmers science congress will be held. Apart from that Children’s science congress, women science congress, former vice chancellors’ science congress, science communicators Meet – 2020, mega science exhibition- pride of India- ISC Expo will also be held.

3) I-STEM website was launched recently, Expand I-STEM?

- 1) Innovation in Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
- 2) Invention in Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
- 3) Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
- 4) International Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map

Explanation:

Prime Minister also launched the Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) Portal during ISC. The portal is designed to be the gateway for researchers to locate specific type of facility they need for their Research and development (R&D) work in India.

4) What is the new name of the Kolkata Port, that was renamed during the sesquicentenary (150th year) celebrations of the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi?

- 1) Madhukar Dattatraya Deoras Port
- 2) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port
- 3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Port
- 4) Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel Port
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port

Explanation:

The Prime Minister(PM) of India shri Narendra Modi paid a two-day official visit to Kolkata, West Bengal from January 11-12, 2020. Shri Modi renamed Kolkata Port as Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port on the occasion of sesquicentenary (150th year) celebrations of the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT).

5) What is the total outlay of the project, that was launched during the sesquicentenary (150th year) celebrations of the Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- 1) Rs.600 crores
- 2) Rs.500 crores
- 3) Rs.400 crores
- 4) Rs.1000 crores
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs.600 crores**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister(PM) of India shri Narendra Modi paid a two-day official visit to Kolkata, West Bengal from January 11-12, 2020. During the occasion projects worth Rs.600 crores were launched. Some of the projects include upgradation of ship repair facility at Netaji Subhash Dry Dock (Kolkata) and upgradation of railway infrastructure of Kolkata dock system of the Kolkata Port. This is done in order to enhance smooth movement and river front development scheme.

6) Victoria Memorial Hall is seen in news recently, it is located in which city?

- 1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kolkata, West Bengal**

Explanation:

4 refurbished heritage buildings in Kolkata, West Bengal were dedicated to the nation by PM Modi. these 4 buildings were Old Currency Building. The Belvedere House. The Metcalfe House and The Victoria Memorial Hall.

7) Name the India's 1st Cyber Crime Prevention Unit inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah to help cyber crime victims?

- 1) 'ASHVAST' (Assistance Service Helpline for Victims at Shortest Time)
- 2) 'AHVAST' (Assured Help for Victims at Shortest Time)
- 3) 'AASHVAST' (Assured Assistance Service Helpline for Victims at Shortest Time)
- 4) 'ASVAST' (Assured Service for Victims at Shortest Time)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 'AASHVAST' (Assured Assistance Service Helpline for Victims at Shortest Time)**

Explanation:

Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated India's 1st Cyber Crime Prevention Unit called 'AASHVAST' (Assured Assistance Service Helpline for Victims at Shortest Time) which is a helpline for cyber crime victims.

8) Name the Project launched with the aim to improve the Law and Order Management, Proactive traffic management and control, Crime detection through video analytics and Post incident Investigation and video forensics?

- 1) VISHWAS (Video Integration and State Wide Advanced Security)
- 2) VIWAS (Video Integration and Wide Advanced Security)
- 3) VIAS (Vide Integration and Advanced Security)
- 4) VISHWAAS (Video Integration and State Wide Assured Advanced Security)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) VISHWAS (Video Integration and State Wide Advanced Security)**

Explanation:

Union Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah has paid a 2- day visit to Gujarat from January 11-12, 2020. He arrived at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport in Ahmedabad, Gujarat and then addressed the convocation function of Gujarat Technological University (GTU) & also attended Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar to digitally launch India's 1st cyber AASHVAST (Assured Assistance Service Helpline for Victims at Shortest Time) & project VISHWAS (Video Integration and State Wide Advanced Security). He also launched Netrang project that aims to Command and Control Room in 33 districts of the state, online portal to pay E Challan "<https://echallanpayment.gujarat.gov.in/>". A major e-governance initiative Project VISHWAS (Video Integration and State Wide Advanced Security) was also launched with the aim to improve the Law and Order Management, Proactive traffic management and control, Crime detection through video analytics and Post incident Investigation and video forensics.

9) Prime Minister(PM) of India Shri Narendra Modi unveils a statue at Old Currency Building.Old Currency Building is located in which city?

- 1) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kolkata, West Bengal**

Explanation:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a statue at the old currency building in Kolkata.Inaugurated the Kaushal Vikas Kendra (skill development training centre) and Pritilata Chhatri Avas (student behavior centre) for 200 tribal girl students from Sundarbans, West Bengal.Tribute to Swami Vivekananda at Belur Math: The prime minister paid tribute to Indian monk, Swami Vivekananda on his birth anniversary at Belur Math (Howrah district of West Bengal) which is the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission. Modi is the 1st prime minister to stay overnight at the Belur Math.

10) Name the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India, who visited colombo, Sri Lanka recently?

- 1) J. N. Dixit
- 2) M. K. Narayanan
- 3) Ajit Doval
- 4) Shivshankar Menon
- 5) Shyam Saran

Answer – **3) Ajit Doval**

Explanation:

On January 18, 2020 the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India Shri Ajit Doval paid a day long visit to Colombo in the Island nation of Sri Lanka (SL). On his visit, Shri Doval met the president of SL shri Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa and held talks on various bilateral issues.

11) How much million will be provided by India to Sri Lanka for purchasing equipment for its security forces during National Security Advisor (NSA) of India, Ajit Doval visit to Sri Lanka?

- 1) \$20 million
- 2) \$40 million
- 3) \$30 million
- 4) \$50 million
- 5) \$60 million

Answer – 4) \$50 million

Explanation:

India pledged to provide \$50 million security assistance to Sri Lanka for purchasing equipment for its security forces. This assistance will help SL to further strengthen its national security, intelligence sharing, maritime security etc which were the key areas discussed by both Doval and the SL president. Assistance to Sri Lanka by India comes days after Russia announced to Assist SL. Moreover, SL saw series of high ranking foreign officials visit in the country from the United States(US), Japan and China.

12) Where did Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa, “Mahatma Gandhi convention centre”(MGICC)?

- 1) Rwanda
- 2) Mali
- 3) Niger
- 4) Benin
- 5) Republic of Chad

Answer – 3) Niger

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 India's Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Nigerian President Mahamadou Issoufau inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa namely “Mahatma Gandhi convention centre”(MGICC) established at the state of Niger in Western Africa by India to honour the memory of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This is the 1st centre established in Africa by India under grant assistance.

13) Name the 1st foreign Minister of India, who visited the West-African country during his visit to Niger (West Africa) and Tunisia (North Africa)?

- 1) Pranab Mukherjee
- 2) Salman Khurshid
- 3) Manmohan Singh
- 4) Sushma Swaraj
- 5) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Answer – 5) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Explanation:

Mr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar was the first Indian-foreign Minister to visit the West-African country during his national trip visit to Niger (West Africa) and Tunisia (North Africa).

14) Name the Indian delegate, who visited Niger & Tunisia recently?

- 1) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Narendra Modi

Answer – 1) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Explanation:

External Affairs Minister(EAM) of India Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has paid a visit to two nations Niger & Tunisia. This is his 1st visit to the African continent after becoming Foreign Minister.

15) Which country has associated with India to set up the centre for innovation in Information and communication technologies (ICT)?

- 1) Iran
- 2) Syria
- 3) Tunisia
- 4) Niger

5) Libya

Answer – **3) Tunisia**

Explanation:

The Government of India (GoI) India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Tunisia, a North African country for the setting up of a 'India- Tunisia centre for innovation in information and communication technologies (ICT)' in Tunisia. It was signed by of India to Tunisia, Mr. Puneet R. Kundal & Mr. Mohamed Ali Nerjri, Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Smart Tunisian Technoprks in the presence of Jaishankar & acting Tunisian Foreign Minister Sabri Bachtobji.

16) Name the president of the Brazil, who visited India recently & also attended the 71st Republic day of India as the chief guest?

1) Fernando Henrique Cardoso

2) Michel Temer

3) Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

4) Dilma Rousseff

5) Jair Messias Bolsonaro

Answer – **5) Jair Messias Bolsonaro**

Explanation:

The president of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Jair Messias Bolsonaro paid a 4-day official visit to India from January 24-27, 2020. This is also the 3rd time a Brazilian president attended as chief guest of the republic day. The last time a brazilian president attended the ceremony was Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (former Brazilian president) in 2004.

17) Name the Minister of Foreign & European Affairs of Luxembourg?

1) Jeannot Krecké

2) H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn

3) Paul Helminger

4) Josy Barthel

5) Joseph Bech

Answer – **2) H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn**

Explanation:

The Minister of Foreign & European Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn was on 2 day visit to India on January 27- 28, 2020. During his visit he met the External Affairs Minister (EAM) of India, Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar at Hyderabad House in New Delhi. Asselborn visited India for the 5th time & in current visit he visited Rajghat in Delhi to pay respects to Mahatma Gandhi. As part of the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Luxembourg had also issued a special postage stamp.

BANKING & FINANCE

1) Name the app launched by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shri Shaktikanta Das that would help visually impaired people to identify denomination of currency notes?

1) "VANIA" (Visually Aided Note Identifier Application)

2) "MVANI" (Mobile app for Visually Aided Note Identifier)

3) "VANI" (Visually Aided Note Identifier)

4) "MANI" (Mobile Aided Note Identifier)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) "MANI" (Mobile Aided Note Identifier)**

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020 the 25th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shri Shaktikanta Das launched a mobile app named "MANI" (Mobile Aided Note Identifier) that would help visually

impaired people to identify denomination of currency notes correctly. The currency notes will be scanned using a mobile phone's camera. The most interesting feature of the app is that it can also be used offline after installation. The audio output is available in both Hindi and English languages.

2) What is the interest rate of "Sukanya Samriddhi Account" for the fourth quarter of the financial year(FY) 2019-20 starting from January 1, 2020- March 31, 2020?

- 1) 8.1%
 - 2) 8.4%
 - 3) 7.5%
 - 4) 7.2%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) 8.4%**

Explanation:

The interest rate of Sukanya Samriddhi Account is 8.4%.

Small Savings Scheme	Annual Interest Rate
Public Provident Fund (PPF)	7.9%
National Savings Certificate (NSC)	7.9%
Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP)	7.6% (113 months maturity)
Sukanya Samriddhi Account	8.4%
5-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme	8.6%
Savings Deposit	4.0%
Term Deposits (1-5 year maturity)	6.9 %-7.7 %
5-year Recurring Deposit	7.2%

3) CAD was in news recently, what does 'D' stands for _____?

- 1) D- Deposit
 - 2) D- Deflation
 - 3) D- Deficit
 - 4) D- Default
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) D -Deficit**

Explanation:

D stands for Deficit in CAD. The full form of CAD is Current Account Deficit (CAD).

4) What is the Current Account Deficit (CAD) of India for July-September 2019 according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s report "Developments in India's Balance of Payments during the Second Quarter (July-September) of 2019-20"?

- 1) 0.9 %
 - 2) 1.9 %
 - 3) 2.2 %
 - 4) 2.5 %
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 0.9 %**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, According to the report "Developments in India's Balance of Payments during the Second Quarter (July-September) of 2019-20" released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's current account deficit (CAD) decreased to 0.9 % of gross domestic product (GDP) or \$6.3 billion in July-September 2019 quarter due to the economic slowdown that helped the country improve its

export and import balance sheet. It was 2.9 % of GDP or \$19 billion in the corresponding quarter of 2018-19.

5) Name the bank that has signed a co-lending partnership agreement with JM Financial Home Loans Limited (JMFHL), to provide retail loans to home buyers?

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- 4) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bank of Baroda (BoB)

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, Bank of Baroda (BoB), an Indian Multinational, public sector Bank has signed a co-lending partnership agreement with JM Financial Home Loans Limited (JMFHL), the housing finance arm of JM Financial Group, to provide retail loans to home buyers. This tie up will boost the credit delivery to customers & also promote home buying field in India.

6) To which country, Export-Import (Exim) Bank has given a \$75 million (over Rs 500 crore) line of credit (LoC, a soft loan / loan with low interest rate) for financing 75 MW (megawatt) Photovoltaic Solar Parks?

- 1) Guatemala
- 2) Cuba
- 3) Canada
- 4) Mexico
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Cuba

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, Export-Import (Exim) Bank, the premier export finance institution of India has given a \$75 million (over Rs 500 crore) line of credit (LoC, a soft loan / loan with low interest rate) to Cuba for financing 75 MW (megawatt) Photovoltaic Solar Parks. The Agreement in this regard between Exim Bank & Banco Exterior De Cuba, a nominated agency of the Government of Cuba, signed on July 16, 2019 & is effective from December 12, 2019.

7) Name the firm, that has partnered with PNB MetLife India Insurance Company to provide life insurance to its customers?

- 1) TransUnion CIBIL
- 2) Banking Codes and Standards Board of India
- 3) Indian Banks' Association
- 4) RevFin Services Private Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) RevFin Services Private Limited

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020, India's leading Digital lending startup, RevFin Services Private Limited has joined hands with PNB MetLife India Insurance Company to offer protection to the RevFin's customers by bundling life insurance cover on their loans. This insurance covers loans up to ₹3 lakh for a period of 3 years. In addition to this, RevFin customers who have taken a loan to buy an electric three-wheeler vehicle, can take benefit of this partnership, and cover their remaining loan amount during the loan period.

8) Which Payment Bank has signed an MoU with CSC e-Governance services India Ltd for selling FASTags?

- 1) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- 2) Airtel Payments Bank (APB)
- 3) Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)
- 4) Aditya Birla Payments Bank (ABPB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)

Explanation:

On January 04, 2020, CSC e-Governance services India Ltd has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) for selling FASTags. Through this MoU, FASTags will be sold through the last mile network of 3.6 lakh CSCs (Common Service Centres). This will help in enhancing govt's vision of cashless and smooth transit at toll plazas in the country. CSC will integrate its platform with PPBL to carry out the transactions. Village level entrepreneurs will be trained on conducting online sales which are cashless and paperless.

9) Which bank has signed a MoU with Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (WEWA) of Tamil Nadu(TN) to provide training and credit linkage to its women entrepreneurs to establish business?

- 1) Canara Bank
- 2) Indian bank
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 4) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indian bank

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020 the Indian bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with Women Entrepreneurs Welfare Association (WEWA) of Tamil Nadu(TN) to provide training and credit linkage to its women entrepreneurs to establish business. The Indian bank will provide loans to the WEWA members at discounted rates. Training will be given to the WEWA members in the INDSETIs (Indian Bank Self Employment Training Institutes). WEWA target: The WEWA currently aims to add 1,000 members by 2023.

10) Name the 1st of its kind Standardised Health Insurance Products (SHIP) introduced by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) that must be offered by all general and standalone health insurers with effect from April 1, 2020?

- 1) Arogya Swasthiya
- 2) Arogya Scheme
- 3) Arogya Rashtiya
- 4) Arogya Sanjeevani
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Arogya Sanjeevani

Explanation:

On January 02, 2020 the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has mandated all the health and General Insurance Companies(GICs) to offer 1st of its kind standardised health insurance products (SHIP) in the name "Arogya Sanjeevani" policy with effect from April 1, 2020. All the health products offered by those companies will be succeeded by this name. It is to be noted that no health insurance companies will mention any other name other than the standard name of Arogya Sanjeevani in any of the documents.

11) What is the minimum & maximum sum that can be insured by Arogya Sanjeevani plan?

- 1) Rs. 1 lakh & Rs. 3 lakhs
- 2) Rs. 2 lakh & Rs. 10 lakhs
- 3) Rs. 1 lakh & Rs. 5 lakhs
- 4) Rs. 3 lakh & Rs. 15 lakhs
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rs. 1 lakh & Rs. 5 lakhs

Explanation:

On January 02, 2020 the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has mandated all the health and General Insurance Companies (GICs) to offer 1st of its kind standardised health insurance products (SHIP) in the name “Arogya Sanjeevani” policy with effect from April 1, 2020. Insurance limit: Under the Arogya Sanjeevani plan, the minimum sum insured will be Rs. 1 lakh while the maximum sum insured limit will be Rs. 5 lakhs (in multiples of 50,000). The health insurance plan should be offered with a policy term of one year.

12) Which bank has launched a new Adoption Assistance Program, that have financial assistance of up to Rs 1 lakh per adoption for the parents?

- 1) PayPal India Private Limited
- 2) Standard Chartered Bank
- 3) Citibank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) PayPal India Private Limited

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, In order to promote parental support benefits for employees, online digital payments player, PayPal India Private Limited has launched a new Adoption Assistance Program, where it will be offering financial assistance of up to Rs 1 lakh per adoption for the parents. It is being effective from December 2019. On the other hand, the new policy will also covers reimbursement of adoption expenses such as CARA (Central Adoption Resource Authority) registration, child placement, foster care and establishment of legal guardianship.

13) Name the 1st Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB) that received Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s approval to function as Small Finance Bank (SFB)?

- 1) Indore Swayamsiddh Mahila Co-Operative Bank
- 2) Buldana Urban Co-Operative Bank Limited
- 3) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd
- 4) Arihant Urban Co-Operative Bank Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), gave approval to Uttar Pradesh based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB). With this, Shivalik Mercantile became the 1st urban cooperative bank (UCB) to be converted into an SFB since the release of reformed RBI guidelines which came out 2 years ago. Grant of License: The RBI will grant licence to Shivalik Mercantile bank for the commencement of banking business under Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as an SFB.

14) CRAR was in news recently, what does 'A' stands for?

- 1) A - Authority
- 2) A - Assets
- 3) A - Auctions

4) A - Association

5) None of these

Answer – 2) A - Assets

Explanation:

A stands for Assets. The full form of CRAR is Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio (CRAR). It was in news recently because RBI has notified that Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs), may also come under the scanner when its Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio (CRAR) falls below 9 %.

15) Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs), will be kept under Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) if the net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) exceeds _____ %?

1) 8%

2) 7%

3) 10%

4) 6%

5) None of these

Answer – 4) 6%

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, In order to better manage the stressed UCBs, India's Central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released its final Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) tightening norms for Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs). An UCB will be kept under supervisory action framework when its net non-performing assets (NPAs) exceed 6% of its net advances. As soon as this threshold is breached, RBI will take multiple actions, depending on severity of stress. UCBs may also come under the scanner when its Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio (CRAR) falls below 9 %.

16) Which category of banks are enabled to offer round-the-clock (24×7) trading in the Indian rupee to safeguard their foreign exchange (Forex) risks from earlier timing of 9 am to 5 pm?

1) Authorised Dealer (AD) Category -II banks

2) Authorised Dealer (AD) Category -I banks

3) Authorised Dealer (AD) Category -III banks

4) Authorised Dealer (AD) Category -VI banks

5) None of these

Answer – 2) Authorised Dealer (AD) Category -I banks

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020, In order to reduce the rising influence of offshore trading in the currency markets, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has enabled AD Category-I banks to offer round-the-clock (24×7) trading in the Indian rupee to allow Indians to safeguard their foreign exchange (Forex) risks at any time. Till now, the select banks in India offered Indian customers foreign exchange rates only in inter-bank market hours from 9 am – 5 pm.

17) Name the bank that has launched a new scheme named “Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee (RBBG)” to provide loan between Rs 50 crores and Rs 400 crores to builders?

1) State Bank of India (SBI)

2) Indian Bank (IB)

3) Bank of India (BoI)

4) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)

5) None of these

Answer – 1) State Bank of India (SBI)

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 the State Bank of India (SBI) has announced a new scheme named Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee (RBBG). This new scheme's purpose is to safeguard home buyers financially by issuing guarantee for completion of projects to customers availing SBI Home Loans. The ongoing home projects of SBI customers will be financed by the bank itself. Under the

scheme, all reputed builders fulfilling the bank criteria can avail loan ranging between Rs 50 crores and Rs 400 crores. The criteria also include star rating and CIBIL (Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited) score.

18) Which firm has signed an MoU to boost the residential housing sector under Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee (RBBG) scheme with tagline “Sapna Aapka – Bharosa SBI Ka”?

- 1) Godrej Properties Limited
- 2) Sunteck Realty Limited (SRL)
- 3) Oberoi Realty
- 4) Mahindra Lifespaces
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Sunteck Realty Limited (SRL)**

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 SBI and real estate development company Sunteck Realty Limited (SRL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost the residential housing sector under the public sector lender's Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee (RBBG) scheme with tagline “Sapna Aapka – Bharosa SBI Ka” to the home buyers. Under this MoU three projects will be constructed in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region of Maharashtra.

19) Name the state, that has signed a loan agreement worth Rs.711 crore with Kfw, Germany Development bank for expanding the climate-resilient Zero-Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) for the next five years?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 Andhra Pradesh government signs a loan pact for Rs.711 crore with Kfw, Germany Development bank for expanding the climate-resilient Zero-Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) in the state for the next five years. To take up the insurance scheme Andhra Pradesh government will spend Rs 304 crore in addition to encourage 2.39 lakh farmers in 591 village panchayats. ZBNF already covers about 1.28 lakh hectares in 3,011 villages of Andhra Pradesh and the financial assistance from German bank helps to cover about 2 lakh hectares in the addition.

20) Which digital payments company has launched the all-in-one QR (Quick Response) for merchants to make unlimited payment for free across India?

- 1) Google Pay
- 2) PhonePe
- 3) Paytm
- 4) PayPal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Paytm**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020, Paytm, India's leading digital payments company, has launched an all-in-one QR (Quick Response) for merchants across India. Paytm also unveiled a new service 'Paytm Business Khata', which further promotes the Paytm merchant partners to maintain digital ledgers of all their customer transactions including cash and credit.

21) Name the app launched by HDFC Bank recently to boost digital payments in India?

- 1) 'myApps'
 - 2) 'myEva'
 - 3) 'myFinApp'
 - 4) 'myExclusif'
 - 5) None of these
- Answer - **1) 'myApps'**

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020, In a bid to make the business more convenient for customers, HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Bank, an Indian banking and financial services company, for the 1st time has launched 'myApps', which is a suite of white-label apps to benefit urban local bodies, housing societies, local clubs and gymkhanas and religious institutions. Customised in over 20 languages including Hindi and English, it will help above said organisations to entirely digitise their ecosystem by allowing customise their brand and content. Through this, large institutions can make payments for payments, fees, make online bookings for various facilities, stay updated on latest announcements, and utilise a host of other features offered by the institutions itself.

22) V-CIP was in news recently, what does 'I' stands for?

- 1) I - Identification
 - 2) I - Interest
 - 3) I - Infrastructure
 - 4) I - Information
 - 5) None of these
- Answer - **1) I - Identification**

Explanation:

I stands for Identification in VCIP. The full form of VCIP is Video Customer Identification Process.

23) Video Customer Identification Process (V-CIP) can be used as an alternative of which of the following process?

- 1) Customer Verification
- 2) e-KYC
- 3) KYC
- 4) Customer Accounting
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) e-KYC**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the 1st time has introduced Aadhaar-based Video Customer Identification Process (V-CIP). This process will allow banks and other lenders to complete the KYC (Know Your Customer) process of customers on video itself. This facility can be used as an alternative to the already available e-KYC facility. To introduce V-CIP, RBI has amended guidelines under the Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005.

24) Which Committee assisted Reserve Bank of India to set up the 5-year plan of formulation of National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for the period 2019-2024?

- 1) Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC)
- 2) Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- 3) Committee on Financial Advisory (CFA)
- 4) Committee on Operation of the Cash Credit System
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC)**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the aegis of Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC) has set up a 5-year plan of formulation of National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for the period 2019-2024. This has been done keeping in view the global trend of financial inclusion which acts as a key driver of economic growth.

25) As per National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2019-2024, Banking outlet services has to cover _____km of every village/500 households to boost financial inclusion?

- 1) 10 Km
- 2) 7 Km
- 3) 5 Km
- 4) 8 Km
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 5 Km**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the aegis of Financial Inclusion Advisory Committee (FIAC) has set up a 5-year plan of formulation of National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for the period 2019-2024. The key recommendations of NSFI are as follows: Banking outlets to be increased: Increasing outreach of banking outlets to provide financial inclusion to every village within a 5 kilometre radius/ 500 households in hilly areas by March 2020. Digital architecture: Moving to digital and consent based architecture for customer by March 2024. Access to financials service providers through mobile device by March 2024. Digital payments: Moving to a less cash society by enhancing digital payments by March 2022.

26) Under which Act, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted processing of e-mandate for recurring payments through UPI (Unified Payments Interface)?

- 1) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2010 (Act 51 of 2010)
- 2) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2009 (Act 51 of 2009)
- 3) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2008 (Act 51 of 2008)
- 4) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007)**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, In view of the promotion of digital payments, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted processing of e-mandate for recurring payments through UPI (Unified Payments Interface). This direction has been issued under Section 10 (2) read with Section 18 of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007).

27) What is the maximum limit, permitted by Reserve Bank of India for recurring payments through UPI (Unified Payments Interface)?

- 1) Rs 5000
- 2) Rs 2000
- 3) Rs 10000
- 4) Rs 7000
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rs 2000**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, In view of the promotion of digital payments, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted processing of e-mandate for recurring payments through UPI (Unified Payments Interface). Under this facility, an agreement is formed between the consumer and the merchant bodies and the payment of the outstanding dues is done automatically on the fixed date

of the month. However, the maximum permissible limit under this payment system shall be Rs 2,000 per transaction.

28) What is the maximum amount penalized by Reserve Bank of India on any authorised payment system operators / banks for not complying with regulatory requirements under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007?

- 1) Rs 5 lakh
- 2) Rs 10 lakh
- 3) Rs 15 lakh
- 4) Rs 7 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rs 5 lakh

Explanation:

In a bid to ensure safety and security to various stakeholders, including customers, RBI has released the revised framework for imposing monetary penalty on authorised payment system operators / banks under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 for not complying with regulatory requirements. Under the revised framework, RBI has provision to levy monetary penalty levied for a contravention shall not exceed Rs 5 lakh or double the amount of contravention or default, whichever is higher, where such amount is quantifiable. For non-quantifiable contravention, the maximum penalty imposed by RBI shall be Rs 5 lakh per contravention. In addition, RBI will impose further penalty up to ₹ 25,000/- for every day, if such contravention / default is a continuously performed.

29) Name the bank that received the authorized capital of Rs 25,000 crores from central government of India recently?

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) Bank of India
- 3) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the central govt in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced an increase in the authorized capital of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) to Rs 25,000 crores from the previous authorized capital of Rs. 15,000 crores, thus making an increase by Rs. 10,000 crores. **Authorised capital:** It is the maximum amount of share capital a company/bank/institution is authorised to issue its shareholders. **Paid-up capital:** It is the amount of money a company has received from shareholders in exchange for shares of stock.

30) Which bank was curbed from doing business by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after finding alleged irregularities in transactions & its depositors withdraw was limited to Rs. 35,000?

- 1) Catholic Syrian Bank
- 2) Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank
- 3) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
- 4) DCB Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has curbed Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank, a private bank in Bengaluru, Karnataka from doing business with immediate effect. This has been done after finding alleged irregularities in transactions. The bank's savings and current account customers and depositors can however withdraw cash up to Rs.35,000 only till further notice.

31) Which year is set as the deadline by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for the separation of the posts of Chairman and MD (Managing Director) or chief executive officer (CEO) for 500 listed companies?

- 1) April 2022
- 2) April 2021
- 3) April 2020
- 4) April 2025
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) April 2022

Explanation:

January 13, 2020, Stock market regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has extended the deadline for the separation of the posts of Chairman and MD (Managing Director) or chief executive officer (CEO) for 500 listed companies by 2 years. Now this rule has to be followed by April 2022.

32) Which bank has unveiled India's largest API (Application Programming Interfaces) banking portal with nearly 250 APIs?

- 1) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020, ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) bank, an Indian multinational banking and financial services company has launched India's largest API (application programming interfaces) Banking portal called 'ICICI Bank API Banking portal' (<https://developer.icicibank.com/>), which consists of 250 APIs & allows bank's partner companies across the globe to sign up on it, create an application, select the application, test it out and get the sample code.

33) Which Bank will provide \$88 million loan pact for Assam Inland Water Transport Project?

- 1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 2) World Bank (WB)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 4) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) World Bank (WB)

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 the Government of India, the Govt. of Assam and the World Bank (WB) signed a loan agreement of \$88 million for implementation of the Assam Inland Water Transport Project (AIWTP) to modernize passenger ferry sector of Assam which runs on rivers including the Brahmaputra river in Assam. Loan signing: The loan agreement from the Indian side was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and by Mr Junaaid Kamal Ahmad, Country Director (India), World Bank on behalf of the WB.

34) Name the bank that has signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with South Central Railway (SCR) Zone of Indian Railways for doorstep banking in 585 stations?

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) Canara Bank
- 4) State Bank of India (SBI)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) State Bank of India (SBI)**

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020, South Central Railway (SCR) Zone of Indian Railways has signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with State Bank of India (SBI) for 'doorstep banking' under which the bank will collect earnings generated from all 585 stations of the zone. Equal remittance mechanism will be developed in all railway stations. Real time information will be available about the cash being deposited by various stations, which will facilitate accountability.

35) Under which act, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has framed new rules under “Enhancing Security of Card Transactions” to further protect debit, credit card transactions?

1) Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007

2) Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2008

3) Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2009

4) Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2006

5) Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2005

Answer – **1) Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020, In view of the increasing cases of cyber fraud, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has framed new rules under “Enhancing Security of Card Transactions” to further protect debit, credit card transactions. These directions are issued under Section 10(2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007) & will come into effect from 16 March, 2020.

36) DLT was in news recently, what does 'L' stands for?

1) L - Lender

2) L - Liquidity

3) L - Ledger

4) L - Leverage

5) L - Liquidation

Answer – **3) L - Ledger**

Explanation:

L stands for Ledger. The full form of DLT is Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT).

37) Name the organization, that has launched Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) based “Vajra Platform” to make payments fast & secure?

1) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)

2) Data Security Council of India (DSCI)

3) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

4) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

5) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Answer – **4) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments has launched blockchain technology based “Vajra Platform” to make payments fast & secure. The new platform Vajra, which is based on the Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), has been designed with the aim to offer automatic clearing and settlement of payments on NPCI products such as unified payments interface (UPI) and Rupay card & will significantly reduce the need for manual reconciliation.

38) At what position, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ranked in the World Gold Council (WGC) report titled "Outlook 2020: Global economic trends and their impact on gold"?

- 1) 3rd
- 2) 6th
- 3) 5th
- 4) 4th
- 5) 2nd

Answer – 2) 6th

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 India's central bank i.e., the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been ranked 6th largest buyer of sovereign gold abroad after it purchased 25.2 tonnes in the first 10 months of 2019 according to World Gold Council(WGC) report titled "Outlook 2020: Global economic trends and their impact on gold".

39) Which country's central bank topped in buying gold abroad as per the World Gold Council (WGC) report titled "Outlook 2020: Global economic trends and their impact on gold"?

- 1) China
- 2) Japan
- 3) United States
- 4) France
- 5) Switzerland

Answer – 1) China

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 India's central bank i.e., the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been ranked 6th largest buyer of sovereign gold abroad after it purchased 25.2 tonnes in the first 10 months of 2019 according to World Gold Council(WGC) report titled "Outlook 2020: Global economic trends and their impact on gold". The central banks of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Poland have purchased more gold than India in 2019.

40) Which Insurance Company has partnered with Bharti Airtel Limited to offer Rs 2 lakh insurance cover to Airtel users?

- 1) Max Life Insurance Company Limited
- 2) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company
- 3) Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited
- 4) SBI Life Insurance Company Limited
- 5) PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited

Answer – 3) Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020, Bharti Airtel Limited (also known as Airtel), an Indian global telecommunications services company has partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited to offer Rs 2 lakh insurance cover to Airtel users with every recharge of Rs 179 prepaid bundle.

41) Name the firm, whose Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) was cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Airtel M Commerce Services Limited
- 2) Cholamandalam Distribution Services Limited
- 3) Fino PayTech Limited
- 4) Vodafone M-pesa Limited
- 5) Tech Mahindra Limited

Answer – 4) Vodafone M-pesa Limited

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of Vodafone M-pesa Limited, a Payment System Operator (PSO), after it had voluntarily surrendered the authorization. Now Vodafone m-Pesa cannot continue to transact the business of issuance & will no longer have the rights to provide payment facility as a prepaid instrument (PPI).

42) Till which date, m-Paisa customers and merchants can claim their claim settlement from the Vodafone M-pesa Limited?

- 1) October 30, 2022
- 2) August 30, 2022
- 3) May 30, 2022
- 4) April 30, 2022
- 5) September 30, 2022

Answer – **5) September 30, 2022**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of Vodafone M-pesa Limited, a Payment System Operator (PSO), after it had voluntarily surrendered the authorization. Now Vodafone m-Pesa cannot continue to transact the business of issuance & will no longer have the rights to provide payment facility as a prepaid instrument (PPI). Key Points: i. However, m-Paisa customers and merchants can claim valid under POS. They will have the right to claim their claim settlement from the company within 3 years of canceling the license i.e. by September 30, 2022.

43) Under which portal, Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME's) availed a loan worth 70,000 crore rupees till January 13, 2020?

- 1) www.msmeloansin59minutes.com
- 2) www.loansin59minutes.com
- 3) www.bankloansin59minutes.com
- 4) www.pbloansin59minutes.com
- 5) www.psbloansin59minutes.com

Answer – **5) www.psbloansin59minutes.com**

Explanation:

Under the scheme of providing loan to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME's) within 59 minutes nearly 70,000 crore rupees has been disbursed till January 13, 2020. The report was given by the Ministry of Finance (MOF). Loan was given to 2.19 lakh applications out of 2.73 lakh applications. The government has introduced loan provision to MSMEs through a dedicated online portal- www.psbloansin59minutes.com. This portal acts as a single interface portal which facilitates in principal approval of bank loans to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises upto five crore rupees within 59 minutes.

44) Name the bank that launched the Cardless cash withdrawal facility from its ATMs (Automated Teller Machine) with transaction limit of Rs 20,000 per day through its mobile app 'iMobile' recently?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 5) Canara Bank

Answer – **1) ICICI Bank**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) Bank, an Indian multinational bank has launched Cardless cash withdrawal facility from its ATMs (Automated Teller Machine) with a per day transaction limit of Rs 20,000. With this, customers can withdraw cash from more than 15,000 ATMs of the bank through the bank's mobile banking application 'iMobile'.

45) Which insurance company has merged with National Insurance Company Limited (NICT) along with United India Insurance Company Ltd (UIIC)?

- 1) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance
- 2) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- 3) Oriental Insurance Company Ltd (OICL)
- 4) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (BAGI)
- 5) New India Assurance (NIA)

Answer – **3) Oriental Insurance Company Ltd (OICL)**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, The Board of National Insurance Company Limited (NICT) has approved its merger with Oriental Insurance Company Ltd (OICL) and United India Insurance Company Ltd (UIIC). The merger would help cut down costs and achieve economies of scale. The board of OICL and UIIC had already approved the merger at their board meetings held in Delhi, before the board of NICT. New India Assurance Company may also be involved in this merger & The General Insurers' Public Sector Association (India) is said to approve the amalgamation.

46) _____ edition of minutes of Central Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was released recently by Reserve Bank of India as part of the central bank's transparency initiative?

- 1) 574th
- 2) 555th
- 3) 579th
- 4) 585th
- 5) 565th

Answer – **3) 579th**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, For the 1st time, India central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the minutes of the 579th meeting of Central Board of Directors (BoD) held in Chandigarh on October 11, 2019 as part of the central bank's transparency initiative.

47) To which country, Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM bank) has extended \$35.80 million (nearly Rs 250 crore) to fund rural electrification programme through solar Diesel Generator (DG) hybrid Photo-Voltaic(PV) systems?

- 1) Bolivia
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Guyana
- 4) Suriname
- 5) French Guiana

Answer – **4) Suriname**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM bank) has extended \$35.80 million (nearly Rs 250 crore) million Line of Credit (LoC) to South American country Suriname to fund its rural electrification programme through solar Diesel Generator (DG) hybrid Photo-Voltaic(PV) systems in Suriname's 50 remote villages. Under the LoC, the projects covered include power, water supply, purchase of helicopters, and rehabilitation and upgradation of milk processing plant. Till date, India has extended 9 LoC to Suriname with total value of \$124.98 million (nearly Rs.890 crores).

48) Name the insurance firm, that has received Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) approval for 5 innovative applications and programs in its health and motor portfolio under the Sandbox Project?

- 1) Reliance General Insurance
- 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 3) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 4) New India Assurance
- 5) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance

Answer – 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited, one of the leading private sector general insurance companies in India, has received Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) approval for 5 innovative applications and programs in its health and motor portfolio under the Sandbox Project. This is the largest approval by IRDAI in terms of numbers given to a company under the project.

49) Which hospital group has collaborated with Bajaj Finserv & launched digitized “Health EMI Card” that will be provided to patients with credit limit of Rs.4 Lakhs?

- 1) Apollo Hospitals Group
- 2) All India Institute Of Medical Science (AIIMS) Group
- 3) Fortis Group
- 4) Lilavati Group
- 5) Tata Hospitals Group

Answer – 1) Apollo Hospitals Group

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Apollo Hospitals Group in collaboration with Bajaj Finserv has launched digitized “Health EMI Card” which will be provided to patients and will be offered a credit limit of Rs.4 Lakhs. Nearly 600 procedures for patients will be covered. This partnership between Apollo and Bajaj Finserv has been done to enable EMI (Equated monthly installments) financing for healthcare.

50) What is the increased short-term debt investments limit for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), that was set as 20% earlier by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) 30 %
- 2) 40 %
- 3) 50 %
- 4) 55 %
- 5) 45 %

Answer – 1) 30 %

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, With the aim to boost foreign inflows, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the short-term investments by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to 30 % from 20 % of the total FPI investment in Central government securities including Treasury Bills (T-bills) / state development loans. This rule also applies in corporate bonds. These directions are issued under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999).

51) What is the maximum voluntary investment limit that can be invested by the Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) through the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR)?

- 1) Rs 5,00,000 crore
- 2) Rs 3,50,000 crore
- 3) Rs 2,00,000 crore
- 4) Rs 1,50,000 crore
- 5) Rs 1,00,000 crore

Answer – 4) Rs 1,50,000 crore

Explanation:

RBI also doubled the voluntary investment limit for FPIs through the voluntary retention route (VRR). Now FPIs can invest up to Rs 1,50,000 crore through VRR as against the earlier limit of Rs 75,000 crore. The minimum retention period should be 3 years. As on December 31, 2019, about Rs 54,300 crore has already been invested under the scheme. After increasing the limit under the scheme, now Rs.90630 crores can be invested in it.

52) Which bank has launched India's 1st multilingual voice-enabled mobile banking application 'All-In-One' using which users can communicate with the chat-bot 'Ask Lakshmi' for their general banking queries?

- 1) Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- 2) City Union Bank (CUB)
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) Axis Bank

Answer – 2) City Union Bank (CUB)

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, For the 1st time India, the City Union Bank (CUB) Limited, one of the leading Indian banks in India, has launched a multilingual voice-enabled mobile banking application. Now the CUB customers can converse with the chat-bot 'Ask Lakshmi' of the app in Tamil, English, Hindi / Telugu language for their general banking queries including transactions like Balance enquiry, mini statement, fund transfer over voice/text instructions.

53) Name the bank that has decided to convert into a Small Finance Bank (SFB) under Voluntary Transition of Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) into SFB?

- 1) Sangli Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd
- 2) Karad Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd.
- 3) Nagpur Nagrik Sahakari Bank Ltd
- 4) Nasik Merchant's Co-operative Bank Ltd.
- 5) New India Co-operative Bank (NICB)

Answer – 5) New India Co-operative Bank (NICB)

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the New India Co-operative Bank (NICB) has been decided to be converted into a Small Finance Bank (SFB) after being agreed by its shareholders under Voluntary Transition of Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) into SFB. NICB will now approach the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Central Registrar of Societies for further action.

54) Name the entity, that has partnered with the Airtel Payments Bank & Airtel Africa Plc, to launch real-time payments into millions of Airtel Payments Bank accounts in India & mobile wallets across 14 countries in Africa?

- 1) WorldRemit
- 2) TransferWise
- 3) Western Union Company
- 4) MoneyGram International
- 5) Ria Money Transfer

Answer – 3) Western Union Company

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, Western Union Company, a leader in cross-border, cross-currency money movement and payments, has partnered with India's largest integrated telecommunications services company, Bharti Airtel's 2 arms- Airtel Payments Bank & Airtel Africa Plc, to enable millions of

latter's customers in India to receive international remittances in their bank accounts & and Mobile Wallets across 14 countries in Africa.

55) Which bank has signed a loan agreement of \$210 million for Maharashtra's Agribusiness & rural transformation project?

- 1) World Bank (WB)
- 2) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 3) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 5) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer – **1) World Bank (WB)**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 the govt of India, Govt of Maharashtra and the World Bank(WB) signed a loan agreement of \$210 million for Maharashtra's Agribusiness & rural transformation project. This project will help the farmers in Maharashtra to take part in competitive agriculture value chains, enhance agribusiness investments thereby increasing productivity of commodities. All 36 districts of Maharashtra will be implemented with the project and would benefit nearly 1 million farming households.

56) Name the wealth management platform launched by IndusInd Bank Limited that will cater high net-worth customers?

- 1) DHANCHAYAT
- 2) SUVIDHA
- 3) PIONEER
- 4) CHILLAR
- 5) KAYPAY

Answer – **3) PIONEER**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020, IndusInd Bank Limited, one of the leading Private Sector Banks of the country, has launched the asset management platform under the name "PIONEER" Banking. Through this, services will be provided to high net-worth customers of IndusInd bank. Along with this, specially tailored banking services will also be offered, which will suit the needs of valued consumers.

57) What is the revised investment limit under Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) scheme, that was increased by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from earlier Rs.75000 crores?

- 1) Rs 1,00,000 crores
- 2) Rs 2,50,000 crores
- 3) Rs 2,00,000 crores
- 4) Rs 3,50,000 crores
- 5) Rs 1,50,000 crores

Answer – **5) Rs 1,50,000 crores**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020, based on the feedback received from the Voluntary Retention Route scheme introduced by the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) in 2009, the central bank(RBI) in consultation with the govt. made certain amendments in the scheme to increase its operational flexibility. As per the amendments The investment limit under VRR has now been increased to Rs 1,50,000 crores (1.5lakh crores) from the earlier Rs 75,000 crores. The minimum period of retention will be 3 years.

58) What is the total outlay of fraud cases in Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) of India in the last 5 fiscal years (FY)?

- 1) 230 crores
- 2) 221 crores

- 3) 185 crores
- 4) 175 crores
- 5) 165 crores

Answer – 2) 221 crores

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, According to the India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), there have been about 972 cases of fraud in the urban cooperative banks (UCBs) of the country in the last 5 fiscal years (FY), in which banks have incurred losses of 221 crores. In the financial year 2018-19 itself, 181 cases of rigging have been reported, in which banks have lost Rs 127.7 crore. In the financial year 2016-17 and 2017-18, there were 27 and 99 cases of scams in UCBs. In which the banks lost Rs 9.3 crore and Rs 46.9 crore respectively. In the financial year 2014-15 and 2015-16, this figure of bank fraud stood at 478 and 187 cases respectively. In which urban co-operative banks lost Rs 19.8 crore and Rs 17.3 crore.

59) Which state's credit potential was estimated at Rs 90,395.69 crore for Financial year FY-2020-21 by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer – 2) Odisha

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), an Apex Development Financial Institution in India, in its State Focus Paper for Odisha, has estimated Odisha's credit potential at Rs 90,395.69 crore for Financial year FY- 2020-21 with a hike of around 20 % over credit projection of 2019-20. Out of the total credit potential for priority sector, agriculture constitutes Rs 43,282.11 crore, in which, Rs 40,227.79 crore (92.94 %) is estimated under farm credit, which consists both crop loans and term loans for agriculture and allied activities.

60) Which of the following payment system's interchange fees were removed by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) until Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) remains zero recently?

- 1) Payments Service Provider (PSP)
- 2) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- 3) RuPay card transactions
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer – 5) Both 2 & 3

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems, has approved part of the banks request to remove interchange fees on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and RuPay card transactions as long as the merchant discount rate (MDR) remains zero. In contrast, it is still reviewing other fees like payments service provider (PSP) fee and switching fees as it is concerned that the decision will obstruct its revenues and PSPs like PhonePe & Google-Pay.

61) Which Bank operating in India launched the tool 'iBox' first of its kind do 24*7 self service delivery at one of its branch in Mumbai (January 2020)?

- 1) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 2) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI)
- 3) Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank

- 4) Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank
- 5) Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Bank

Answer - **3) Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank**

Explanation:

ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) Bank, an Indian financial institution, has launched first-of-its-kind 24×7 self-service delivery tool for customers called “iBox” at one of its branches in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Under this facility, customers will now be able to take their debit, credit card, check book and return check from the branch close to their home or office. The iBox terminals are installed outside the premises of the bank’s branches, which can be used even after the bank closes.

62) The Indian Bank on January 2020 has launched credit products ‘Corporate Loan’ and “Ind Surya Shakthi/Indian Bank Solar” for which sector?

- 1) Food Processing Sector
- 2) Textile Sector
- 3) Power Sector
- 4) Agriculture Sector
- 5) Banking sector

Answer - **2) Textile Sector**

Explanation:

On January 30, 2020 the Indian Bank has announced the launch of two tailor made credit products i.e., Corporate Loan and Ind Surya Shakthi/ Indian Bank Solar at the meeting held at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Also the products will be available across the country for the benefit of the textile sector. Corporate Loan: Under it, the loans will be offered at affordable interest rates.

Surya Shakthi: It is a term loan to set up roof-top solar power plants for captive consumption. This loan is expected to boost the renewable energy utilization culture in the textile sector.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

1) Import from which country is set to be placed under stricter quality standards to curb non-essential imports?

- 1) Russia
- 2) China
- 3) Japan
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) China**

Explanation:

By March 2020, India has decided to place stricter quality standards for 371 items. This has been done with the aim of curbing imports of non-essential items such as toys, plastic goods, sports items and furniture, especially from China. The proposed rules will be framed by respective ministries in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), that will help in ensuring stricter inspection of imports. The new rules will be spearheaded by Union trade minister Shri Piyush Goyal. China’s imports: Non-essential imports from China is estimated to amount \$4 trillion per annum. Trade deficit with China: India’s trade deficit with China stands at \$53.6 billion.

2) By how much percent, the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose in the first half of FY2020 (Fiscal year 2020), as per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?

- 1) 15%
- 2) 20%
- 3) 25%

- 4) 30%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 15%**

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, According to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose 15% to \$26 billion in the first half of FY2020 (Fiscal year 2020).

3) Which country has become the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (\$8 billion investments) in India during the first half of FY2020?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Mauritius
- 3) United States(US)
- 4) Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Singapore**

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, According to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose 15% to \$26 billion in the first half of FY2020 (Fiscal year 2020). Singapore continued to be the largest source of FDI in India during the first half of FY2020 with \$8 billion investments. The inflow of FDI during April-September of 2018-19 stood at \$22.66 billion. The data in brief are as follows: Other top FDI sourcing countries to India: Singapore was followed by Mauritius (\$6.36 billion), the United States(US) (\$2.15 billion), the Netherlands (\$2.32 billion), and Japan (\$1.78 billion) in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively.

4) What is the Foreign Exchange (Forex) reserves of India on 27 December, 2019 as per Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s " Bulletin Weekly Statistical Supplement – Extract"?

- 1) \$ 457.468 billion
- 2) \$ 557.468 billion
- 3) \$ 257.468 billion
- 4) \$ 357.468 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) \$ 457.468 billion**

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020, According to the " Bulletin Weekly Statistical Supplement – Extract" released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's foreign exchange (Forex) reserves rose by \$ 2.520 billion to a record \$ 457.468 billion during the week ended 27 December, 2019. During the previous week, Forex reserves had increased by \$ 456 million to \$ 454.948 billion .

5) Which firm has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to make aerospace components?

- 1) Tata Group
- 2) Wipro 3D
- 3) Reliance Industries
- 4) Bharat Forge
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Wipro 3D**

Explanation:

On January 02, 2020, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) ,an Indian state-owned aerospace & defence company, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Wipro 3D, the metal additive manufacturing (AM) business of Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN), to jointly design, develop and manufacture aerospace components using metal additive technology (Three Dimensional

(3D) printing). This MoU will enable both partners to develop, prove and apply new material in the production of aerospace applications, including Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO).

6) Which organization has launched the 'Knowledge Hub' for BFSI (Banking, Financial services and Insurance) sectors to enhance skills for their employees?

- 1) National Stock Exchange(NSE)
- 2) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- 3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) National Stock Exchange(NSE)**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, National Stock Exchange(NSE) launched 'NSE Knowledge Hub' an Artificial Intelligence-powered learning platform for BFSI (Banking, Financial services and Insurance) sectors to enhance skills for their employees, during an event in New Delhi. The function was inaugurated by Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Railways & Commerce and Industries. It has been developed by NSE Academy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

7) Name the organization that has released the 1st Advance estimates of the national income at both constant(2011-12) and current prices for FY(Financial Year) 2019-20?

- 1) National Statistical Office (NSO)
- 2) Statistical Office of India (SOI)
- 3) Economic and Statistical Organisation (ESO)
- 4) International Statistical Office (ISO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) National Statistical Office (NSO)**

Explanation:

On January 07, 2020 the National Statistical Office (NSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the 1st Advance estimates of the national income at both constant(2011-12) and current prices for FY(Financial Year) 2019-20. The corresponding expenditure components of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was also estimated.

8) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019-20 as per the National Statistical Office (NSO)?

- 1) 6.2%
- 2) 6%
- 3) 5.5%
- 4) 5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 5%**

Explanation:

On January 07, 2020 the National Statistical Office (NSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has released the 1st Advance estimates of the national income at both constant(2011-12) and current prices for FY(Financial Year) 2019-20. GDP growth: The growth in real GDP for 2019-20 is estimated at 5% compared to 6.8% for 2018-19.

9) Which organization has revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) projection to 4.6% for FY 20?

- 1) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 2) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 4) World Bank (WB)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) State Bank of India (SBI)**

Explanation:

On January 07, 2020, the State Bank of India (SBI) Ecowrap report has downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for FY20 (Financial year 2020) to 4.6% from its previous estimate of 5%. Also the Central Statistics Office (CSO) recently projected GDP growth of India at 5% which is 11-year low. Previously it was set at 6.8%. Factors like expenditure are the key determinants for overall growth outlook for FY20.

10) Who chaired the Group of Ministers (GoM), that has approved the Expressions of Interest (EOI) and Share Purchase Agreement for privatization of Air India?

1) Piyush Goyal

2) Nirmala Sitharaman

3) Amit Shah

4) Narendra Modi

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, A Group of Ministers (GoM) chaired by Union Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah has approved the Expressions of Interest (EOI) and Share Purchase Agreement for privatization of Air India, a debt-ridden state-run airline. Both these forms will be released to the bidders for Air India in January 2020. The GoM also approved a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) & also a debt restructuring plan for Air India. Air India is incurring a loss of Rs 20 -26 crore every day. The airline's debt has increased to about Rs 80,000 crore & its deficit was around Rs 8,556 crore in 2018-19.

11) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India in the year FY20 as per the World Bank (WB)'s report, "January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges"?

1) 6%

2) 5%

3) 5.2%

4) 5.5%

5) None of these

Answer – **2) 5%**

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020, World Bank (WB), an international financial institution, in its report, "January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges", has slashed India's GDP (Gross domestic product) growth for financial year – FY 2020 to 5% from 6% estimated earlier in October 2019. The bank cuts the forecast due to the weakness in credit distribution of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) in India.

12) As per the World Bank report "January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges", the Global growth is estimated as _____ percent?

1) 2.4%

2) 2.1%

3) 2.3%

4) 2.5%

5) None of these

Answer – **4) 2.5%**

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020, World Bank (WB), an international financial institution, released its report, "January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges". It cuts the global growth

by 0.2 % points to 2.4% for 2019 & 2.5% for 2020 due to a slower-than-expected recovery in trade and investment despite cooler trade war between the United States (US) and China.

13) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019-20, as per United Nations (UN)'s 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020' report?

- 1) 5.5%
- 2) 5.7%
- 3) 5.3%
- 4) 5.1%
- 5) 5.2%

Answer – **2) 5.7%**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020, According to the 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020' report released by the United Nations (UN), it has slashed India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the year 2019-20 by 1.9% to 5.7%. Earlier in 2019, it had projected GDP growth rate of 7.6% for FY 2019-20.

14) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019-20 by United Nation (UN)?

- 1) 5.7%
- 2) 5.4%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 5.2%
- 5) 5.5%

Answer – **3) 5%**

Explanation:

On January 18, 2020, United Nations (UN), has revised the India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the year 2019-20 to 5%.

15) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of India for the year 2019 as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF), revised from 6.1% on January 20, 2020?

- 1) 4.8 %
- 2) 5.7 %
- 3) 5 %
- 4) 5.5 %
- 5) 5.2 %

Answer – **1) 4.8 %**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, The International Monetary Fund (IMF), an international organization, in its World Economic Outlook 2020, has reduced India's economic growth forecast for 2019 to 4.8 % from 6.1% predicted earlier in October 2019. The growth projections have been lowered, citing pressure from non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and weak income growth in rural India.

16) What is the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for the year 2019, which is revised from 3 % by International Monetary Fund (IMF) on January 20, 2020?

- 1) 2.5%
- 2) 2.9%
- 3) 3.1%
- 4) 2.1%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2.9%**

Explanation:

The IMF has reduced growth estimates for the global economy to 2.9 % in 2019, 0.1 % point lower than its earlier forecast of 3%. It also predicted the growth estimate 3.3 % in 2020 and 3.4 % for 2021.

17) At what position, India ranked in terms of attracting the foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019 as per United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report titled “Global Investment Trend Monitor report 2020”?

- 1) 5th
- 2) 15th
- 3) 12th
- 4) 8th
- 5) 10th

Answer – 4) 8th

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to the “Global Investment Trend Monitor report 2020” released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India ranked 8th among the top 10 countries attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019. During this period FDI in India grew by 16 % to \$ 49 billion(bn). This led to a surge in FDI growth in South Asia (SA), which recorded a 10% increase in FDI to \$ 60 billion.

18) Which country attracts the largest foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019 (i.e. \$251 billion) as per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report titled “Global Investment Trend Monitor report 2020”?

- 1) Russia
- 2) France
- 3) China
- 4) United Kingdom (UK)
- 5) United States (US)

Answer – 5) United States (US)

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to the “Global Investment Trend Monitor report 2020” released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) United States (US) remained the largest recipient of FDI in flow, attracting \$251 billion, followed by China with flows of \$140 bn & Singapore with \$110 bn.

19) Name the 1st Indian telecom operator that has recently launched UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments space?

- 1) Tata Indicom
- 2) Idea Cellular
- 3) Bharti Airtel Limited
- 4) Reliance Jio
- 5) Vodafone Idea

Answer – 4) Reliance Jio

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 telecom operator Reliance Jio of the Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has become the 1st Indian telecom operator to launch UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments space. Thus Reliance Jio will now compete with other private UPI payment providers such as Paytm, Google Pay and PhonePe. As of now, Reliance Jio is India's largest telecom operator. As per reports, users cannot use their existing UPI ids to avail this service. Instead, they will have to create a new JIO UPI Id.

20) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of India for the FY 21 (2020-21) as per the India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)?

- 1) 5.2%
- 2) 4.7%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 4.5%
- 5) 5.5%

Answer – **5) 5.5%**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), the Indian subsidiary of Fitch group, has estimated the Indian economy to grow at a 5.5% rate in fiscal year-FY 21 (2020-21), which is slightly higher than the 5% GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate estimate for FY20 (2019-20).

21) How much percent of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) was approved to Bharti Airtel from 49% by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) recently?

- 1) 100%
- 2) 50%
- 3) 75%
- 4) 60%
- 5) 55%

Answer – **1) 100%**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has approved raising of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bharti Airtel to 100 percent from 49 percent. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also given the approval to Bharti Airtel for allowing foreign investors to hold up to 74 per cent stake in the company. The company has to clear statutory liabilities of up to nearly Rs 35,586 crore, of which Rs 21,682 crore is licence fee and another Rs 13,904.01 crore is spectrum dues excluding the dues of Telenor and Tata Teleservices before the approval.

22) Name the Indian firm, that has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Petroleum Authority (NPA) of Ghana Oil Regulator, for the implementation of Ghana's National LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) Promotion Policy?

- 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- 2) Oil India
- 3) Bharat Petroleum (BP)
- 4) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- 5) Hindustan Petroleum (HP)

Answer – **4) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Petroleum Authority (NPA) of Ghana Oil Regulator, for the implementation of Ghana's National LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) Promotion Policy. The MoU was signed in New Delhi in the presence of Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) & Steel Shri Dharmendra Debendra Pradhan and Micheal Aaron, High Commissioner of Ghana. Mr. Alhassan Sulemna Tampuli, Chief Executive, NPA, Ghana and Mr. L.K.S Chauhan, Chief General Manager (LPG), Indian Oil signed MoU.

23) Which Indian firm has collaborated with Google Cloud, that will offer services provided by Google's G Suite to small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs)?

- 1) Tata Sky
- 2) Bharti Airtel Limited
- 3) Vodafone Idea Limited

- 4) Reliance Jio Limited
- 5) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

Answer – **2) Bharti Airtel Limited**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, Bharti Airtel Limited (also known as Airtel), an Indian global telecommunications services company, has entered into the partnership with cloud computing services provider Google Cloud, under which Airtel will offer services provided by Google's G Suite to small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in India, which are already clients of Airtel's information and communications technology (ICT) services.

24) Which Indian stock exchange has signed a licensing agreement with the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Futures Europe?

- 1) Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)
- 2) Calcutta Stock Exchange (CSE)
- 3) Inter-connected Stock Exchange Ltd.
- 4) National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- 5) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

Answer – **5) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has signed a licensing agreement with the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Futures Europe. ICE is a global exchanges and clearing houses operator. Through this pact, ICE Brent index will be used as a final settlement price for the rupee denominated Brent future contract of BSE. Agreement Purpose: Indian commodity markets will be provided with convenient as well as cost-effective onshore hedging products and the price discovery of Brent crude prices in the Indian time zone will also be enabled.

25) How much percent stake of Air India (AI) was decided to sale by government of India recently?

- 1) 100%
- 2) 75%
- 3) 80%
- 4) 85%
- 5) 90%

Answer – **1) 100%**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, Indian Government has decided to sell its 100 percent stake of Air India (AI) under the reconstituted Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM) for re-initiated strategic disinvestment of Air India. It includes its 100 percent stake in low-cost airline Air India Express and 50 percent shareholding in joint venture AI SATS Airport Services Private Limited. The deadline for submitting the interest to bid Air India is March 17, 2020. The net worth of the parties interested in bidding for Air India should be Rs 3,500 crore.

26) Which Indian firm was appointed as project management consultant (PMC) for about 300 MW (MegaWatt) of solar power projects by West African country, Togo?

- 1) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- 3) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- 4) NHPC Limited
- 5) Power Grid Corporation Of India

Answer – **1) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, According to the Power Ministry, Government of India (GoI), West African country Togo has appointed NTPC (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited), India's largest energy conglomerate, as its project management consultant (PMC) for about 300 MW (MegaWatt) of solar power projects in Togo. Togo has identified 2 different plots of land- one each of 70 and 500 acres in Dapaong (Dalwak region) & Mango (Savanes region) respectively, that will combine to produce 283 MW. With this, Togo become the 1st ISA (International Solar Alliance) nation to get the services of NTPC.

27) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of India for 2019-20 (Fiscal year -FY 20) as per the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)'s "Economic Outlook Survey 2020"?

- 1) 5.4%
- 2) 5.3%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 5.1%
- 5) 5.2%

Answer - 3) 5%

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), an association of business organizations in India, in its "Economic Outlook Survey 2020", has projected India's annual median GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth at 5% for 2019-20 (Fiscal year -FY 20). It is in line with the National Statistical Organisation's (NSO) projected growth rate (5%, a 11-year low).

28) Which Technological Giant company commits \$1 Million to Non Profit Organization "Internews" to promote news literacy among Indian public (January 2020)?

- 1) Facebook
- 2) Apple
- 3) Microsoft
- 4) Google
- 5) Amazon

Answer - 4) Google

Explanation:

Google News Initiative (GNI), a cooperative effort between Google & a number of large traditional news media providers, has announced a \$1 million grant for global non-profit organization 'Internews' that will launch a new initiative to promote news literacy among the Indian public.

29) Which Insurance Company collaborated with Drone Federation of India (DFI) to provide Insurance cover to Drone Operators at Drone festival held in Delhi (January 2020)?

- 1) Acko General Insurance
- 2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company
- 3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
- 4) SBI General Insurance
- 5) Tata AIG General Insurance

Answer: 5) Tata AIG General Insurance

Explanation:

Drone Federation of India (DFI) has announced to collaborate with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Ltd (Tata AIG) for developing as well as launching insurance products for the drone operators. The announcement was made during the recently concluded Drone Festival of India at New Delhi.

MoU's & AGREEMENTS

1) Name the foundation, that has signed an Memorandum of Cooperation(MoC) with Department of Health & Family Welfare (DOHFW) for cooperation in the field of health?

- 1) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2) Rockefeller Foundation
- 3) Ford Foundation
- 4) Rotary Foundation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Explanation:

The CCEA has given its approval for the Memorandum of Cooperation(MoC) between the Department of Health & Family Welfare (DOHFW) of the govt of India and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) for cooperation in the field of health. The MoC was signed in November 2019 during visit of Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair and Trustee of BMGF to New Delhi. The MoC areas covered include: Reduction in neonatal and child morbidity and mortality and improvement in health services. Increasing quality for family planning methods. Reduction of burden of select infectious disease like Tuberculosis(TB), Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) etc. Strengthen health systems and manage skills of human resources for health etc.

2) Name the country that has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Railways of Indian government for Enabling Energy Self-Sufficiency for Indian Railways?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Germany
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) United Kingdom

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has gave its ex-post facto approval on an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Railways & the Department for International Development (Government of United Kingdom-UK) for Enabling Energy Self-Sufficiency for Indian Railways. It was signed on January 2,2019.

3) For cooperation in which of the following field, India and Sweden signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during Sweden's king Carl XVI Gustaf visit to India?

- 1) For Cooperation in Polar Science
- 2) For Cooperation in Infrastructure
- 3) For Cooperation in Education
- 4) For Cooperation in Research
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) For Cooperation in Polar Science

Explanation:

The Union cabinet has approved the signing an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on Cooperation of Polar Science between the Ministry of Education and Research of Sweden and the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) of India. It was signed on 2nd December 2019 during the visit of King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia to India .This MoU includes cooperation between the 2 sides in both Arctic and Antarctic regions ,so that it is called as Polar Science. Sweden as one of the eight "Arctic States" & India as the Observer Status in the Arctic Council, are members of Antarctic Treaty and to the Protocol to the Antarctic Treaty on Environmental Protection. So this MoU will help enable sharing of the expertise available with both Countries.

4) Which 2 countries had signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the ratification of migration and mobility partnership agreement?

- 1) India and Japan
- 2) India and Sweden
- 3) India and Russia
- 4) India and France
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) India and France**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for the ratification of migration and mobility partnership agreement between India and France. The MoU, which was signed in March 2018, is valid for 7 years and incorporates provisions for auto-renewal. It will promote the people-to-people contacts, mobility of students, academics, researchers and skilled workforce and strengthening cooperation on issues related to irregular migration and human trafficking.

5) India & Mongolia have signed an agreement, that received cabinet approval on 8th January, 2020. For co-operation of which of the following field they signed an MoU?

- 1) Cooperation in the field of Polar Science
- 2) Cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space
- 3) Cooperation in the field of Science & Technology
- 4) Cooperation in the field of Education
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space**

Explanation:

The Union cabinet has approved an Agreement between Government of the Republic of India and Government of Mongolia on Cooperation in the Exploration and Uses of Outer Space for Peaceful Purposes. The MoU was signed on 20 September 2019 during the state visit of the President of Mongolia, Khaltmaagiin Battulga to India. This also helps to constitute Joint Working Group, drawing members from ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and the Information Technology Authority of the Government of Mongolia, which will further work out the plan of action including the time-frame and the means of implementing this MoU.

6) Which 2 countries have renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of electoral management?

- 1) India and Russia
- 2) India and United States
- 3) India and Mauritius
- 4) India and Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India and Mauritius**

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 the Election Commission of India (ECI) has renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of electoral management with the electoral commission of Mauritius. The renewal was done at Port Louis of Mauritius and was signed by India's Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora and Mohammed Irfan Abdool Rahman, Electoral Commissioner of Mauritius.

7) Which firm has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Railways for e-office execution?

- 1) RailTelcom
- 2) RailOff
- 3) RailWire

- 4) RailTel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) RailTel**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Indian Railways signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RailTel, a miniratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways for Phase 2 project of e-office execution. Under this project, RailTel will register 39,000 users over 34 divisions on National Informatics Centre (NIC) e-office platform by June 30, 2020. MoU was signed by Executive Director (ED/TD), Railway Board, Shri Umesh Balonda, and General Manager (GM)/Information Technology (IT) project/RailTel, Smt. Haritima Jaipurkar.

8) Which 2 states have signed a quadripartite agreement between the central government and representatives of the Bru tribe to end 23-year old Bru-Reang refugee crisis recently?

- 1) State Governments of Assam, Tripura
- 2) State Governments of West Bengal, Assam
- 3) State Governments of Meghalaya, Mizoram
- 4) State Governments of Tripura, Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) State Governments of Tripura, Mizoram**

Explanation:

On January, 16, 2020, Union Minister for Home Affairs (HM), Shri Amit Shah has presided over the signing of a quadripartite agreement between the central government and state Governments of Tripura, Mizoram and representatives of the Bru tribe in New Delhi to end 23-year old Bru-Reang refugee crisis. As per the new agreement, about 34,000 Bru refugees will be inhabited in Tripura and assisted by central government with its allocated budget of Rs 600 crores to help in their resettlement.

9) Which 2 countries have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the field of production, procurement, research and development in defence sector during Raisina Dialogue 2020?

- 1) India & Finland
- 2) India & United States
- 3) India & Russia
- 4) India & Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) India & Finland**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 India & Finland signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in order to enhance cooperation in the field of production, procurement, research and development in defence sector. MoU signing: India's defence secretary Ajay Kumar and the Finnish Defence Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Jukka Juusti signed the MoU. This MoU was previously under discussion since the 2018 Defence Expo (Defexpo) and has been finally formalised in the run up to Defence Expo 2020 which is to be held in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh from February 5-9, 2020.

10) For co-operation in which of the following field, India and Bangladesh have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 14, 2020?

- 1) Defence
- 2) Information and Broadcasting
- 3) Research and Development
- 4) Information and Technology
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Information and Broadcasting**

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Bangladesh in the field of Information and Broadcasting at Information and Broadcasting Ministers meet 2020, in New Delhi. A MoU was also signed for content exchange programme between All India Radio (AIR) and Bangladesh Radio Betar. India and Bangladesh is co-producing the biopic of "BangaBandhu", Sheikh Mujibur Rehman who was the first President of Bangladesh and it will be released during his birth centenary year, March 17, 2020.

11) Name the government agency that has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Navy for 'Sharing of seabed sediments data, products and expertise for Naval Application in Meteorology and Oceanography'?

- 1) Meteorological Survey of India (MSI)
 - 2) National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)
 - 3) Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)
 - 4) Geological Survey of India (GSI)
 - 5) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- Answer – **4) Geological Survey of India (GSI)**

Explanation:

On 21st January 2020, Indian Navy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) for sharing seabed sediments data, products and expertise for Naval application in Meteorology and Oceanography. Mangaluru based Marine and Coastal survey division has mapped 2.1 Million km² Exclusive Economic Zone and has a vast repository of offshore data. The data has been collected using GSI's state-of-the art oceanic research vessels Samudra Manthan, Samudra Kaustubh, Samudra Shaudhikama and Samudra Ratnakar.

12) Which 2 countries have signed an agreement to upgrade the 50.58 kilometer long Ashuganj-Akhaura road into a 4-lane highway?

- 1) India and China
- 2) India and Myanmar
- 3) India and Nepal
- 4) India and Sri Lanka
- 5) India and Bangladesh

Answer – **5) India and Bangladesh**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 India and Bangladesh have signed an agreement to upgrade the 50.58 kilometer long Ashuganj-Akhaura road into a 4-lane highway. The road runs between Ashuganj river port and the Akhaura land port in Bangladesh. The road project is part of the \$2 billion second Line of Credit (LoC) extended by India to Bangladesh in 2016. Roads and Highways Department (RHD) of Bangladesh and Afcons Infrastructure Limited of India will upgrade 39 km long road between Ashuganj river port to Dharhar area of Chattisgarh. The work to upgrade the remaining part of the road will be from Dharhar to Akhaura will be done by the RHD and an India-Bangladesh joint venture (JV).

13) Name the organization that has signed an agreement with Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to strengthen grassroots of institutions for rural poor?

- 1) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
 - 2) John Templeton Foundation (JTF)
 - 3) Walton Family Foundation (WFF)
 - 4) Nobel Foundation (NF)
 - 5) Rockefeller Foundation (RF)
- Answer – **1) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Ministry of Rural Development(MoRD) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation(BMGF) under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). The MoU is to further strengthen grassroots of institutions for rural poor. MoU signing: The MoU was signed by Smt Alka Upadhyaya, Additional Secretary and Mission Director of NRLM on behalf of MoRD while it was signed by Shri AlkeshWadhwanion on behalf of BMGF in presence of MoRD secretary Shri Rajesh Bhushan.

14) Name the state government that has signed a tripartite agreement with the banned National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) & Government of India recently to boost peace in the state?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Assam
- 5) West Bengal

Answer – 4) Assam

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Govt. of India has signed a tripartite agreement with the representatives of the banned National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) organisation & Govt. of Assam at the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The pact was signed to boost peace in the Northeastern state of Assam. The agreement would fulfill political and economic demands besides safeguarding the language and culture of the Bodo community people.

15) How many Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) were signed between India and Brazil during Brazil's president Jair Messias Bolsonaro visit to India?

- 1) 14
- 2) 15
- 3) 20
- 4) 21
- 5) 25

Answer – 2) 15

Explanation:

Brazil and India signed 15 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and also signed an action plan to deepen strategic partnership. The MoU in detail are as follows:

Si.No	MoU
1	Cooperation on Bioenergy.
2	Cooperation in the field of Oil and Natural Gas.
3	Investment Cooperation and Facilitation Treaty.
4	Cooperation in Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
5	Cooperation in the field of Early Childhood
6	Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine.
7	Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.
8	Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2020-2024.
9	Agreement on Social Security.
10	Cooperation in the area of Cyber Security. MoU between India's Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) and Brazil's General Coordination of Network Incident Treatment Centre, Department of Information Security, Institutional Security.

11	Programme of Scientific and Technological Cooperation for implementing the agreement on scientific and technological cooperation from 2020-2023.
12	Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources between Geological Survey of India (GSI), under the Ministry of Mines and the Geological Survey of Brazil.
13	MoU between Invest India and the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Apex Brazil)
14	Cooperation in the fields of Animal Husbandry and Dairying For this, a Joint Declaration of Intent(JDI) between Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply of Brazil was signed.
15	Cooperation for establishing a nodal institution in India to carry out research on Bioenergy. MoU was signed between Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Of the Republic of India and Centro Nacional de Pesquisa em Energia e Materiais (CNPEM) of Brazil.

16) Name the Indian steel firm that has signed an agreement with the Brazilian gunmaker Taurus Armas SA to produce & sell guns in India?

- 1) JSW Steel
- 2) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- 3) Jindal Group
- 4) Bhushan Steel
- 5) Tata Steel

Answer – 3) Jindal Group

Explanation:

Brazilian gunmaker Taurus Armas SA has signed for a joint Venture(JV) with Indian steelmaker Jindal Group to manufacture and sell guns in India. As per the agreement Jindal will hold a 51% stake in JV and the remaining 49% will be held by Taurus.

17) Chinese mobile communications company OPPO signed a MoU with which Indian Institute for research on 5G and Artificial Intelligence (January 2020)?

- 1) IIT-Madras
- 2) IIT-Bombay
- 3) IIT-Delhi
- 4) IIT-Calcutta
- 5) IIT-Hyderabad

Answer - 5) IIT-Hyderabad

Explanation:

Guangdong OPPO Mobile Telecommunications Corporation Ltd (commonly referred as OPPO), a Chinese consumer electronics and mobile communications company, has signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H), Telangana for research on new technologies such as 5th Generation (5G) and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1) Name the Chairman of the Railway Board, whose tenure was extended by one more year?

- 1) Rajesh Agrawal
- 2) Vishwesh Chaube
- 3) Vinod Kumar Yadav
- 4) Purnendu Sekhar Mishra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vinod Kumar Yadav

Explanation:

Vinod Kumar Yadav has been given one year extension as the Chairman of the Railway Board by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Ashwani Lohani was the former chairman of the railway board (retired on December 2018) who held the post of the General Manager (GM) of South Central Railway (SCR). Yadav is an Electrical Engineer and belongs to the 1980 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers.

2) Who was reappointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) of India after his tenure was extended by one more year till December 31, 2020?

- 1) Umesh Sinha
- 2) Ashok Lavasa
- 3) Sunil Arora
- 4) Sushil Chandra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Umesh Sinha

Explanation:

Mr. Umesh Sinha has been re-employed as the Deputy Election Commissioner (DEC) after the approval by the Appointments Committee of the cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on a contract basis for one year with effect from January 1, 2020 up to December 31, 2020. He is an IAS (Indian Administrative Officer) of Uttar Pradesh cadre. The order was issued by the Ministry of Personal, Public Grievances and Pensions. Mr. Sinha served as Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and higher Education Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.

3) Which bank has appointed, S Sundar as Interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

- 1) Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)

Explanation:

S Sundar has appointed as interim Managing Director and CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) which is effective from January 1, 2020. The bank's MD and CEO, Parthasarathi Mukherjee resigned his post on August, 2019 and the post was left vacant. According to the bank Sundar will be in charge until April 30, 2020 or until new MD assumes the charge. He was serving the bank as Chief Financial Officer from 27.04.2018 till 31.12.2019. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and is a Chartered Accountant and has an experience of 41 years.

4) Who was appointed as the 1st Chairman of NMC (National Medical commission) on January 2, 2020?

- 1) Mahesh Verma
- 2) Rajendra Pandey
- 3) Suresh Chandra Sharma
- 4) Rakesh Kumar Vats
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Suresh Chandra Sharma

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020 Delhi AIIMS' Professor Suresh Chandra sharma appointed as the 1st ever Chairman of NMC (National Medical commission). Sharma was the head of ENT (ears, nose,throat) head-surgery department of AIIMS(All India Institute of Medical Sciences) in New Delhi.The Committee also appointed Dr Rakesh Kumar Vats, Secretary General, Board Of Governors, Medical Council of India as Secretary of NMC.The Chairman and the Secretary of NMC will serve for a period of 3 years or till the age of 70 years.

5) Who was appointed as the 11th and 1st female Chancellor of United Kingdom's Queen's University?

- 1) Hillary Rodham Clinton
- 2) Esther McVey
- 3) Thérèse Coffey
- 4) Priti Patel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Hillary Rodham Clinton

Explanation:

On 2 January, 2020 72-years-old Hillary Rodham Clinton appointed as the first female Chancellor of United Kingdom's Queen's University. She succeeds Tom Moran. Clinton is the 11th Chancellor of the University and will serve for a period of five years from January 1, 2020. She will act as an advisor to the vice-chancellor Prof Ian Greer and senior management.

6) Which country's Prime Minister (PM), Zoran Zaev has submitted his resignation on January 3, 2020?

- 1) Serbia
- 2) Albania
- 3) Kosovo
- 4) North Macedonia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) North Macedonia

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 North Macedonia Prime Minister (PM) Zoran Zaev submitted his resignation. His resignation paves a way to form a new caretaker government under the country's former interior minister Oliver Spasovski until April 12, 2020 election.

7) Who was elected as the President of Guinea-Bissau?

- 1) Baciro Djá
- 2) Carlos Gomes Júnior
- 3) Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo
- 4) Domingos Simões Pereira
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo

Explanation:

Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo won the West African state of Guinea-Bissau's Presidential election. He succeeded President Jose Mario Vaz. Umaro belongs to Madem G15 party. Embalo served as Prime Minister between 2016 and 2018. Embalo is nicknamed as "The General", a reference to his rank as reserve brigadier quit from the army in the early 1990s. He defected former ex-Prime Minister Domingos Simoes Pereira of African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC).

8) P R Seshadri, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of which bank has resigned on January 4, 2020?

- 1) Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)**

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020 P R Seshadri, MD (Managing Director) and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Karur Vysya Bank has resigned from the position citing personal reasons, which was accepted by the Bank's Board of Directors. P R Seshadri will be relieved on 31st March 2020. Following the retirement of his predecessor K. Venkatraman on August 31, 2017. Mr. Seshadri took charge on September 1, 2017 as MD and CEO of the bank for a period of 3 years.

9) Who was concurrently accredited as the next ambassador of India to the Dominica on January 6, 2020?

- 1) Sangeeta Bahadur
- 2) Arun Kumar Sahu
- 3) Srikumar Menon
- 4) Kishan Dan Dewal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Arun Kumar Sahu**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020 Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has concurrently accredited Arun Kumar Sahu as the next ambassador of India to the mountainous Caribbean island of Dominica, with residence in Port of Spain. He succeeded Madhu Sethi. Sahu is a 1996 batch IFS (Indian Foreign Service) officer, who serves presently as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

10) Who won the Presidential election of Croatia on January 6, 2020?

- 1) Miroslav Škoro
- 2) Andrej Plenković
- 3) Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
- 4) Zoran Milanovic
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Zoran Milanovic**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020 Zoran Milanovic, 53 years old won Croatia's presidential election. Zoran Milanovic is Croatia's center-leftist former Prime Minister. He defeated center-right incumbent Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic (51 years old), who was the first female president of Croatia. The Presidential election was held on 22 December 2019. Milanovic belongs to the Social Democratic Party (SDP) won 52.7% vote while Grabar-kitarovic of the ruling Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) won 47.3%.

11) Pedro Sanchez Perez-Castejon was re-elected as the Prime Minister (PM) of which country on January 8, 2020?

- 1) United Kingdom (UK)
- 2) Spain
- 3) Italy
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Spain

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020, Pedro Sanchez Perez-Castejon (47), a Spanish politician & Socialist leader took the oath as Spanish prime minister (PM) before Spanish King Felipe VI. He is serving as the PM since June 2018. He is Secretary-General of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE). He assumed his office after his proposal to form a leftist coalition government with support from smaller parties by narrowly won a parliamentary confidence vote. The Vote, by a simple majority of MPs (member of parliament), went 167 in the 350-seat assembly. The new Cabinet under Pedro Sanchez will have members of the anti-austerity United We Can party, including party leader Pablo Iglesias as deputy prime minister.

12) Who was appointed as the Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC) on January 6, 2020?

- 1) Harish Ahuja
- 2) Lalit Gulati
- 3) A Sakthivel
- 4) Ashok G Rajani
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) A Sakthivel

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020 Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC) has appointed A Sakthivel as the new chairman of the organisation from 2020 to 2021. He succeeded HKL Magu. He is also the first person in the history of AEPC, who is sworn-in for the fourth time as Chairman of the AEPC.

13) Which firm has appointed M Nagaraj, as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) on January 8, 2020?

- 1) Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)
- 2) Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)
- 3) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- 4) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 State-owned Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has appointed M Nagaraj as company's Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) for a period of 3 months. Ravi kanth was the former Chairman and Managing Director of HUDCO.

14) Name the Lokpal Member, who resigned on January 9, 2020?

- 1) Harilal Jekisundas Kania
- 2) Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale
- 3) Mehar Chand Mahajan
- 4) BK Mukherjea
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Lokpal Member and the Former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, Justice Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale has resigned from his post due to some personal reasons. He was appointed by Lokpal Chairman Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose on March 27, 2019. 63-years-old Bhosale was the acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from 2015-2016. He also served as a judge of the high courts of Bombay and Karnataka.

15) Which bank's Independent Director, Uttam Prakash Agarwal resigned recently?

- 1) Yes Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Yes Bank**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, Uttam Prakash Agarwal, an independent director and chairman of YES Bank's Audit Committee, has resigned citing corporate governance failure. On November 14, 2018, Agarwal was appointed to the post, and his tenure set to end in November 2023. After his resignation, private sector lender Yes Bank's share price declined 7.19% intraday to Rs 43.90 compared to the previous close of Rs 47.30 on BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange).

16) Who was re-elected as the chairman of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO)?

- 1) Deep Narayan Singh
- 2) Chandra Pal Singh Yadav
- 3) Mulayam Singh Yadav
- 4) Beni Prasad Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Chandra Pal Singh Yadav**

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Agri-cooperative leader and Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) Chandra Pal Singh Yadav, Uttar Pradesh constituency has been re-elected unanimously as Chairman of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO). He has been the Chairman from July 1999 to May 2010 & thereafter from February 2015 to till date. Sudhakar Chowdhary, a versatile farmer's leader, was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of the KRIBHCO. The special general board meeting was held at NCUI (National Cooperative Union of India) auditorium, New Delhi to elect nine directors.

17) Who has been elected as a bureau member of the IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) for the period 2020-23?

- 1) Dr. Bipul Bihari Saha
- 2) Dr. M Pavan Kumar
- 3) Dr. Sudhakar Kudva
- 4) Dr. K Lakshmi Raju
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Dr. Bipul Bihari Saha**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Dr. Bipul Bihari Saha of Hyderabad, India has been elected as a bureau member of the IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) for the period 2020-23. Saha is the only second Indian after "Bharat Ratna" Professor Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao (CNR Rao), to be elected (1979) for this position in a century.

18) Lt Col Yuvraj Malik appointed as director of National Book Trust (NBT), he succeeds _____?

- 1) Nandakumar E.N.
- 2) Brij Kishore Sharma
- 3) Govind Prasad Sharma
- 4) Rita Chowdhury
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rita Chowdhury

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 Lt Col Yuvraj Malik was appointed as the director of National Book Trust (NBT) on deputation. Malik succeeds Sahitya Akademi-awardee writer Rita Chowdhury. Previously Malik has served with the Ministry of Defence (MoD), Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), Raj Bhawan in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), United Nations Missions in Africa and also in several operational assignments.

19) Who was elected as the 14th Prime Minister of Malta on January 12, 2020?

- 1) Eddie Fenech Adami
- 2) Robert Abela
- 3) Chris Fearne
- 4) Rosianne Cutajar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Robert Abela

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 Malta's governing party has elected a new leader Robert Abela as 14th prime minister of Malta. He replaces Joseph Muscat, who resigned over the murder of a journalist. Robert Abela is the son of the Malta's Former President George Abela. Robert Abela, 42-years old lawyer won the Labour Party Leadership contest with 57.9% of the vote and beat his closest rival Chris Fearne 56-years old surgeon by more than 2,500 votes.

20) Which country has elected, Tsai Ing-wen as its President for the second time?

- 1) Taiwan
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Laos
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Taiwan

Explanation:

Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen has won the presidential election for second time with 57.1% of total votes. She belongs to Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). She defeated Han Kuo-yu of the rival Nationalist Party. 63-years-old Tsai Ing-Wen joined DPP in 2004 and nominated for the presidential election in 2012 and 2016. In 2016 she won the Presidential election for the first time.

21) Who was appointed as the new ruler of the Oman after the demise of Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said on January 11, 2020?

- 1) Fahd bin Mahmoud al Said
- 2) Asaad Bin Tariq
- 3) Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah
- 4) Haitham bin Tariq Al Said
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 Haitham bin Tariq Al Said (66) was appointed as the new ruler of the Oman after the death of Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said who ruled the country from 1970. Haritham bin Tariq Al

Said who is the cousin of the deceased Sultan Qaboos, was the Cultural and Heritage Minister of Oman. In 2013 he was appointed by the Sultan Qaboos to chair the main committee responsible for Oman's development.

22) To which armed force, Anand Prakash Maheshwari was appointed as Director General (DG) on January 13, 2020?

- 1) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- 2) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 3) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- 4) Border Security Force (BSF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) Officer A P Maheshwari appointed as Director General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He took the charge from Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) DG Surjeet Singh Deswal who was given an additional charge as the head of CRPF after the retirement of DG Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on December 31, 2019.

23) Who was appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 14th January, 2020?

- 1) Muneesh Kapur
- 2) Partha Ray
- 3) Adarsh Kishore
- 4) Michael Debabrata Patra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Michael Debabrata Patra**

Explanation:

On 14th January, 2020, Michael Debabrata Patra has been appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). After the resignation of Viral V Acharya the post was lying vacant from July 2019. He will be the fourth Deputy Governor of the RBI appointed for a period of three years.

24) Name the Surveyor General of India, who was re-appointed for another period for one year on contract basis on 14th January 2020?

- 1) Dr T Ramaswami
- 2) Lt General Girish Kumar
- 3) Dr Swarna Subba Rao
- 4) VP Srivastava
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Lt General Girish Kumar**

Explanation:

On 14th January 2020, the Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC) approved the re-appointment proposal of Lt General Girish Kumar as the Surveyor General of India in Survey of India, the national survey and mapping organization of the country, for a period of one year on contract basis w.e.f. January 1, 2020. Earlier on September 30, 2017 he was appointed as Surveyor General of India under the Survey of India. The surveyor General of India is the head of the Department of Survey of India, a Department which comes under the Ministry of Science and Technology of Government of India.

25) Who was appointed as the Chairman of 11 member Committee constituted to draft the National Water Policy?

- 1) Dr Mihir Shah
- 2) Shashi Shekhar

- 3) Ramesh Chandra Panda
- 4) Tushaar Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Dr Mihir Shah**

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 Dr Mihir Shah, professor at the Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh has been appointed as the chairman of the 11-member committee to draft the National Water Policy(NWP) and will have to submit the report within 6 months from the date of constitution. The committee was established by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation of govt. of India.

26) Which country has appointed, Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin as Prime Minister on January 16, 2020?

- 1) China
- 2) Russia
- 3) Japan
- 4) Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Russia**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 the Russian lawmakers have approved Russian President Vladimir Putin's proposed candidate Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin, the head of the Federal Tax Service, as the next prime minister of the country. He replaced Dmitri Anatolyevich Medvedev who resigned from his post. Mass resignation: Putin proposed major changes in the constitution of Russia that would spread political power more evenly. Shortly after the proposed changes by Putin, Dmitri Medvedev resigned as Prime Minister (PM). Along with Medvedev the Russian cabinet also made a mass resignation.

27) Who has been appointed as the Queen's counsel for the courts of England and Wales on January 17, 2020?

- 1) Anupam Lal Das
- 2) Aparajita Singh
- 3) Gopal Sankaranarayanan
- 4) Harish Salve
- 5) S. Abdul Nazeer

Answer – **4) Harish Salve**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Indian Senior Advocate Harish Salve has been appointed the Queen's counsel for the courts of England and Wales. The appointment was announced by Queen Elizabeth II on the advice of the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland. The title of Queen's Counsel QC is awarded to those who have demonstrated particular skill and expertise in the conduct of advocacy. Salve and other appointees will be formally appointed as QC on March 16, where the Lord Chancellor will preside over the appointment ceremony at Westminster Hall, London, United Kingdom (UK).

28) To which of the following committee, Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre was appointed as the chairman on 14th January 2020?

- 1) Road safety committee
- 2) Small Scale Industries committee
- 3) Banking Supervision committee
- 4) Corporate Governance committee
- 5) Committee on International Trade and Services

Answer – **1) Road safety committee**

Explanation:

On 14th January 2019, The Supreme Court will appoint one of its retired judges Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre as the Chairman of the committee on road safety since the panel's current head and former top court judge Justice K.S.P. Radhakrishnan expressed his difficulty in continuing the position. The decision in this regard has been given by a bench headed by Chief Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde. The bench has also appointed Sanjay Mitra, former Defence Secretary as a member of the committee replacing the former secretary of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways S Sundar, who has found it difficult to continue as a member of the committee due to ill-health.

29) Who was appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS)?

- 1) Satinder Kumar Saini
- 2) Abhay Krishna
- 3) Devraj Anbu
- 4) Cherish Mathson
- 5) Ranbir Singh

Answer – **1) Satinder Kumar Saini**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 Southern Army Commander Lieutenant General Satinder Kumar Saini appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS). He will take charge on January 25, 2020. He succeeded Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane, who was promoted as the Chief of Army Staff.

30) To which organization, Arjun Munda was appointed as the President?

- 1) Athletics Federation of India (AFI)
- 2) Cycling Federation of India (CFI)
- 3) Archery Association of India (AAI)
- 4) All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- 5) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

Answer – **3) Archery Association of India (AAI)**

Explanation:

On January 18, 2020 Arjun Munda, Minister of Tribal Affairs elected as the President of the suspended Archery Association of India (AAI) for 4 years term. The elections were held as per the Delhi High Court order. Arjun Munda got the support from former AAI President Vijay Kumar Malhotra and defeated B V P Rao by a margin of 34-18 votes.

31) Which bank has appointed Punit Sood as its India head on January 21, 2020?

- 1) Lloyds Bank
- 2) HSBC Bank
- 3) Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)
- 4) Bank of Scotland (BoS)
- 5) TSB Bank

Answer – **3) Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS)**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 Punit Sood has been appointed as country head of RBS (Royal Bank of Scotland), India succeeding Pankaj Phatarphod. He will be responsible for building the organisation's strategic capabilities and will support the bank to achieve its goals. Previously, he was serving as the advisor of Cornerstone Venture Partners Fund, a technology-focused global VC (Venture Capital) funds.

32) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years on January 20, 2020?

- 1) Rajnish Kumar
- 2) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- 3) Dinesh Kumar Khara

4) P. K. Gupta

5) Arijit Basu

Answer – **2) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the Government of India (GOI) has appointed Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years. He is currently serving as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of the SBI. The proposal of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, GOI to appoint Setty as the MD of the SBI is approved by the Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC).

33) Name the former principal secretary of Prime Minister (PM), who has been appointed as chairperson of the executive council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) recently?

1) Vintee Sain

2) Raghvendra Singh

3) Ravi K. Mishra

4) Nripendra Misra

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Nripendra Misra**

Explanation:

Nripendra Misra, the former principal secretary to the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has been appointed chairperson of the executive council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML). The appointment is confirmed by the Ministry of Cultural. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the President of the NMML Society and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh its vice president. A. Surya Prakash, chairperson of the Prasar Bharati board, will be the NMML's vice chairperson.

34) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Baroda (BoB) on January 20, 2020?

1) PS Jayakumar

2) S. L. Jain

3) Vikramaditya Singh Khichi

4) Murali Ramaswami

5) Sanjiv Chadha

Answer – **5) Sanjiv Chadha**

Explanation:

Sanjiv Chadha was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Baroda on January 20, 2020. He served as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) at State Bank of India (SBI) and will replace P.S. Jayakumar whose term came to an end after his 1 year extension ended in October 2019.

35) Which bank has appointed, Atanu Kumar Das as its Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on January 20, 2020?

1) State Bank of India

2) Union Bank of India

3) Indian Bank

4) Bank of India

5) Canara Bank

Answer – **4) Bank of India**

Explanation:

Atanu Kumar Das was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of India on January 20, 2020. Atanu Kumar Das served as the Executive Director (ED) of the Bank

of India (BOI) and hence promoted as the MD & CEO of Bank of India (BOI) following its vacancy since July last year.

36) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canara Bank on January 20, 2020?

- 1) Bimal Prasad Sharma
- 2) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- 3) Venkatachalam Ramakrishna Iyer
- 4) S Raghunath
- 5) Suchindra Misra

Answer – **2) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar**

Explanation:

Lingam Venkat Prabhakar was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canara Bank on January 20, 2020. Prabhakar served as the Executive Director (ED) of the Punjab National Bank (PNB) and he will be replacing R A Sankara Narayanan who will be retired at the end of January 31, 2020.

37) Who was appointed as the SoftBank group India head on January 22, 2020?

- 1) Masayoshi Son
- 2) Rajeev Misra
- 3) Ken Miyauchi
- 4) Yoshimitsu Goto
- 5) Manoj Kohli

Answer – **5) Manoj Kohli**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 SoftBank group has appointed Manoj Kohli as its India's head. He has served as the Chairman of SB(SoftBank) energy, the Japanese telecom and investment renewable energy business. Manoj Kohli will be responsible for SoftBank Vision Fund, their portfolio companies and look after government relations and public policy efforts. Kohli succeeds Sumer Janeja as the Softbank India head.

38) Name the 1st Woman & 13th President of Greece, who was elected on January 22, 2020?

- 1) Marietta Giannakou
- 2) Anna Diamantopoulou
- 3) Katerina Sakellaropoulou
- 4) Maria Damanaki
- 5) Maria Euthymiou

Answer – **3) Katerina Sakellaropoulou**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 independent candidate Katerina Sakellaropoulou(63 years), became the 1st Woman President of Greece elected by the Greece's Parliament for a period of 5 years. She will be officially sworn in as Greece's 13th President in April, 2020. She will succeed Prokopis Pavlopoulos, the current president. Katerina is the Council of State (Supreme Administrative court of Greece) studied law in Athens(Greece) and completed her postgraduate studies at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. She was born on 30 May 1956 in Thessaloniki, Greece and the daughter of Supreme Court Judge.

39) Who was appointed as the Prime Minister (PM) of Lebanon?

- 1) Hassan Diab
- 2) Michel Aoun
- 3) Gebran Bassil
- 4) Saad Hariri

5) Nawaf Salam

Answer – **1) Hassan Diab**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 Lebanon President Micheal Naim Aoun announced formation of new Government due to anti-government protests for the last several months. The new Government (govt) will be headed by Prime Minister (PM) Hassan Diab, 60 year old professor at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. The New Government consists of 20 member technocrats. Formation of the new government was announced after Hezbollah party & its allies made a deal to tackle the country's worst economic crisis in decade.

40) Who was appointed as the panel member of the Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on January 24, 2020?

1) Vineet Anand

2) Anindo Majumdar

3) A.D.M Chavali

4) Nanak Chand

5) Sanjeev Kumar

Answer – **3) A.D.M Chavali**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has appointed former Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) Executive Director as A.D.M Chavali as its new panel member of the Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) and will serve the board till August 20, 2021. Board aim: The board headed by T.M Bhasin former Vigilance Commissioner and former Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Indian Bank (IB), was formed in 2019 and aims to conduct examination of allegations against officials in General Managers (GM) ranking involved in fraud cases of worth above Rs.50 crores.

41) Who was elected to the board of trustees of World Economic Forum (WEF) along with the Patrice Motsepe on January 24, 2020?

1) Anshula Kant

2) Kristalina Georgieva

3) Mariya Gabriel

4) Gita Gopinath

5) Christine Lagarde

Answer – **2) Kristalina Georgieva**

Explanation:

In the 50th edition World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2020 was held on January 21 to January 24, 2020 in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland. On January 24, 2020 WEF has appointed International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Kristalina Georgieva and African Rainbow Minerals (ARM) Chairman Patrice Motsepe to its board of trustees. Kristalina Georgieva serves as the IMF Managing Director since October 2019. She also served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the World Bank, and as Interim President of the World Bank Group and also served as the European Commission's Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources.

42) Who was elected as the new Chair of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020?

1) Rajiv Mehrishi

2) Om Prakash Rawat

3) Achal Kumar Jyoti

4) Ashok Lavasa

5) Sunil Arora

Answer – **5) Sunil Arora**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 India's Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora took over as the new Chair of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020. Sunil Arora succeeds K.M. Nural Huda, CEC of Bangladesh.

43) Who was appointed as the Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association on January 27, 2020?

- 1) Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi
- 2) Lingam Venkata Prabhakar
- 3) Sunil Mehta
- 4) Agyey Kumar Azad
- 5) CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

Answer – **3) Sunil Mehta**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, Former managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Punjab National Bank (PNB), Sunil Mehta, took over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA). Mehta will replace VG Kannan, who resigned from office as chief executive of IBA on December 31, 2019.

44) Who was unanimously appointed as the Life President of Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) during ATP's Board of Directors meeting in Melbourne, Australia?

- 1) Shomurad Shofayziev
- 2) Surendran Subramaniam
- 3) Nasser Al-Khelaifi
- 4) Suwat Liptapanlop
- 5) Anil Khanna

Answer – **5) Anil Khanna**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Senior Sports Administrator Anil Khanna was unanimously appointed as Life President of Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) during the meeting of its Board of Directors in Melbourne, Australia. He is also named as the Chairman of the ATF Finance Committee. Khanna had served as ATF President from 2005 to 2019 and also ITF (International Tennis Federation) Vice President from 2015-19. CS Raju was elected as Senior Vice President of the ATF, representing South Asia.

45) Name the first ambassador of European Union (EU) to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland after the Brexit?

- 1) Nicolas Chapuis
- 2) João Cravinho
- 3) Joao Vale de Almeida
- 4) Luigi Soreca
- 5) Pierre Mayaudon

Answer – **3) Joao Vale de Almeida**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 veteran diplomat Joao Vale de Almeida appointed as the first ambassador of European Union (EU) to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He will assume the office on February 1, 2020 the day after the Brexit (Brexit is the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union). He joined European Commission in 1982 after working as a journalist for seven years. He also served as the first EU Ambassador to the United States of America, from 2010 to 2014 and then served as the bloc's ambassador to the UN between 2015 and 2019.

46) Sachin Bansal, Independent director of which Small Finance bank resigned recently?

- 1) Ujjivan Small Finance bank
- 2) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- 3) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 4) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- 5) Jana Small Finance Bank

Answer – 1) Ujjivan Small Finance bank

Explanation:

Sachin Bansal has resigned from the independent director of Ujjivan Small Finance bank. He is the co-founder of Flipkart. Following the majority stake acquisition in Chaitanya India Fin Credit, Sachin Bansal has applied for a universal banking licence on January 10, 2020. Bansal was born in Chandigarh, India, on August 5, 1981. In 2006 he joined Amazon Web Services as a Senior Software Engineer and in later 2007 along with his co-founder Binny Bansal, he started the Flipkart.

47) Name the Slovenia's youngest-ever Prime Minister, who announced his resignation recently?

- 1) Karl Erjavec
- 2) Borut Pahor
- 3) Janez Janša
- 4) Miro Cerar
- 5) Marjan Sarec

Answer – 5) Marjan Sarec

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Slovenian Prime Minister (PM) Marjan Sarec has resigned from his post. He leads the party 'List of Marjan Sarec (LMS)'. 42-years-old Marjan Sarec was born on December 2, 1977 in Ljubljana, Slovenia and started his career as a comedian and actor. In 2018 he entered Parliamentary election and became the 9th PM of Slovenia in the same year. His resignation was followed by the resignation of the Finance Minister Andrej Bertoncelj.

48) Name the EX-RBI & EX-SEBI Executive Director, who was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vakrangee Limited as per the Nomination & Remuneration Committee chaired by Mrs. Farida Khambata?

- 1) Ananta Barua
- 2) G. Mahalingam
- 3) S. K. Mohanty
- 4) Madhabi Puri Buch
- 5) Ramesh Joshi

Answer – 5) Ramesh Joshi

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, Vakrangee Limited, a technology company, has appointed Mr. Ramesh Joshi (EX-RBI (Reserve Bank of India & EX-SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) ED- Executive Director) as its Non-Executive Chairman on the lines of Kotak's board constituted Nomination & Remuneration Committee chaired by Mrs. Farida Khambata. The company also appoints Mr. Dinesh Nandwana, Executive Chairman as its Managing Director (MD) and Group CEO, replacing Mr. Anil Khanna.

49) To which country, Taranjit Singh Sandhu was appointed as Indian Ambassador on January 28, 2020?

- 1) Malaysia
- 2) Togo
- 3) United States of America (USA)
- 4) Russia

5) Japan

Answer – **3) United States of America (USA)**

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 diplomat Taranjit Singh Sandhu has been appointed as India's Ambassador to the United States of America (USA). He succeeded Harsh Vardhan Shringla who will take charge as the next foreign secretary. The appointment was confirmed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service officer (IFS), Taranjit Singh Sandhu currently serves as the High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka.

50) Who was appointed as the new Prime Minister (PM) of Qatar succeeding Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani?

- 1) Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani
- 2) Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani
- 3) Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani
- 4) Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani
- 5) Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani

Answer – **4) Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani**

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar appointed Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani as new Prime Minister (PM) of Qatar, Doha. He is the successor of Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani who has resigned from the post. Sheikh Khalid is currently serving as the chief of the Amiri Diwan, the emir's office. Sheikh Khalid was born in Doha in 1968 and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in the United States of America in 1993.

51) Alastair Nathan Cook and ex-West Indies team manager Richard 'Ricky' Skerrett were appointed as the new members of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), World Cricket Committee. Alastair Nathan Cook belongs to which country?

- 1) England
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Australia

Answer – **1) England**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, Former England opener Alastair Nathan Cook and ex-West Indies team manager Richard 'Ricky' Skerrett were appointed as the new members of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), World Cricket Committee. The pair will replace former West Indies fast bowler Ian Raphael Bishop and Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan.

52) Who was appointed as the UN (United Nations) Resident Coordinator (RC) of Thailand on January 30, 2020?

- 1) Robert Piper
- 2) Achim Steiner
- 3) Amina J. Mohammed
- 4) Gita Sabharwal
- 5) Syed Akbaruddin

Answer – **4) Gita Sabharwal**

Explanation:

On January 30, 2020 Gita Sabharwal of India was appointed as the UN (United Nations) Resident Coordinator (RC) of Thailand by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Sabharwal has 25 years of experience in development, peacebuilding, governance & social policy across 5 Asian

countries, including Maldives. Gita Sabharwal recently served in UN, Sri Lanka as the Peacebuilding and Development Adviser for 7 years.

53) ED Janak Raj was appointed as the internal member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), he succeeds _____?

- 1) Michael Debabrata Patra
- 2) B. Venkatappaiah
- 3) Jagdish Capoor
- 4) Vepa Kamesam
- 5) K.S. Krishnaswamy

Answer – **1) Michael Debabrata Patra**

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020 ED Janak Raj was nominated as the third internal member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Mumbai. He was the successor of Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra as he was appointed as Deputy Governor of RBI. ED Janak is the executive director in-charge of the monetary policy department. The monetary policy committee is responsible for fixing the benchmark interest rate in India and consists of 6 members. MPC is headed by RBI Governor. The 6 internal members of MPC consists of 3 members from RBI, 2 internal members are Governor and Deputy Governor in-charge of monetary policy & the last member any RBI officer. The 6 internal members are: Dr. Chetan Ghate, Dr. Pami Dua, ED Janak Raj, Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia, Shri Bibhu Prasad Kanungo, Shri Shaktikanta Das.

54) Ministry of External Affairs recently (January 2020) appointed Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra as Next ambassador of India to which south Asian nation?

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

Answer - **3) Nepal**

Explanation:

As per the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI), Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra, a 1988 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Nepal. He will replace Manjeev Singh Puri.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) Who was awarded with the Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019 & Global Peace Excellence Humanitarian Award 2019?

- 1) Nagnath Naikwadi
- 2) Veerendra Raj Mehta
- 3) Rajanikant Arole
- 4) Piyuus Jaiswal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Piyuus Jaiswal**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, Piyuus Jaiswal has been awarded the Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019 by Rajya Sabha MP (member of parliament) and Padma Shri Awardee Dr CP Thakur & Bihar Women Commission president Dilmani Devi in Patna, Bihar for his invaluable and outstanding contribution towards social welfare, women empowerment and introducing new talent in the field of arts and

culture. Previously he was honoured with humanitarian award with the Global Peace Excellence Humanitarian Award 2019 & Page 3 Award in 2018.

2) Name the first & youngest Indian tribal women in the World, who scaled six mountain peaks in six continents?

- 1) Santosh Yadav
- 2) Malavath Poorna
- 3) Bachendri Pal
- 4) Dicky Dolma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Malavath Poorna

Explanation:

18-years-old Malavath Poorna from Telangana scaled Mt Vinson Massif, the highest mountain peak in Antarctica at 4,892 meters and becomes the first and youngest tribal women in the World to scale six mountain peaks in six continents. She is the daughter of agriculturist of Pakala tribal hamlet of Nizamabad district in Telangana. Sekhar Babu Bachinepally is her coach. 'Poorna', a biography of Poorna Malavath was written by Aparna Thota.

3) Name the Prize unveiled by Britain's Prince William to solve "Earth's greatest environmental problems," from climate change to air pollution?

- 1) Earth Saver Prize
- 2) Climate Changer Prize
- 3) Earthshot Prize
- 4) Climate Change Prize
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Earthshot Prize

Explanation:

On 2nd January 2020, Prince William 37 has announced a multi-million-pound prize for "visionaries" working to solve "Earth's greatest environmental problems," from climate change to air pollution. The Earthshot Prize will be awarded to five winners, every year, for the next 10 years. The initiative's goal is to provide "at least 50 solutions to the world's greatest problems by 2030."

4) Who was awarded with the Best Men's Player title at Dubai Globe Soccer Awards for the year 2019?

- 1) Kylian Mbappé
- 2) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 3) Lionel Messi
- 4) Eden Hazard
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Cristiano Ronaldo

Explanation:

Famous Portuguese professional football player Cristiano Ronaldo was awarded by Globe Soccer Award as the best men's player of the year in the international football function held in Dubai. Ronaldo has won the award six times out of its nine years of its existence and also marked 4th consecutive time. England international Lucy Bronze was awarded the best women's player of the year. The 11th edition of the Globe Soccer Award, marks a new era for football recognition took place in Madinet Jumeirah Resort, Middle East, Dubai. The award has been presented in 15 categories.

5) Name the organization/ministry, that has awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships Award to 14 Scientists for the year 2018-19?

- 1) Union Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Union Ministry of Home Affairs

- 3) Union Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 4) Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) **Union Ministry of Science and Technology**

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, The Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (GoI), have awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships for 2018-19 to 14 Scientists under 40 years of age, associated with innovative research projects and capable of impacting research and development (R&D) work in their respective fields.

6) Who was awarded with Swarna Jayanti Fellowships Award for 2018-19 in the field Cryptography and Information theory?

- 1) Dr. Smarajit Karmakar
- 2) Dr. Yogesh Simmhan
- 3) Dr. Anindya Das
- 4) Dr. Shweta Agrawal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **Dr. Shweta Agrawal**

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, The Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India (GoI), have awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships for 2018-19 to 14 Scientists. They are as follows.

S.No	Name	Associated with	Field
1	Dr. Sheetal Gandotra	CSIR-IGIB (CSIR Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology), Delhi	Host-pathogen interactions.
2	Dr. Jitender Giri	National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi	Identifying novel genes
3	Dr. Rakesh Singh Laishram	Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Role of RNA processing in gene regulation
4	Dr. Vishal Rai	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Organic Chemistry & Chemical Biology.
5	Dr. Kanishka Biswas	Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, Karnataka	Renewable Energy & Clean Environmental solutions
6	Dr. Gopalan Rajaraman	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), Mumbai, Maharashtra	Surface chemistry, Computational inorganic chemistry
7	Dr. Apoorva Khare	Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka	Positivity and analysis, representation theory of Lie algebras, and discrete mathematics
8	Dr. Mahender Singh	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Mohali, Punjab	Algebra and topology.
9	Dr. Subimal Ghosh	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), Mumbai, Maharashtra	Indian Monsoon and Atmosphere- Land Surface Interactions and Hydrology
10	Dr. Smarajit Karmakar	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) – Hyderabad, Telangana	Various scales in Glass Forming Liquids, Yielding of Amorphous Solids

11	Dr. Arjun Bagchi	Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Kanpur,Uttar Pradesh	Holography and String Theory
12	Dr. Anindya Das	Indian Institute of Science(IISc), Bengaluru,Karnataka	Geophysics and Geochemistry
13	Dr. Yogesh Simmhan	Indian Institute of Science(IISc), Bengaluru,Karnataka	Temporal Graphs,Scalable Data Management
14	Dr. Shweta Agrawal	Indian Institute of Technology-Madras(IITM), Chennai,Tamil Nadu.	Cryptography and Information theory

7) Who won the '100 Global Child Prodigy Award 2020' in the "singing" category for singing 120 languages?

- 1) Aditi Singh Sharma
- 2) Sucheta Satish
- 3) Jonita Gandhi
- 4) Shilpa Rao
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) **Sucheta Satish**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, A Dubai-based Indian girl, Sucheta Satish (14), who sings in 120 languages, has won the '100 Global Child Prodigy Award 2020' in the category of singing. The award ceremony was held in Ashok Hotel, Delhi. Sucheta, a student in Dubai Indian High School, was awarded along with 99 other child prodigies at the awards, which was attended by chief guest Nobel Peace Prize (2014) winner Shri Kailash Satyarthi.

8) Name the word chosen by US linguists as their "Word of the Decade" on January 3, 2020?

- 1) 'Web'
- 2) 'Google'
- 3) 'Climate'
- 4) 'They'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **'They'**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 A jury of 350 US (United States) linguists of the American Dialect Society (ADS) chose 'they' as their Word of the Decade to recognize its growing use to refer to a person whose gender identity is non-binary. The most popular pick for the Word of the Year 2019 was "(my) pronouns".

9) ____ edition of Golden Globe Awards honouring the best films and television of calendar year 2019 that held in California, United States of America (USA)?

- 1) 74th
- 2) 75th
- 3) 77th
- 4) 76th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) **77th**

Explanation:

On 5th January 2020, the 77th Golden Globe Awards honouring the best films and television of calendar year 2019 was held at Beverly Hills, California in the USA (United States of America). English stand-up comedian, actor, writer, director, producer, and musician Ricky Gervais hosted the ceremony for the fifth time.

10) Which film has won the Best Motion Picture Award under the Musical or Comedy Category during the 77th Golden Globe Awards?

- 1) Rocketman
- 2) Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
- 3) Judy
- 4) Joker
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Once Upon a Time in Hollywood

Explanation:

In 77th Golden Globe Awards, the film “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood” won the most awards for the ceremony with three, including Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy. In television, Succession, Fleabag, and Chernobyl were the most awarded, with two awards each.

11) Who won the “Cecil B. DeMille Award for 2019” during the 77th Golden Globe Awards?

- 1) Thomas Jeffrey Hanks
- 2) Tim Allen
- 3) Michael Clarke Duncan
- 4) Tom Cruise
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Thomas Jeffrey Hanks

Explanation:

American actor and filmmaker Thomas Jeffrey Hanks familiarly known as Tom Hanks won the Cecil B. DeMille Award for 2019. The Cecil B. DeMille Award is an honorary award bestowed for outstanding contributions to the world of entertainment in memory of its first recipient, director Cecil B. DeMille.

12) For which of the following film, Joaquin Phoenix receives the “Best Actor award for 2019 under Drama Category” in the 77th Golden Globe Awards?

- 1) The Farewell
- 2) Rocketman
- 3) Judy
- 4) Joker
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Joker

Explanation:

Joaquin Phoenix receives the “Best Actor award for 2019 under Drama Category” for the film “Joker” in the 77th Golden Globe Awards.

Category	Winner
Best Motion Picture – Drama	1917
Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy	Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
Best Actor – Drama	Joaquin Phoenix for “Joker”
Best Actress – Drama	Renée Zellweger for “Judy”
Best Actor – Musical or Comedy	Taron Egerton for “Rocketman”
Best Actress – Musical or Comedy	Awkwafina for “The Farewell”
Best Supporting Actor	Brad Pitt for “Once Upon a Time in Hollywood”

13) Who confers the 1st edition of Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) to 30 media organisations in New Delhi?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Prakash Javadekar
- 4) Ram Vilas Paswan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Prakash Javadekar

Explanation:

On January 07, 2020 the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB) Shri Prakash Javadekar conferred the 1st edition of the Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) to 30 media organisations in New Delhi. The awards were given as an honour to media organisations for contributing to the spread of yoga in the society. The chairman of the jury of 6 members was Chandramauli Kumar Prasad who is the current chairman of the Press Council of India (PCI).

14) Name the Indian, who was ranked 12th in the Forbes India's prestigious list of '20 people to watch in the 2020s'?

- 1) Kanhaiya Kumar
- 2) Aditya Mittal
- 3) Prashant Kishor
- 4) Dushyant Chautala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kanhaiya Kumar

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, According to the Forbes India's prestigious list of '20 people to watch in the 2020s', 7 Persons from India have found place in the list. Two persons from Bihar namely Prashant Kishor -16th place (Poll strategist and JD(U) national vice-president); Kanhaiya Kumar -12th (former JNU Students' Union president) were the biggest name in the list. Other Indians in the list include, Aditya Mittal -2nd place (Group CFO and CEO, ArcelorMittal Europe), the Godrej family -6th (of Adi Godrej), Dushyant Chautala -7th (deputy chief minister, Haryana), Mahua Moitra -9th (Lok Sabha member, Trinamool Congress), and Garima Arora -14th (Chef, the first Indian woman to receive a Michelin star).

15) Who won the UK (United Kingdom) children's book award, "Costa Children's Award" for the debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'?

- 1) Hilary McKay
- 2) Caroline Ward Vine
- 3) Jasbinder Bilan
- 4) Sally Rooney
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jasbinder Bilan

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 Indian born-author Jasbinder Bilan's (UK resident) debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird' focussing on readers of age range 9 years and above, beat the competition and named as the winner of 2019 UK (United Kingdom) children's book award named Costa Children's Award. Bilan will receive 5,000 pounds for the award, which is open to the authors resident in the UK and Ireland. The award will be presented annually across 5 categories of "First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book".

16) Who received the 1st Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence on January 09, 2020?

- 1) Virender Lal Chopra
- 2) Salim Ali
- 3) Verghese Kurien
- 4) Dr M S Swaminathan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Dr M S Swaminathan

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 Eminent Agricultural Scientist Dr M S Swaminathan has been selected as the 1st recipient of the Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence. He has been awarded for his contributions in the field of agriculture. Swaminathan is referred to as scientific leader of the green revolution movement.

17) Name the social activist, who received the 1st Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service on January 09, 2020?

- 1) Sunderlal Bahuguna
- 2) Chandi Prasad Bhatt
- 3) Dr. Gutta Muniratnam
- 4) Kisan Baburao Hazare
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dr. Gutta Muniratnam

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 Dr. Gutta Muniratnam has been selected as the 1st recipient of the Muppavarapu National Award for Social Service. The award was given at a function in Hyderabad, Telangana. Gutta is the founder secretary of Tirupati(Andhra Pradesh) based Rashtriya Seva Samiti and is also a social worker. Gutta has been awarded for his contributions in improving the quality of life of people through social service.

18) Name the Indian Scientist, who won the Merck Young Scientist Awards 2019 for the specialization in main group of chemistry and synthesis of compounds with main group elements and their catalytic application?

- 1) Dr Debojyoti Chakraborty
- 2) Dr Sakya Singha Sen
- 3) Dr Basker Sundararaju
- 4) Dr Siddhesh S Kamat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dr Sakya Singha Sen

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 Merck Young Scientist Awards 2019 in chemical science, instituted by Merck was announced in Bengaluru in Karnataka. Indian Scientist Dr Sakya Singha Sen and his team won the Merck Young Scientist Award 2019 for their specialization in main group of chemistry and synthesis of compounds with main group elements and their catalytic application.

19) Name the Indian Hockey Player, who was nominated for the “World Games Athlete of the Year”award, 2019 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?

- 1) Rani Rampal
- 2) Savita Punia
- 3) Sunita Lakra
- 4) Gurjit Kaur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rani Rampal

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Rani Rampal from Haryana, India the captain of the Indian women's hockey team has been nominated for the "World Games Athlete of the Year" award, 2019 by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). Rani was instrumental in India qualifying for the first time in back-to-back olympic games.

20) Who received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for the best international cricketer (2018-19) in men's category from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Annual Awards for the year 2018-19?

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Shikhar Dhawan
- 4) Jasprit Bumrah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Jasprit Bumrah**

Explanation:

On 12 January 2020, The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Annual Awards were presented in 25 different categories for the 2018-19 season in Mumbai, Maharashtra to honor all the legendary cricketers. Indian pacer Jasprit Jasbirsingh Bumrah has received the highest prize of Indian cricket – the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award for the best international cricketer (2018-19) in men's category. The award carries a citation, trophy & cheque for Rs. 15 lakh. At the same time, Poonam Yadav clinched the top prize in women's category and was awarded the best international cricketer.

21) Name the Indian cricketer, who received the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) 's "Dilip Sardesai Award" for the highest run getter in Test cricket (2018-2019)?

- 1) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 2) Shikhar Dhawan
- 3) Cheteshwar Pujara
- 4) Umesh Yadav
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Cheteshwar Pujara**

Explanation:

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Dilip Sardesai Award for the highest wicket-taker in Tests (2018-19)	Jasprit Bumrah
Dilip Sardesai Award for the highest run getter in Test cricket (2018-2019)	Cheteshwar Pujara
Highest run getter in ODIs (2018-19) – Women	Smriti Mandhana
Highest wicket-taker in ODIs (2018-19) – Women	Jhulan Goswami
Polly Umrigar Award Best International Cricketer	Jasprit Bumrah
Best International Cricketer – Women	Poonam Yadav
Best International Debut – Men	Mayank Agarwal
Best International Debut- Women	Shafali Verma

22) Name the British Indian yoga champion, who was honoured with the “Global Child Prodigy Award 2020” for achievements in spiritual discipline yoga?

- 1) Ishwar Sharma
- 2) Abhijata Sridhar Iyengar
- 3) Ajay Tokas
- 4) Alpesh Patwari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ishwar Sharma

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 Yoga Champion Ishwar Sharma, 10 years old schoolboy (UK resident) originally from Mysore, under 11-yoga champion from the UK, has been honoured with the Global Child Prodigy Award 2020 for achievements in spiritual discipline yoga. Global Prodigy Award honours child prodigies from across 45 countries under 30 different categories such as palaeontology, choreography, biking, fitness and martial arts etc.

23) Who was named as the “Most valuable player” in the year 2020 with €265 million as per International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES) Football Observatory?

- 1) Mohammed Salah
- 2) Jadon Sancho
- 3) Kylian Mbappe
- 4) Raheem Sterling
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kylian Mbappe

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Switzerland based International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES) Football Observatory has released a list of the most valuable football players in the world. Paris Saint-Germain striker Kylian Mbappe topped the list with €265 million. Raheem Sterling from Manchester City listed second with €223.7 million and Mohammed Salah from Liverpool was the third position with €175.1 million.

Rank	Name
1	Kylian Mbappe (€265 million)
2	Raheem Sterling (€223.7 million)
3	Mohammed Salah (€175.1 million)

24) Name the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day (26th January) parade of 2020 & Army day (15th January) of 2020?

- 1) Tania Shergill
- 2) Priya Jhingan
- 3) Mitali Madhumita
- 4) Punita Arora
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Tania Shergill

Explanation:

On 13th January 2020, Captain Tania Shergill, an officer with Army's Corps of Signals, will be the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day (26th January) parade of 2020. A parade adjutant is responsible for the parade. She is an electronics and communications graduate, her father, grandfather and great-grandfather have also served in the Army. She was commissioned in March 2017 from the Officer Training Academy, Chennai. In the 2019 Republic Day parade, Captain Bhavna Kasturi was the first women officer who led an all-men contingent.

25) Which panchayat from Madhya Pradesh was declared as the first plastic-free area & won award for plastic waste management?

- 1) Badkagaon Panchayat, Gwalior
- 2) Jobat Panchayat, Alirajpur
- 3) Sendhawa Panchayat, Barwani
- 4) Sindoda Panchayat, Indore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sindoda Panchayat, Indore

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 the Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under Ministry of Jal Shakti, organised the ODF (Open Defecation Free) sustainability workshop in New Delhi. The workshop had a special session by Bollywood actor Aamir Khan (founder of Paani foundation) who distributed awards to the best performing districts on key swachhata parameters. 4 districts i.e, Dibrugarh (Assam), Sirmaur (Himachal Pradesh), Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Puri (Odisha) were awarded for innovations and initiatives in plastic waste management. Sindoda panchayat of Indore was declared as the first plastic-free area in the Madhya Pradesh recently and the award was conferred to Indore Zila Panchayat chief executive officer(CEO) Neha Meena.

26) Who won the “Sportstar of the Year Award” in the 2nd edition of Sportstar Aces Awards 2020?

- 1) Smriti Mandhana
- 2) Pusarla Venkata (PV) Sindhu
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) Steve Smith
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Pusarla Venkata (PV) Sindhu

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020, The 2nd edition of Sportstar Aces Awards 2020 was held at the Trident Hotel in Mumbai, Maharashtra consisting of 23 different categories of awards for India's sportspersons.

List of winners:

Award	Winner
Sportstar of the Year Award	Pusarla Venkata (PV) Sindhu- Badminton
Chairman's Choice Award	Steve Smith of Australia- Cricket
Coach of the Year	Badminton coach Pullela Gopichand & chess coach R. B. Ramesh
Sportsman of the Year (Cricket)	Rohit Sharma
Sportswoman of the Year (Cricket)	Smriti Mandhana
Sportswoman of the Year (Team Sports)	Deep Grace Ekka- Hockey
Sportsman of the Year (Team Sports)	Manpreet Singh – Hockey
Young Athlete of the Year (Female)	Mehuli Ghosh-shooter
Young Athlete of the Year (Male)	Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (chess) & Esow Alben(Cyclist)

Sportstar Team of the Year	Indian Test cricket team
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27) Name the Indian sports player, who was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award in the 2nd edition of Sportstar Aces Awards 2020?

- 1) Annu Rani
- 2) Pankaj Advani
- 3) Kapil Dev Ram Lal Nikhanj
- 4) Leander Paes
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kapil Dev Ram Lal Nikhanj

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List of winners:

Award	Winner
Lifetime Achievement Award	Kapil Dev Ram Lal Nikhanj (former Indian cricketer)
Sportstar Team of the Year	Indian Test cricket team
Special Recognition Award	Leander Paes- Tennis
Best State for the Promotion of Sports.	Odisha (For the 2 nd time)
Sportsman of the Year (Individual Sport)	Bajrang Punia -wrestling
Sportswoman of the Year (Individual Sport) award	Koneru Humpy(Chess) & Apurvi Chandela (Shooting)
Special Jury Award	Pankaj Advani (Billiards and snooker player)
Best PSU(Public Sector Undertaking) /Corporate House for the Promotion of Sports	Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
Sportsman of the Year (Racquet Sport)	Bhamidipati Sai Praneeth (Badminton)
Sportswoman of the Year (Racquet Sports)	Pusarla Venkata (PV) Sindhu- Badminton
Sportsman of the Year (Track and Field)	Avinash Sable (Athlete)
Sportswoman of the Year (Track and Field)	Annu Rani (Javelin thrower)
Sportsman of the Year (Parasports)	Pramod Bhagat (Para Shuttler)
Sportswoman of the Year (Parasports)	Ekta Bhyan (para athlete)

28) Who has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2019 for his short stories collection- 'Chequebook'?

- 1) Salman Rushdie
- 2) Chetan Bhagat
- 3) Vasdev Mohi
- 4) Anita Desai
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vasdev Mohi

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Sindhi (Indo-Aryan language) Writer Vasdev Mohi has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2019, a literary recognition given annually by the K K (Krishna Kumar) Birla Foundation. The literary award is given for his short stories collection- 'Chequebook'. The short story talks about the sufferings of the marginalized sections in the society. The work was selected by a committee headed by former secretary general of the Lok sabha, Subash C Kashyap.

29) Name the Indian Cricketer, who was awarded as the ODI (One Day International) Cricketer of the Year for the first time in 16th edition of ICC awards 2019?

- 1) MS Dhoni
- 2) Rohit Gurunath Sharma
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rohit Gurunath Sharma

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the list of ICC award winners for the year 2019 to recognise and honor the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months. Indian opener Rohit Gurunath Sharma became ODI (One Day International) Cricketer of the Year for the first time.

30) Who won the “Spirit of Cricket Award” in the 16th edition of ICC awards 2019?

- 1) MS Dhoni
- 2) Rohit Gurunath Sharma
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the list of ICC award winners for the year 2019 to recognise and honor the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months. Virat Kohli bagged Spirit of Cricket award.

31) For which novel, Twinkle Khanna received the “Popular Best Fiction Award” in the 17th edition of Crossword Book Awards?

- 1) Pyjamas Are Forgiving
- 2) The Upside-Down King: Unusual Tales About Rama and Krishna
- 3) One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body
- 4) Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of AR Rahman
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pyjamas Are Forgiving

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 the 17th edition of Crossword Book Awards was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The Crossword Book Award is the only forum in India that gives a face to Indian authors and Indian literature, with a well-rounded jury mining gems from the length and breadth of the country.

Winners of 17th crossword Books Awards:

Category	Winners
Biography	Krishna Trilok for Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of AR Rahman.
Popular Best Fiction Award	Twinkle Khanna for Pyjamas Are Forgiving
Popular Children’s book award	Sudha Murty for The Upside-Down King: Unusual Tales About Rama and Krishna
Jury Non- fiction award	Shanta Gokhale for One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body

Jury Fiction award	Madhuri Vijay for The Far Field
Jury Children's book award	Richa Jha and Sumanta Dey for Machher Jhol: Fish Curry
Best book in the Indian Language	Jayasree Kalathil and N Prabhakaran for Diary of a Malayali Madman

32) Who were honoured with the Madhya Pradesh (MP) state government award, "2017 & 2018 National Lata Mangeshkar Award" recently?

- 1) Suman Kalyanpur & Kuldeep Singh
- 2) Nitin Bose & Naushad Ali
- 3) Pankaj Mullick & Kanan Devi
- 4) Kanan Devi & Kuldeep Singh
- 5) Kuldeep Singh & Naushad Ali

Answer – **1) Suman Kalyanpur & Kuldeep Singh**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 noted Indian singer Suman Kalyanpur was chosen for the 2017 National Lata Mangeshkar Award of the state govt. of Madhya Pradesh(MP) while Indian Music composer Kuldeep Singh has been chosen for the same Mangeshkar award for the year 2018. They have been chosen for this award for their contribution in the field of music and will be awarded in February 2020 at an event in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

33) Who presented the National Highways (NH) Excellence Awards 2019 in 7 categories recently?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Piyush Goyal
- 3) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 4) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 5) Rajnath Singh

Answer – **3) Nitin Jairam Gadkari**

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020, Nitin Jairam Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), has presented the National Highways (NH) Excellence Awards 2019 to honor the 12 best performers in NH sector in New Delhi. The award was given in 7 categories for which a total of 104 applications from across the country were received in 2019. The 7 categories include, Excellence in Project Management, Excellence in Operation and Maintenance, Excellence in Toll Management, Excellence in Highway Safety, Innovation, Outstanding Work in Challenging Conditions, Green Highway.

34) Name the app, that received Award of Excellence for the year 2019 by Computer Society of India (CSI) along with 'Voter Helpline App'?

- 1) Nyaya Bandhu
- 2) Shiksha Vani
- 3) Sahyatri
- 4) cVIGIL
- 5) MyGov

Answer – **4) cVIGIL**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Award of Excellence for the year 2019 was given by Computer Society of India (CSI) and Special Interest Group on e-Governance (CSI SIG e-Gov) at Kalinga Institute of Industrial

Technology in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The two innovative Information and Communication Technology (ICT) applications developed by Election Commission of India (ECI), 'cVIGIL' and 'Voter Helpline App' has won the e-Governance award. Dr. Kushal Pathak, Director ICT & chief information security officer (CISO), ECI and Chief Electoral Officer of Odisha, Shri Sushil Kumar Lohani received the award on behalf of ECI.

35) Who received the highest civilian honour of Australia, 'Order of Australia honour'?

- 1) Mallika Srinivasan
- 2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- 3) Shobhana Bhartia
- 4) Savitri Jindal
- 5) Leena Tewari

Answer – **2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Australia has conferred its highest civilian honour, the Order of Australia honour to Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, founder and chairperson of bio-pharmaceutical company Biocon and appointed as an honorary member in the general division of the Order of Australia by Australia's High Commissioner to India Ms. Harinder Sidhu at a ceremony in Leela Palace, Bengaluru, Karnataka. She is the fourth Indian citizen to be awarded Australia's highest civilian honour. Award contribution: The award is given to foreign nationals who have extraordinarily contributed to Australia or for humanity.

36) Who won the Global citizen prize: Cisco Youth Leadership award for 2019 for her school health program that provides healthcare support to children?

- 1) Priya Prakash
- 2) Avinash Sharma
- 3) Srilatha Adabala
- 4) Abhishek Kumar
- 5) Anupam Kumar

Answer – **1) Priya Prakash**

Explanation:

Priya Prakash, the founder and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of India-based "HealthSetGo" has won the Global citizen prize: Cisco Youth Leadership award for 2019. The award was given for her school health program that provides healthcare support to children. The Award was given by Cisco Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer Fran Katsoudas at Royal Albert Hall, London.

37) Who was conferred with the 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare (Aspirational Districts) by Former President Pranab Mukherjee recently?

- 1) Deepa Venkat
- 2) Hemant Soren
- 3) Manish Shisodia
- 4) Acharya Balakrishnan
- 5) Anurag Thakur

Answer – **2) Hemant Soren**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Jharkhand CM (Chief Minister) Hemant Soren was conferred with 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare (Aspirational Districts) by Former President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi. Award Contribution: The award is contributed to Hemant for his work in the Barhait and Dumka assembly constituencies in the state. Other awardees are:

1. Shri Manish Shisodia (Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi), (Education)
2. Shri Anurag Thakur (Minister of State MoS Finance & Corporate Affairs), Social Welfare
3. Shri Acharya Balakrishnan (Patanjali), Social Welfare
4. Ms. Shilpa Shetty & Raj Kundra (Swachh Bharat).

- 5.Smt I.Deepa Venkat (Social Welfare),Swarna Bharat Trust, Andhra Pradesh.
- 6.Shri Suresh Oberoi & Sister Shivani (Culture) (The Awakening of Brahma Kumaris)
- 7.Smt.Geeta Koda (Member of Parliament MP, Lok Sabha), Social Welfare (Aspirational Districts)
- 8.Shri Allu Arvind (Social welfare) – Andhra Pradesh.

38) Which organization presents the 14th edition “Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards”?

- 1) CNBC Group
- 2) Express Group
- 3) Rediff Group
- 4) Economic Times
- 5) Hindu Group

Answer – **2) Express Group**

Explanation:

On January 20,2020 President of India Shri.Ram Nath Kovind, presented “14th Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards” at a ceremony in New Delhi. Ramnath Goenka:Ramnath Goenka was an Indian newspaper publisher who launched Indian Express in 1932 and the award is given by his name since 2006 by the Express Group.

39) Name the state government, that secured the top spot in the ‘SKOCH State of Governance 2019’?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – **5) Gujarat**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020,According to the ‘SKOCH State of Governance 2019’ report, Gujarat gained the top spot on the back of better performance in Health, Education, Power and e-Governance segments. Gujarat, which was ranked 5th in 2018 replaces 2018 leader West Bengal.

The projects undertaken by the states, have performed the best in terms of rankings across 22 different parameters have been listed as STARS.

Top 3 Star states include:

Rank	State Name	Project
1	Gujarat	104 projects
2	Maharashtra	50 projects
3	West Bengal	20 projects

Gujarat is also ranked top in terms of governance category (leaving Tamil Nadu to the 2nd) &other sectors including tourism and culture , e-Governance, Health, Education, Power Infrastructure.

40) Who presented the 2020 annual Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 49 children in the age group of 5-18 in New Delhi?

- 1) Pranab Mukherjee
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Ram Nath Kovind
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer – **3) Ram Nath Kovind**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 2020 annual Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 49 children in the age group of 5-18 in New Delhi. The award is

given to children having exceptional achievements in various fields such as innovation, scholastic achievements, social service, arts and culture, sports and bravery.

41) Name the 1st motorsports personality, who was awarded with the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar award 2020?

- 1) Yash Aradhya
- 2) Jehan Daruwala
- 3) Advait Dheodhar
- 4) Armaan Ebrahim
- 5) Aditya Patel

Answer – 1) Yash Aradhya

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 2020 annual Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 49 children in the age group of 5-18 in New Delhi. Yash Aradhya (17 years) of Bengaluru, Karnataka created history by becoming the 1st motorsports personality to be awarded the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.

42) Who was awarded with the 5th edition of the Mahakavi Sethia Award for poetry during 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF)?

- 1) Nissim Ezekiel
- 2) Arvind Krishna Mehrotra
- 3) Jeet Thayil
- 4) Arun Kolatkar
- 5) A. K. Ramanujan

Answer – 2) Arvind Krishna Mehrotra

Explanation:

Renowned poet and literary critic Arvind Krishna Mehrotra was awarded 5th edition of the Mahakavi Sethia Award for poetry during JLF 2020. The award is given in memory of Rajasthani and Hindi poet Kanhaiyalal Sethia and carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh. The 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) began at Diggi Palace Hotel in Jaipur, Rajasthan on January 23, 2020 and will be conducted till January 27, 2020. The 5-day long festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot.

43) Name the Kerala boy, who will receive the “Bharat Award 2019” from President of India Shri, Ram Nath Kovind on Republic Day along with Akash Khillare instituted by Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW)?

- 1) Aarti Kiran Shet
- 2) Kamal Krishna Das
- 3) Kanti Paikra
- 4) Venkatesh
- 5) Adithya K

Answer – 5) Adithya K

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW), which selects children for the National Bravery Awards every year, has picked 22 children including 10 girls & 12 boys from 12 States for the ICCW National Bravery Awards-2019. They will receive the award from President of India Shri, Ram Nath Kovind on 26th January 2020 (Republic Day). The prestigious Bharat Award will be conferred on Adithya K (15) from Kerala for saving more than 40 lives after a bus they were travelling in caught fire. Akash Khillare from Aurangabad (Maharashtra) will be getting a bravery award for rescued the life of a 5-year-old girl and her mother after he saw them sinking while on his way to school.

44) Which organization won the “2nd Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2020” in the “institution category” for the contributions in disaster management?

- 1) Disaster Mitigation And Management Centre (DMMC)
- 2) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- 3) National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- 4) National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
- 5) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Answer – 1) Disaster Mitigation And Management Centre (DMMC)

Explanation:

The govt of India announced the 2nd edition of the 2020 Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar on January 23, 2020 marking the 123rd birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. DMMC was selected under ‘institution category’ while Shri Kumar Munnan Singh was selected under ‘individual category’ for their contributions in disaster management.

45) Who was awarded with the “2020 Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar” in the ‘individual category’ for the contributions in disaster management?

- 1) Irom Sharmila
- 2) Medha Patkar
- 3) Arundhati Roy
- 4) Kumar Munnan Singh
- 5) Aruna Roy

Answer – 4) Kumar Munnan Singh

Explanation:

The govt of India announced the 2nd edition of the 2020 Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar on January 23, 2020 marking the 123rd birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Shri Kumar Munnan Singh was selected under ‘individual category’ for the contributions in disaster management.

46) Which state tourism’s “Barrier-Free Project” won “Emerging Global Destination” in the Accessible Destination Awards 2019 for South-Indian state category?

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

Answer – 5) Kerala

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, Kerala Tourism’s Barrier-Free Project has won global recognition with the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) as an “Emerging Global Destination” in the Accessible Destination Awards 2019 for South-Indian state category. The recognition is for the implementation of the project in the central Kerala district of Thrissur (India’s only destination to win the honour). Kerala is also the 1st Indian state to work as per the UNWTO guidelines on making tourist destinations disabled-friendly. Kerala Tourism Director P Bala Kiran IAS (Indian Administrative Service) received the award from UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili at 40th FITUR International Tourism Trade Fair in Madrid, Spain.

47) Who won the 2020 Romain Rolland Book Prize for translating the 1st three albums of French cartoon series “Asterix”- “Asterix series: Asterix and the Golden Sickle”, “Asterix and the Goths” and “Asterix the Gladiator”?

- 1) Anita Desai and Rohinton Mistry
- 2) Dipa Chaudhuri and Puneet Gupta
- 3) Ruskin Bond and Jhumpa Lahiri

4) Dipa Chaudhuri and Jhumpa Lahiri

5) Aravind Adiga and Ruskin Bond

Answer – 2) Dipa Chaudhuri and Puneet Gupta

Explanation:

Lenanin along with Leila Slimani, novelist and French President Emmanuel Macron's Envoy for Francophone Affairs, conferred 2020 Romain Rolland Book Prize at Jaipur BookMark in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The Romain Rolland Book prize is given annually to the best translation of a french title into any Indian language inclusive of english. Prize winners: 1st 3 albums of the Asterix series (comic magazine series) – Asterix and the Golden Sickle, Asterix and the Goths, and Asterix the Gladiator, translated into Hindi by Dipa Chaudhuri and Puneet Gupta, and published by Om Books won the prize.

48) Name the journalist and Chairman of the Hindu Group of Publications, who was honored with the Kerala Media Academy's National media award?

1) Prannoy Roy

2) M. Veeraraghavachariar

3) Chitra Subramaniam

4) N Ram

5) Siddharth Varadarajan

Answer – 4) N Ram

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 popular journalist and Chairman of the Hindu Group of Publications Shri N Ram was honoured by Kerala Media Academy's National media award as part of its 40th anniversary of formation. He was awarded for his outstanding contribution to journalism. The award carried a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a citation and a memento. The award will be presented by the chief minister of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan by the end of March 2020.

49) Who was honored with the 1st of its kind award for brilliance in book design, "Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020" for designing the cover of the book 'Tiffin: Authentic Recipes Celebrating India's Regional Cuisine'?

1) Sneha Pamneja

2) Akshar Pathak

3) Madhukar B Raju

4) Gopinath Prasanna

5) Sujata Keshavan

Answer – 1) Sneha Pamneja

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020, Sneha Pamneja, a well known Graphic designer based in New Delhi, was awarded Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2020, a 1st of its kind award for brilliance in book design, at Jaipur BookMark of ongoing 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) at Diggi Palace Hotel in Jaipur, Rajasthan. She was honoured for designing the cover of the book 'Tiffin: Authentic Recipes Celebrating India's Regional Cuisine'. Key Points: i. Pamneja was awarded a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh for designing an attractive cover. The award was presented to her by the jury comprising Jurors Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Namita Gokhale and Shobhaa De.

50) Name the English actor and film director, who will receive the Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema Award 2020 during the 73rd EE British Academy Film Awards ceremony that held in London, United Kingdom (UK)?

1) Ian McKellen

2) Andrew Clement Serkis

3) Christopher Lee

4) Hugo Weaving

5) John Rhys-Davies

Answer – 2) Andrew Clement Serkis

Explanation:

Andrew Clement Serkis (55), an English actor and film director, will receive the Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema Award 2020, one of the British Academy's top honours from British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) at the 73rd EE British Academy Film Awards ceremony, scheduled to be held on February 2, 2020 in London, UK (United Kingdom). Serkis got his credit with the creation of characters such as Gollum in the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit series, Caesar in the Planet of the Apes trilogy, the titular gorilla in 2005's King Kong.

51) How many persons were awarded with Padma Vibhushan awards for the year 2020?

- 1) 5
- 2) 7
- 3) 6
- 4) 4
- 5) 2

Answer – 2) 7

Explanation:

The Padma Vibhushan, instituted on 2 January 1954, is given for "exceptional and distinguished service", without distinction of race, occupation, position, or sex. This year president approved the conferment of Padma Vibhushan to 7 persons.

52) Legendary politician, Arun Jaitley & Sushma Swaraj along with George Fernandes Sri Vishveshateertha Swamiji & Sri Pejavar Adhokhaja Matha Udupi received which of the following award Posthumously?

- 1) Bharat Ratna
- 2) Padma Shri
- 3) Padma Vibhushan
- 4) Padma Bhushan
- 5) None of the above

Answer – 3) Padma Vibhushan

Explanation:

Legendary politician, Arun Jaitley & Sushma Swaraj along with George Fernandes Sri Vishveshateertha Swamiji & Sri Pejavar Adhokhaja Matha Udupi received Padma Vibhushan (Second Highest Civilian Award).

53) M. C. Mary Kom received Padma Vibhushan award recently, she is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Wrestling
- 5) Weight Lifting

Answer – 3) Boxing

Explanation:

M. C. Mary Kom received Padma Vibhushan award recently. She is associated with Boxing. The other Padma Vibhushan awardees are,

S.NO	Name	Field	State/Country
1.	George Fernandes (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Bihar
2.	Arun Jaitley (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
3.	Sir Anerood Jugnauth	Public Affairs	Mauritius

4.	M. C. Mary Kom	Sports	Manipur
5.	Chhannulal Mishra	Art	Uttar Pradesh
6.	Sushma Swaraj (Posthumous)	Public Affairs	Delhi
7.	Sri Vishveshateertha Swamiji Sri Pejavara Adhokhaja Matha Udupi (Posthumous)	Others- Spiritualism	Karnataka

54) How many Padma Shri awards were given for the year 2020?

- 1) 105
- 2) 125
- 3) 120
- 4) 118
- 5) 112

Answer – **4) 118**

Explanation:

Padma Shri, Instituted on 2 January 1954, is given for distinguished service of a high order without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex. This year President approved the conferment of Padma Shri to 118 Persons.

55) Who was honoured with the Harit Ratna Award 2019 at the 5th National Youth Convention(NYC) in Raipur, Chattisgarh?

- 1) N Kumar
- 2) ST Sabarathinam
- 3) D. Ramakrishnaiya
- 4) R. K. Sivanappan
- 5) A. Sampathrajan

Answer – **1) N Kumar**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Vice Chancellor(VC) of Tamil Nadu Agriculture University(TNAU) shri N Kumar was honoured with Harit Ratna Award 2019 at the 5th National Youth Convention(NYC) at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) in Raipur, Chattisgarh. The award was given by All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA). Shri Kumar was awarded for dissemination of Rs.30-crore entrepreneurship project in agri-business and also for motivating students towards the agriculture sector in Tamil Nadu.

56) Which Newspaper was awarded with the “National Media Award for print” by Election Commission of India (ECI) for encouraging people for ‘Right to vote based on the merit of candidates’ during Lok Sabha election 2019?

- 1) “The Times of India”
- 2) “The Economic Times”
- 3) “Hindustan Times”
- 4) “The Indian Express”
- 5) “The Hindu Tamil”

Answer – **5) “The Hindu Tamil”**

Explanation:

On January 25,2020 Election Commission of India(ECI) awarded National Media Award for print to “The Hindu Tamil” as part of the poll panel’s national awards for voter awareness and education campaign in 2019 on the occasion of the 10th National Voters Day held at New Delhi. President Ram Nath Kovind presented National Media Award for print to K.Ashokan, Editor, The Hindu Tamil for

encouraging people for 'Right to vote based on the merit of candidates' during Lok Sabha election 2019.

57) Name the chief electoral officer of Punjab, who has bagged 'Best CEO for Accessible Elections' award for providing accessibility to vote to persons with disabilities (divyang), senior citizens and ill persons during Lok Sabha elections 2019?

- 1) Kavita Singh
- 2) Sirra karuna Raju
- 3) Bhupinder Singh
- 4) Sibin C
- 5) Gurpal Singh Chahal

Answer – 2) Sirra karuna Raju

Explanation:

Punjab chief electoral officer, Sirra Karuna Raju has bagged an Election Commission of India award for providing accessibility to vote to persons with disabilities (divyang), senior citizens and ill persons during Lok Sabha elections 2019. President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 'Best CEO for Accessible Elections' award on Sirra Karuna Raju, during a National Voter's Day function held at Zoravar Auditorium at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

58) Who was honoured with the "Best spoken word album of the year award" at the Grammy awards 2020 for the book "Becoming"?

- 1) Michelle Obama
- 2) Craig Robinson
- 3) Hillary Clinton
- 4) Oprah Winfrey
- 5) George W. Bush

Answer – 1) Michelle Obama

Explanation:

Former United States(US) lady Michelle Obama was honoured with the best spoken word album of the year award at the Grammy awards for the book "Becoming". Her husband and Former US President Barack Obama earlier has won two Grammy awards in the same category for his memoirs Dreams from My Father (2006) and The Audacity of Hope (2008). Michelle is also the 2nd first lady (wife of a president) to have won a Grammy. Former President Bill Clinton's wife Hillary Clinton was the 1st second lady to win a grammy in the same category for her book "It Takes a Village" in 1997.

59) Name the American singer and songwriter, who became the 1st artist to win the Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Pop Vocal Album and Best New Artist also became the youngest singer to win Album of the Year award in Grammy Award?

- 1) Beyoncé
- 2) Miley Cyrus
- 3) Katy Perry
- 4) Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell
- 5) Lady Gaga

Answer – 4) Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell

Explanation:

American singer and songwriter Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell became the 1st artist to win the Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, and Best New Artist in the same year itself since American singer-songwriter Christopher Cross in 1981. Eilish and her brother Finneas received the most awards, with five wins each. Eilish became the youngest singer to win the Album of the year award at Grammys.

60) Which firm won the 'BFSI Digital Innovation Award 2020' for Cloud Solutions?

- 1) India Infoline Housing Finance Limited (IIHFL)
- 2) Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL)
- 3) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFCL)
- 4) Edelweiss Housing Finance Limited (EHFL)
- 5) Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFCL)

Answer – 2) Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL)

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Bajaj Housing Finance Limited (BHFL), a 100% subsidiary of Bajaj Finance Limited, had won the 'BFSI Digital Innovation Award 2020' for Cloud Solutions. The Express BFSI (Banking, Financial Services & Insurance) Technology Conclave and Awards 2020 held in Pune, Maharashtra which is one of the largest meetings of IT-decision makers, senior executives and partners in India. The function was organized by the Express Computer, an IT (Information Technology) business magazine from the Indian Express Group.

61) Name the state that displayed its tableaux with the theme 'Land of Unique Craftsmanship and Culture' during 71st Republic day & won the Best Tableaux Awards under the States/Union territories (UT) category?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Assam
- 5) West Bengal

Answer – 4) Assam

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 Defence Minister Rajnath Singh distributed the awards for best tableaux which was conducted on January 26, 2020 in Republic Day event. There were a total of 22 tableaux including 16 from various states and union territories and remaining 6 from various ministries and departments. Best Tableaux Awards (States and Union territories): Assam's tableaux displayed with the theme 'Land of Unique Craftsmanship and Culture', had showcased the Xattriya tradition in the form of Bhortal Nritya was chosen as the best tableaux. The second position was tied between Odisha which depicted Lord Lingaraja's Rukuna Rath Yatra, and Uttar Pradesh which showcased the culture of Sarva Dharma Samabhav.

62) Which ministry won the Best Tableaux Awards under the category "Different ministries and departments" along with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?

- 1) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 2) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- 3) Ministry of Defence
- 4) Ministry of AYUSH
- 5) Ministry of Railways

Answer – 1) Ministry of Jal Shakti

Explanation:

Jal Shakti Mission won best tableaux for Ministry government's new initiative, 'Jal Jeevan Mission', which aims at providing functional tap connection to every rural household by 2024. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) won best tableaux for Ministry for showcasing the cutting-edge technology and instruments used by the force to carry out daring rescue operations in flood-hit and disaster hit areas.

63) Find the Oxford Hindi Word of the Year (HWOTY) for 2019?

- 1) 'Gau-Rakshak' (Cow Protection)
- 2) 'Notebandi' (Money Demonetisation)

- 3) 'Nari Shakti' (Women Power)
- 4) 'Aadhaar' (identity Card)
- 5) 'Samvidhaan' (constitution)

Answer – 5) 'Samvidhaan' (constitution)

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 the Oxford University Press(OUP) has named 'Samvidhaan' (constitution) as the Oxford Hindi Word of the Year (HWOTY) for 2019. This name received widespread attention in August 2019 with the abrogation of Article 370 and article 35(A) of the Indian Constitution on August 05, 2019. The articles removed special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir.

64) Who was conferred with the honorary D Litt (Doctor of Literature) by his alma mater Calcutta University?

- 1) Abiy Ahmed
- 2) Sendhil Mullainathan
- 3) Amartya Sen
- 4) Abhijit Vinayak Bannerjee
- 5) Michael Kremer

Answer – 4) Abhijit Vinayak Bannerjee

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, Nobel Prize winner in economics Abhijit Vinayak Bannerjee conferred with the honorary D Litt (Doctor of Literature) by his alma mater Calcutta University in Kolkata, West Bengal. Abhijit was awarded Nobel Prize in 2019 for an "Experimental approach to alleviating global poverty". He is one of the directors of Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), United States of America (USA) founded in 2003.

Difficulty type – Hard

65) Sanjna Kapoor was awarded with the prestigious 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters), she is a _____?

- 1) Director
- 2) Lyricist
- 3) Singer
- 4) Dancer
- 5) Theatre artist

Answer – 5) Theatre artist

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, Sanjna Kapoor (52), an Indian theatre personality and former British film actress of Indian and British descent, was awarded the prestigious French honour of 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for her outstanding contribution to the field of theater. She was honored by French Minister of Culture Franck Riester, who was currently on an official visit to India.

66) Who was awarded with the Tyler Prize 2020 for "green economy" along with the conservation biologist Gretchen C. Daily?

- 1) Jadav Payeng
- 2) Anadish Pal
- 3) Pavan Sukhdev
- 4) Vandana Shiva
- 5) Saalumara Thimmakka

Answer – 3) Pavan Sukhdev

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 the Indian environmentalist and Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Pavan Sukhdev won Tyler Prize 2020 for Environmental

Achievement for his groundbreaking “green economy” work along with conservation biologist Gretchen C. Daily from United States (US). The winners will be awarded at the private ceremony on May 1, 2020 in presence of the Tyler Prize Executive Committee and distinguished members of the international environmental community at the Intercontinental Barclay Hotel in New York City, United States (US).

67) Who was conferred with prestigious “Ayurveda Ratan Award 2020” in Brussels, Belgium?

- 1) Rajesh Kotecha
- 2) Partap Chauhan
- 3) Balendu Prakash
- 4) Krishna Chandra Chunekar
- 5) Deepak Chopra

Answer – **2) Partap Chauhan**

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, Dr. Partap Chauhan, the pioneer of Ayurvedic Telemedicine, has Conferred with Prestigious Ayurveda Ratan Award 2020 in Brussels, Belgium during Ayurveda Day Celebratio at the European Parliament. The All-Party Parliament Group on Traditional Medicines organized a meeting at in Brussels, Belgium with the aim of formulating a roadmap to legalize Ayurveda in Europe and to integrate it with their healthcare systems. Indian Ambassador to European Union (EU), Gaitri Kumar & Geoffrey Charles Van Orden, the British Conservative Member of European Parliament, Ayurveda practitioners and enthusiasts, policymakers, academicians, and several officials and delegates from EU nations were participated in the event.

68) Who among the following Journalist won 2nd edition of PEN GauriLankesh Award 2019 for Democratic Idealism instituted by South Indian Pen and Pen India?

- 1) Ravnish Kumar
- 2) P Mahamood
- 3) Yusuf Jameel
- 4) Prannoy Roy
- 5) Arnab Goswami

Answer - **3) Yusuf Jameel**

Explantion:

Senior journalist Yusuf Jameel from Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) won the 2019-20 PEN GauriLankesh Award for Democratic Idealism for his outstanding contribution in journalism. PEN South India and Pen Delhi have instituted the award in the name of editor late GauriLankesh, who was assassinated in 2017. The award carries a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and a citation. The 1st edition was given to cartoonist P Mahamood in September 2018.

69) Who is the first ever hockey player to win 6th edition ‘World Games Athlete of the Year Award 2019’?

- 1) Rani Rampal
- 2) Madhu Yadav
- 3) Savitha
- 4) Gurjit Gaur
- 5) Neha Goyal

Answer - **1) Rani Rampal**

Explanation:

Indian Hockey women’s team captain and 2020 Padma Shri awardee Rani Rampal (Haryana) became the 1st ever hockey player to win the 2019’s ‘World Games Athlete of the Year’ award. The announcement was made by International world games Association (IWGA). The award recognizes and honors an athlete or a team for their outstanding performance or for their social commitment or particularly, fair behavior.

SUMMITS, EVENTS & CONFERENCE

1) Which city is set to host the 14th Global healthcare summit in the year 2021?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP)
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP)

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), a professional association for Indian American physicians, is set to organize a 3-days long 14th Global Healthcare Summit (GHS) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP) from January 3, 2021 for the 1st time. Over the past few years, AAPI has been collaborating with several professional medical associations & made key role in addressing diabetes with the launch of Sevak programme and CPR-AED(Proper cardiopulmonary resuscitation-automated external defibrillator) training.

2) Who inaugurated the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Venkaiah Naidu
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Harsh Vardhan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) also known as ISC 2020 at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

3) What was the theme of the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) for the year 2020?

- 1) Theme – “Science and Technology: Rural Development”
- 2) Theme – “Science for shaping the future of India”
- 3) Theme – “Reaching the Unreached through Science and Technology”
- 4) Theme – “Future India: Science and Technology”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “Science and Technology: Rural Development”

Explanation:

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) also known as ISC 2020 at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The theme of ISC for the year 2020 was “Science and Technology: Rural Development”.

4) Which Indian city hosts the 1st Farmer’s Science Congress recently?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

During ISC 2020, for the 1st time Farmer's Science Congress was conducted. It was inaugurated by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) & Director General(DG) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Some of the highlights are as follows: PM Modi's vision of doubling of farmers' income by 2022 was discussed during the event. Farmers were encouraged to make use of organic farming. Development of 45 types of organic farming systems in niche areas was also announced.

5) Name the Indian city, that host the 5th edition of Asia Pacific drosophila research conference (APDRC) for the first time in India?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Pune, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The Asia Pacific drosophila research conference (APDRC) is being conducted in India for the 1st time from January 6-10 in Pune, Maharashtra. Overall this is the 5th edition of the biennial conference and is known by the name APDRC5. It is organised by Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER). The conference aims to promote the interaction of Drosophila researchers in the Asia-Pacific region with the rest of the world.

6) Who chaired the 2nd edition of the National GST (Goods and Service Tax) Conference of the Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners of Central Tax that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- 2) Subhash Chandra Garg
- 3) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- 4) Ajay Narayan Jha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ajay Bhushan Pandey**

Explanation:

On January 07, 2020 the 2nd edition of the National GST Conference of the Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners of Central Tax was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Revenue Secretary of the Ministry of Finance(MoF). The conference was held to streamline the GST (Goods and Service Tax) system and also to plug revenue leakages.

7) Which Indian City will host the 5th edition of, 'The Pulses Conclave 2020'?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Lonavala, Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Lonavala, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA), the apex organisation of the import and export trader of pulses and grains in India will host the 5th edition of its biennial conference, 'The Pulses Conclave 2020' from February 12 – 14, 2020 at the Aamby Valley City in Lonavala, Maharashtra. The Conclave aimed at increasing domestic production and consumption & other areas of the trade like improving processing efficiencies, increasing consumption, exports, value addition, post-harvest crop management, etc.

8) Which city will host the conference on civil aviation sector, 'Wings India 2020' with the theme "Flying for all"?

- 1) Chennai International Airport in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Chattrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

Wings India 2020, an international exhibition and conference on civil aviation sector, will be held at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana from March 12-15, 2020. The theme of the event is "Flying for all". The biennial event will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi in presence of Minister for Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Civil Aviation.

9) Who launched the 1st International Heritage Symposium and Exhibition (IHSE)?

- 1) Prahalad Singh Patel
- 2) Rakesh Singh
- 3) Pralhad Joshi
- 4) Kiren Rijiju
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Prahalad Singh Patel

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (IC) Shri Prahalad Singh Patel launched the first International Heritage Symposium and Exhibition (IHSE). The exhibition will be held until February 15, 2020 on "Indian Heritage in Digital Space" and first international heritage symposium will be held for two days in the National Museum in New Delhi.

10) Which city hosts the 5th edition of the Raisina Dialogue 2020, India's annual global conference on geopolitics & geo-economics recently?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Guwahati, Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

The 5th edition of the Raisina Dialogue 2020 which is India's annual global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics was held in New Delhi from January 14-16, 2020. The dialogue was jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF). Prime Minister(PM) Shri Narendra Modi and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (MEA) attended the inaugural session of the dialogue.

11) Name the country, that has explored 'Green Strategic Partnership' with India during the 5th edition of the Raisina Dialogue 2020?

- 1) China
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Denmark
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Denmark

Explanation:

The Minister of External Affairs(MEA) Shri S.Jaishankar met foreign Minister of Denmark Jeppe Sebastian Kofod and held discussions on 'Green Strategic Partnership' between the two countries.

12) Which city host the 1st session of the India- Norway dialogue on Trade & Investment (DTI) co-chaired by Nidhi Mani Tripathi & Mr. Erling Rimestad?

- 1) Bergen, Norway
- 2) Mumbai, India
- 3) Oslo, Norway
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) Kolkata, India

Answer – **4) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

The 1st ever session of the India- Norway dialogue on Trade & Investment (DTI) was held from January 15-16 in New Delhi. The session was conducted based on the Terms of Reference (ToR) which was signed by India and Norway on 8th January 2019 in New Delhi at time of Norway Prime Minister Erna Solberg's visit to India.

13) Where was the 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2020 & 3rd edition of the Climate Innovations Exchange, 'CLIX' held?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE)
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Washington D.C., United States (US)
- 5) New York, United States (US)

Answer – **2) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE)**

Explanation:

Recently the 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit (WFES)2020 hosted by Masdar renewable energy company, was held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE) from January 13-16, 2020.

14) What was the theme of the 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2020?

- 1) Theme – “Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment”
- 2) Theme – “Embracing the Future, Welcoming Disruption”
- 3) Theme – “Driving the Global Energy Transformation”
- 4) Theme – “Valuing Energy Storage for Off-grid Renewable Energy Systems”
- 5) Theme – “Smart Energy products and technologies”

Answer – **1) Theme – “Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment”**

Explanation:

Recently the 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit (WFES)2020 hosted by Masdar renewable energy company, was held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE) from January 13-16, 2020. The theme for the year 2020 was “Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment”.

15) Which Indian city hosted the 3rd edition of the International Symposium on Marine Ecosystems Challenges and Opportunities (MECOS-3) recently?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer – 1) Kochi, Kerala

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of the International Symposium on Marine Ecosystems Challenges and Opportunities (MECOS-3) was held at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in Kochi, Kerala from 7 – 10 January 2020 with an aim to address the concerns of marine ecosystem and will make new strategies for sustainable utilisation of marine wealth.

16) Where did the 14th edition of ELECRAMA 2020 inaugurated by Prakash Javadekar and Raj Kumar Singh?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer – 3) Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Explanation:

On January 18, 2020, Union Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Information & Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar and Power Minister Raj Kumar Singh have inaugurated the 5-day long 14th edition of ELECRAMA 2020 being held at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh (UP). Organised by IEEMA (Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association), apex industry association of manufacturers of electrical, industrial electronics & supported by the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), the event saw the participation of over 1250 exhibitors, 450 foreign exhibitors from 120 countries.

17) Which Indian city hosted the 1st edition of the Krishi Manthan, Food, Agri-business and Rural Development Summit of Asia organized by Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer – 4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Explanation:

The 1st edition of the Krishi Manthan which is a Food, Agri-business and Rural Development Summit of Asia was held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat from January 16-17, 2020. The event was organised by Food and Agribusiness Committee of Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA).

18) What was the theme of the “28th edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020 (NDWBF 2020)”?

- 1) Theme - 'Indigenous Voices: Mapping India's Folk & Tribal Literature'
- 2) Theme - 'Gandhi: The Writers' Writer'
- 3) Theme - 'Books for Readers with Special Needs'
- 4) Theme - 'Towards 100 years of Indian Cinema'
- 5) Theme - 'Kathasagara: Celebrating Children's Literature'

Answer – 2) Theme - 'Gandhi: The Writers' Writer'

Explanation:

The 28th edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020 (NDWBF 2020) was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from January 4-12, 2020. It was inaugurated by Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. The theme of NDWBF 2020 book fair was

'Gandhi: TheWriters' Writer' celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi. Since 2013, the NDWBF is organised by National Book Trust (NBT) in association with India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce(MoC) under Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with ITPO.

19) Name the Indian delegate, who attended the 25th edition of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) 2020 held in Ottawa, Canada?

- 1) Arjun Ram Meghwal
- 2) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- 3) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- 4) Om Birla
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Om Birla**

Explanation:

A parliamentary delegation headed by Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla has attended the 25th edition of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) 2020 held in Ottawa, Canada from January 6 -January 10, 2020. The conference aimed at topics of parliamentary engagement: openness, transparency and accountability, and on Parliamentarians as effective legislators and representatives.

20) Which institute hosted an International Conclave on 'Globalising Indian Thought' recently?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)
- 2) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research Maharashtra
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)
- 4) Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (IIS Bangalore)
- 5) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM Kozhikode)

Answer – **5) Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM Kozhikode)**

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM Kozhikode), Kerala has hosted an International Conclave on 'Globalising Indian Thought' from January 16-18, 2020. The three-day Academic conclave was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, through video conference. PM will also unveil and dedicate a full-size statue of Swami Vivekananda, in front of the MDC Complex of IIM Kozhikode. The Conclave focuses on India's thought that are Satyam-Truth, Nithyam-Sustainability Purnam-Wholeness.

21) Name the programme through which Prime Minister (PM), Shri Narendra Modi interacted with school students in New Delhi?

- 1) Pariksha Pe Charcha
- 2) Skill India Mission
- 3) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- 4) Stand Up India
- 5) Start-up india

Answer – **1) Pariksha Pe Charcha**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, The Prime Minister(PM), Shri Narendra Modi has attended the 3rd edition interaction programme with school students 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020' held at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The purpose of this one-hour long program was to ensure that the students relieve stress and give upcoming board and entrance examinations. The 1st edition of PM's Interaction Programme with school and college students "ParikshaPeCharcha 1.0" took place at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on 16th February, 2018. The 2nd edition "ParikshaPeCharcha 2.0" was also held at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi on 29th January, 2019.

22) Where was the 12th National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme inaugurated?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Puducherry
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – **2) Puducherry**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Puducherry Dr Kiran Bedi inaugurated the 12th National Tribal youth programme. It is a week long program in which 200 Youths from Naxal-affected districts of Chattisgarh are taking part in this programme. Organisers: The programme has been jointly organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Puducherry Government to ensure development and empowerment of the tribal youths.

23) Which initiative along with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hosted a 3 day “Youth Co:Lab -National Innovation Challenge” in New Delhi?

- 1) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- 2) Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan
- 3) Udyam Sakhi initiative
- 4) LaQshya Initiative
- 5) Samadhaan initiative

Answer – **1) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hosted a three day long Youth Co:Lab -National Innovation Challenge in New Delhi. The programme aims at fostering technology, promoting youth leadership and social entrepreneurship in India. This programme supports young people by catalysing youth-led innovation and empowers them through Youth Co:Lab.

24) Name the India’s 1st global Mega Science Exhibition, that was organised by Department of Science and Technology (DST) & National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in National Science Centre, New Delhi?

- 1) Vigyan Se Bharat
- 2) Vigyan Samagam
- 3) Vigyan Sansad
- 4) Vigyan Shramew
- 5) Vigyan Suraksha

Answer – **2) Vigyan Samagam**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 the Union Minister of State Independent Charge (I/C) Ministry of Development Of North Eastern Region, Minister of State (Mos) Prime Minister’s Office (PMO), Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Minister of State for Department of Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India’s first global Mega Science Exhibition “Vigyan Samagam” at National Science Centre, New Delhi. The exhibition will be held from January 21, 2020 to March 20, 2020.

25) Where did the Union Minister of India, Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the High- level roundtable of the joint United Nations Programme on HIV//AIDS (UNAIDS) with the theme “Access for all Leveraging Innovations, Investments and Partnership for Health”?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Davos, Switzerland

5) Washington D.C., United States (US)

Answer – **4) Davos, Switzerland**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, the Union Minister of State for Shipping Independent Charge (I/C) and Union Minister of State for Chemical and Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya participated in the High- level roundtable of the joint United Nations Programme on HIV//AIDS (UNAIDS) on his four-day official visit to attend the 50th World Economic Forum (WEF) held at Davos, Switzerland. The theme of the programme was “Access for all Leveraging Innovations, Investments and Partnership for Health”.

26) Where was the International Summit on Women in STEM–“Visualizing the Future: New Skylines” organized by Department of Biotechnology held?

- 1) Guwahati, Assam
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Chennai, Tamilnadu
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer – **5) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020, The Department of Biotechnology under the aegis of Ministry of Science & Technology has organized a 2-day long International Summit on Women in STEM–“Visualizing the Future: New Skylines” at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi with the aim to increase the participation of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) field for development of scientific career.

27) What is the theme of the Bharat Parv-2020, programme to celebrate the Spirit of India?

- 1) Theme – “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”
- 2) Theme – “Celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi”
- 3) Theme – “71 Years of Connecting the World”
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer – **4) Both 1 & 2**

Explanation:

Bharat Parv, 2020, the programme to celebrate the Spirit of India , started at Red Fort in New Delhi and will be continued till 31st January, 2020. Special Secretary & Financial Adviser of Ministry of Tourism Shri Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi inaugurated the function in New Delhi. Theme: “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” & “Celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi”. The objective of Bharat Parv is to encourage people to visit different tourist places of the country and to inculcate the spirit of ‘Dekho Apna Desh’.

28) Where was the 2 day National Tourism Conference held?

- 1) Konark, Odisha
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer – **1) Konark, Odisha**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) will fund the travel expenses of the tourist who submits the photos in tourism websites after visiting 15 destinations of our country in a year. It was announced by the Union Tourism Minister Prahalad Singh Patel during the concluding ceremony of the two-day National Tourism Conference held at Konark, Odisha. This conference was organised by Odisha government in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

29) What was the theme of the 1st edition of Ganga-Volga Dialogue of Civilizations 2020 participated by India & Russia in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – “Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity”
- 2) Theme – “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”
- 3) Theme – “Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Development”
- 4) Theme – “Connectivity”
- 5) Theme – “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World.”

Answer – **4) Theme – “Connectivity”**

Explanation:

On 22 January 2020, The 1st edition of Ganga-Volga Dialogue of Civilizations 2020 based on the theme “Connectivity”, between India & Russia was held in New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by India’s Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan & was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) in association with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

30) Which year is set as target for the Indian Railways to run entire railway network with 100% of electricity?

- 1) 2026
- 2) 2027
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2024
- 5) 2022

Answer – **4) 2024**

Explanation:

The Indian Railways(IR) has set a target to run entire railway network with 100% of electricity by 2024. IR will also be the 1st railway in the world with large scale and size to be run on electricity. By 2030 IR plans to run on clean energy and become net zero carbon emitter.

31) Where did Piyush Goyal addressed the India-Brazil business forum recently?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Brasilia, Brazil
- 3) Mumbai, India
- 4) Santa Cruz de Minas, Brazil
- 5) Varanasi, India

Answer – **1) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal addressed the gathering at the India-Brazil business forum in New Delhi, India. The forum was organised by Industry Body Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham). Assocham has also announced to set up an office in Brazil. Visa free travel between the two countries was announced by the Brazilian president during the forum.

32) What is target year set by India and Brazil to achieve \$15 billion bilateral trade?

- 1) 2027
- 2) 2021
- 3) 2023
- 4) 2025
- 5) 2022

Answer – **5) 2022**

Explanation:

The bilateral trade and work target of \$15 billion between India and Brazil was set to be achieved by 2022. The current trade level accounts to \$8.2 billion.

33) Where was the 3rd Global Potato Conclave held?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Answer – 5) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 3rd edition of the Global Potato Conclave at Gandhinagar, Gujarat through video conference. The 4-day conclave from January 28-31 is being organised by Indian Potato Association (IPA) in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research(ICAR), New Delhi, and ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh and International Potato Center (CIP), Lima, Peru.

34) The 12th edition of South Asian Conference held at New Delhi on January 28-29, 2020. What is the Theme of the conference?

- 1) Theme: "Nation first": Policy regional perceptions
- 2) Theme: "Brotherhood first": Policy regional conspirators
- 3) Theme: "Neighbourhood first": Policy regional perceptions
- 4) Theme: "Friendship first": Policy regional perceptions
- 5) Theme: "Security first": Policy regional conspirators

Answer - 3) Theme: "Neighborhood first": Policy regional perceptions

Explanation:

12th edition of the South Asia Conference at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis(IDSA) in New Delhi from January 28-29, 2020. The conference deals with issues related to economic cooperation for development, changing political context in India's neighborhood etc. The theme of the conference was India's "Neighbourhood First" Policy: Regional Perceptions. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed this conference earlier and all members of SAARC and Myanmar participated in the conference.

COMMITTEE & MEETING

1) Who chairs the 7-member Group of Ministers (GoM) that reviews the crop insurance scheme, "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)"?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Prakash Javadekar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rajnath Singh

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, The central Government has formed a 7-member group of ministers (GoM) headed by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh to review the crop insurance scheme, "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)" & make suggestions to improve it according to the needs of the farmers. The group also includes Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State for Agriculture, Finance, Tribal Affairs and Animal Husbandry.

2) Who will chair the group of ministers that will discuss and examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Narendra Modi

- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

Amit Shah has been announced to head the Group of Ministers (GOM) to discuss and examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016. Before being sent to Shri Amit Shah, the draft policy was first sent for approval to the cabinet secretariat. The policy if implemented, will bring a major reform in the stressed power sector but is opposed the states govts and discoms (Distribution Companies) due to clauses like penalties for load shedding. GoM: The interministerial group will have 10 ministers comprising of 8 ministers in the cabinet rank and 2 ministers with independent charge.

3) What is the maximum cross subsidy limit of Industries, as per the National Tariff Policy 2016?

- 1) 50%
- 2) 35%
- 3) 20%
- 4) 40%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 20%**

Explanation:

Cross subsidies on industries should not exceed 20% as per the National Tariff Policy 2016. State electricity regulators limit: State electricity regulators and Joint Electricity Regulatory Commissions should not allow discoms to pass through transmission, Aggregate Technical and commercial (AT&C) losses beyond 15% in consumer tariffs. Simplification of tariff categories and rationalisation of the retail electricity tariffs have also been called for.

4) Who chaired the High Level Committee (HLC) that sanctioned Rs 5908 crore to 7 states from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)?

- 1) Nitin Gadkari
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, A High Level Committee (HLC) led by the Union Minister for Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah, has released Rs. 5908.56 crore to 7 states including Assam, Himachal Pradesh (HP), Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh(MP), Maharashtra, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh (UP) to help in the losses suffered by various disasters in 2019.

S.No	State Name	Assistance
1	Assam	Rs. 616.63 crore
2	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 284.93 crore
3	Karnataka	Rs. 1869.85 crore
4	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 1749.73 crore
5	Maharashtra	Rs. 956.93 crore
6	Tripura	Rs. 63.32 crore
7	Uttar Pradesh	Rs 367.17 crore

5) Which Indian city hosts the Global Investors Meet ASCEND 2020 recently?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra

- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kochi, Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kochi, Kerala**

Explanation:

A two day organised Global Investors Meet ASCEND 2020 was held in Kochi, Kerala at Lulu Bolgatty International Convention Centre, Grand Hyatt, from January 9-10. The meet was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Kerala Shri Pinarayi Vijayan and was organised by states Department of Industries. Totally Rs 1 lakh crore worth investment proposals were received.

6) Who chaired the 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA), that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 the Union Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri Amit Shah chaired the 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) in New Delhi. During the meeting progress made towards “Holistic development of islands” were reviewed. It is also for the first time in India, under the IDA’s guidance an initiative of sustainable development has been undertaken with scientific assessments.

7) How many Islands from Andaman & Nicobar & Lakshadweep Islands were selected for promoting tourism during the 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA)?

- 1) 22 Islands
- 2) 26 Islands
- 3) 28 Islands
- 4) 29 Islands
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 26 Islands**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 the Union Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri Amit Shah chaired the 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) in New Delhi. A total of 26 islands i.e, 16 from Andaman & Nicobar Islands and 10 from Lakshadweep islands have been identified for promoting tourism. In order to strengthen the infrastructure improving air, sea and digital connectivity are also being implemented. Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar) and 7 islands of Andaman & Nicobar will be digitally connected through submarine optical fibre cable by June, 2020.

8) Which country is set to host the 2020 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)’s annual meeting of council of heads of government for the 1st time?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Russia
- 3) India
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 the secretary general of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Vladimir Norov who is on a 4-day visit to India to attend the Raisina dialogue 2020 in new Delhi from

January 16-16, 2020, has announced that India has been selected to host the SCO's annual meeting of council of heads of government for the 1st time.

9) Statue of Unity has been included in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)'s "8 wonders of SCO" list. It is located in which country?

- 1) Gujarat, India
- 2) New York, United States
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Tokyo, China
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Gujarat, India

Explanation:

The Statue of Unity in Gujarat, India has been included in the SCO's "8 wonders of SCO" list. Statue of unity: It is the world's tallest statue with a height of (597 ft) 182 metres and has been built after India's freedom fighter and 1st deputy prime minister Shri Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel famously known as Sardar Patel. The list of 8 wonders of the world apart from Statue of Unity are Navruz Palace in Tajikistan, the Tamgaly Gorge in Kazakhstan, the Daming Palace in China, Po-i-Kalan complex in Uzbekistan, Lahore – the Mughals Heritage in Pakistan and the Golden Ring of Russia.

10) Who will chair the 11-member panel constituted to look into the issues related to revision of royalty rates for minerals (other than coal, lignite, sand for stowing and minor minerals)?

- 1) Preetha Sacheendran
- 2) Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao
- 3) C. Gangadharan
- 4) Veena Kumari D.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 the centre has decided to set up an 11-member panel that will look into the issues related to revision of royalty rates for minerals (other than coal, lignite, sand for stowing and minor minerals). The panel will be headed by additional secretary of the mines ministry Dr. K. Rajeswara Rao. Mines secretaries from states of Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha will be the members of the panel.

11) Who heads the Special Investigation Team (SIT), that probed the 1984 anti-sikh riots cases?

- 1) P. B. Gajendragadkar
- 2) Mehr Chand Mahajan
- 3) SN Dhingra
- 4) Bijan Kumar Mukherjee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) SN Dhingra

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing of the 1984 anti-sikh riots cases was headed by retired Delhi High Court judge Justice SN Dhingra. The Government has accepted the guidance of the special investigation team that had investigated 186 cases of the 1984 anti-sikh riots and appropriate actions will be taken under law. Solicitor General Tushor Mehta, appearing on behalf of the centre comprising of Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant accepted the SIT recommendations and take appropriate action.

12) Who is the head of the Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth (CCIG)?

- 1) Piyush Goyal
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Ram Nath Kovind

Answer – **2) Narendra Modi**

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi chaired the Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth (CCIG).

13) By how much percent, the Central Government has decided to reduce wasteful expenditure on items such as travel, food and conferences as per the recommendation of Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth (CCIG)?

- 1) 35%
- 2) 25%
- 3) 30%
- 4) 20%
- 5) 45%

Answer – **4) 20%**

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020, In a major step to avoid fiscal downfall, the central Government has decided to reduce wasteful expenditure on items such as travel, food and conferences by 20%. All the ministers have been instructed to cut their unruly journeys, meals and conferences by up to 20%. CCIG has also asked the Department of Expenditure of the Ministry of Finance to take necessary action in this regard.

14) Who heads the committee, that constituted to further strengthen legal frameworks to prevent sexual harassment at the workplace?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Smriti Irani

Answer – **4) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 the Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Union Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri Amit Shah constituted to further strengthen legal frameworks to prevent sexual harassment at the workplace, has now finalised the recommendations for it.

15) Who was appointed as the head of the panel that will firm up a draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation?

- 1) Laila Ollapally
- 2) Sriram Panchu
- 3) Niranjana Bhat
- 4) AS Chandok
- 5) PS Narsimha

Answer – **3) Niranjana Bhat**

Explanation:

The Supreme Court set up a panel headed by mediator Niranjana Bhat to firm up draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation, which would then be sent to the government as a suggestion from the apex court. On January 12, 2020 the committee met in Hyderabad, capital of

Telangana to consider suggestions for a legislation put forth by mediators across the country. The panel headed by mediator Niranjana Bhat will recommend a code of conduct for mediators, who are legal experts.

16) Who will chair the, “National Startup Advisory Council” that will provide measures to build a strong ecosystem for new innovations and start-ups in India?

- 1) Prakash Javadekar
- 2) Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu
- 3) Piyush Vedprakash Goyal
- 4) Nitin Gadkari
- 5) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer – **3) Piyush Vedprakash Goyal**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 The Central Government announced the structure of the National Startup Advisory Council, chaired by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) Shri Piyush Vedprakash Goyal. The council will provide measures to build a strong ecosystem for new innovations and start-ups in the country. AIM: The council aims to increase the economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities in India.

17) Who chaired the 32nd PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) meeting 2020 in New Delhi?

- 1) Rajnath Singh
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Ram Nath Kovind

Answer – **3) Narendra Modi**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi chaired 32nd PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) meeting 2020 and discussed progress of several projects in New Delhi.

18) Who will chair the Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the government of India to handle the disposal of enemy properties & to raise money from them?

- 1) Nitin Gadkari
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) Narendra Modi

Answer – **4) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, The Union government has decided to form 3 high-level steering committees to handle the disposal of enemy properties present in the country and to raise money from them. Group of Ministers (GoM) It will be headed by Union Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah, to oversee the disposal of more than 9,400 enemy properties in India, which are expected to bring in revenue of about Rs. 1 lakh crore rupees to the exchequer. Inter-Ministerial Group will be co-chaired by the Union Home Secretary -Ajay Bhalla and Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey, the secretary of the department of investment and public asset management (DIPAM). Core Group of Secretaries on Asset Monetisation (CGAM) will be constituted under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba.

19) Name the Indian delegation, who addressed the 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland?

- 1) Prakash Javadekar
- 2) Suresh Prabhu
- 3) Nitin Gadkari
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer – 4) Piyush Goyal

Explanation:

The Indian delegation to the WEF summit was led by Union Minister of Commerce (MoC) Shri Piyush Goyal. Shri Goyal also participated in an informal WTO (World Trade Organization) ministerial gathering. He also held a meeting with CEO (Chief Executive Officers) of companies, attended round table conferences on 'Accelerating Investments in Indian Railways'.

20) What is the theme of the 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting that held in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland?

- 1) Theme – "Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution"
- 2) Theme – "Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World"
- 3) Theme – "Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World"
- 4) Theme – "Responsive and Responsible Leadership"
- 5) Theme – "Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution"

Answer – 2) Theme – "Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World"

Explanation:

The 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting was held in Davos-Klosters, in Switzerland from January 21-24, 2020. The theme for the year 2020 was "Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World". The WEF summit aims to engage world leaders to collaborate for global, regional and industrial development etc.

21) Name the organization that has collaborated with multilateral organizations & released the "New internet security principles" to help nearly 1 billion users?

- 1) Internet service provider (ISP)
- 2) Internet Research Task Force (IRTF)
- 3) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- 4) Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
- 5) Internet Society (ISoc)

Answer – 1) Internet service provider (ISP)

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced new internet security principles which will help nearly 1 billion users. The principles have been developed by a group of leading ISPs (Internet Service Providers) and multilateral organisations. These new principles will combat highly vulnerable cyberattacks and protect those 1 billion internet consumers spread in 180 countries.

22) Which country has joined as a founding government member of the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s 'Reskilling Revolution' to provide better jobs, education, skills and jobs 1 billion people by 2030?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Russia
- 3) India
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) Malaysia

Answer – 3) India

Explanation:

The republic of India has joined as a founding govt member of the WEF's 'Reskilling Revolution'. It is an initiative which aims to provide better jobs, education, skills and jobs 1 billion people by 2030. It initiative also aims to provide new skills to workers for the 4th industrial revolution. Foundings members: Apart from India, the founding member countries include Brazil, France, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, UAE(United Arab Emirates) and the US(United States). Business partners: Some of the business partners of the initiative includes, Salesforce, ManpowerGroup, Infosys, LinkedIn, Coursera Inc. etc.

23) Name the Indian University, that has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Zurich (UZH) in Switzerland for mutual cooperation in higher education and research?

- 1) Noida International University (NIU)
- 2) Amity University (AU)
- 3) Shiv Nadar University (SNU)
- 4) O.P Jindal Global University (JGU)
- 5) Gautam Buddha University (GBU)

Answer – 4) O.P Jindal Global University (JGU)

Explanation:

The O.P Jindal Global University (JGU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Zurich (UZH) in Switzerland for mutual cooperation in higher education and research. The MoU was signed by JGU Vice Chancellor C. Raj Kumar and the President of the UZH, Michael Hengartner. JGU is situated in Sonapat, Haryana. It was the youngest university in India and in the world to have been made to the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World university rankings 2020. JGU is also the only Indian private university in the top 150 "young" universities in the world in the QS Young University Rankings 2020.

24) Which state government has received the investments worth Rs. 4,125 crores during the 50th edition of World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh (AR)
- 2) Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 3) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 4) Assam
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer – 2) Madhya Pradesh(MP)

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh(MP) govt has made investments worth Rs. 4,125 crores at WEF from various investors. The investments were mainly on food and renewable energy sectors. The MP govt. Chief Minister Shri Kamal Nath Singh along with other officials held discussions with potential investors.

25) Name the state government that signed a pact with 50th edition of World Economic Forum (WEF) to start "Centre for Internet of ethical things"?

- 1) West Bengal (WB)
- 2) Assam
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 5) Karnataka

Answer – 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

The govt of Karnataka signed a pact with WEF to start "Centre for Internet of ethical things". The centre will provide competitive and a level playing field for investors and industrialists. The centre will

also keep a check on misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) and enhance ease of doing business. Internet of Things (IoT) is a technology term used for the linkage of data, sensors on devices and machines and analytics on a platform.

26) Which firm was honoured at the 50th edition of World Economic Forum (WEF) 2020 for its recent admittance to the Global Lighthouse Network (GLN)?

- 1) Essar Steel
- 2) Jindal Steel and Power
- 3) Tata steel Kalinganagar (TSK)
- 4) JSW Steel Ltd.
- 5) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

Answer – 3) Tata steel Kalinganagar (TSK)

Explanation:

The Tata steel Kalinganagar (TSK) in Jaipur district of Odisha, was honoured at the WEF 2020 for its recent admittance to the Global Lighthouse Network (GLN) of WEF. The GLN is a group of corporations aiming to apply the 4th industrial revolution technologies. The award was given to Tata Steel's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) TV Narendran.

27) Which foundation has collaborated with the "Motwani Institute for Thought Leadership in Innovation" & launched a new initiative named 'ASHA' at the 50th edition of World Economic Forum (WEF) 2020?

- 1) Motwani Jadeja Foundation
- 2) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- 3) Rockefeller Foundation
- 4) Nobel Foundation
- 5) John Templeton Foundation

Answer – 1) Motwani Jadeja Foundation

Explanation:

Entrepreneur, investor, philanthropist and founder of Motwani Jadeja Foundation Asha Jadeja Motwani has come up with a new initiative named 'ASHA' at WEF 2020 in order to lead India's contribution towards addressing global challenges. The ASHA initiative is led by Motwani Jadeja Foundation and Motwani Institute for Thought Leadership in Innovation (MITLI). The global think tank MITLI was for the first time introduced in the forum.

28) Who chaired the World Economic Forum's IT Governors community?

- 1) Abidali Neemuchwala
- 2) C Vijayakumar
- 3) Rajesh Gopinathan
- 4) Roshni Nadar
- 5) Anant Gupta

Answer – 2) C Vijayakumar

Explanation:

HCL Technologies' CEO C Vijayakumar was named chairman of the World Economic Forum's IT Governors community. The Forum's IT Governors community convenes CEOs of the world's top information technology (IT) companies in order to help them responsibly shape the future of their industry. It acts as a platform for setting industry priorities, building shared understanding and coordinating actions that lead to results.

29) Which country topped in the climate sciences trust chart that was released during the 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Nepal
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) India

Answer – 5) India

Explanation:

The 50th edition of the 2020 World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting was held in Davos-Klosters, in Switzerland from January 21-24, 2020. The new public opinion poll was published in the WEF. It called for climate education and urgent upskilling. As per the opinion poll, it was found that the global public started losing trust level in climate sciences. In Contrast, Indians were the most trusting people in this regard. 86% of Indians trusted scientists on climate science.

Trust poll rank:

Rank	Country
1	India .
2	Bangladesh.
3	Pakistan.

30) Name the institute that has been included in the top 30 list of 1st edition of Positive Impact Rating 2020 along with the XLRI (formerly Xavier Labor Relations Institute) – Xavier School of Management?

- 1) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad
- 2) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Rohtak
- 3) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore
- 4) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta
- 5) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur

Answer – 3) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore

Explanation:

The 1st edition of Positive Impact Rating 2020 was launched at the WEF. As per the rating, 2 Indian business schools, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore in Karnataka and XLRI (formerly Xavier Labor Relations Institute) – Xavier School of Management, in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand have been included in the top 30 list. In the ratings, IIM Bangalore was placed in 'transforming schools' category (level 4) and XLRI was placed in 'Progressing schools' category (level 3) for the rating.

31) Where was the 10th annual meeting of Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) held?

- 1) Kabul, Afghanistan
- 2) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 3) Malé, Maldives
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) Islamabad, Pakistan

Answer – 4) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

The 10th annual meeting of FEMBoSA held in New Delhi. FEMBoSA is a regional association of Election Management Bodies (EMB) of SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries and has 8 members.

32) Who chaired the Rajya Sabha Panel on child pornography that submits 40 recommendations to Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu?

- 1) Ghulam Nabi Azad
- 2) Jairam Ramesh
- 3) Kapil Sibal
- 4) Abhishek Singhvi
- 5) Anand Sharma

Answer – 2) Jairam Ramesh

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020, An ad hoc committee of the Rajya Sabha (RS) headed by Congress parliamentarian Jairam Ramesh submitted its report on child pornography to Vice President (VP) and Rajya Sabha Chairman Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu. In it, 40 recommendations have been made to strictly prohibit the promotion and access of child pornography and related content through social media. This includes amendments to POSCO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act, 2012 and IT (Information Technology) act, 2000 & to control children's access to such content containing generation and dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

33) Who heads the Committee on Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) that has submitted its report to the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari?

- 1) Rajgopal Sharma
- 2) Manoj Wadekar
- 3) Arun Narendhranath N
- 4) Vaibhav Dange
- 5) Yudhvir Singh Malik

Answer – 5) Yudhvir Singh Malik

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, The final report of the Committee on Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE) headed by Yudhvir Singh Malik has been submitted to the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari. The report stresses to improve the present training infrastructure, content, training methodology & to create linkages with world-famous international institutes and undertake applied research & related works.

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1) Which city topped in the 5th edition of Swachh Survekshan League 2020 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2) having more than 10 lakh population?

- 1) Nashik, Maharashtra
- 2) Surat, Gujarat
- 3) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 the union minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, has announced the results of Swachh Survekshan League 2020 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2) at an event in New Delhi. During the event, the 5th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (urban cleanliness survey), which is to commence from 4 January 2020 by MoHUA was also rolled out. >10 lakh population: Among the cities with more than 10 lakh population category, Indore ranked 1st in both quarter 1 and quarter 2.

2) Name the only state, that didn't participate in the 5th edition of Swachh Survekshan League 2020?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) West Bengal

Explanation:

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3) Who heads the task force, that prepared the Rs. 102 lakh crore “National Infrastructure Pipeline for the year 2019-20 to 2024-25”?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Girish Murmu
- 3) Atanu Chakraborty
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Atanu Chakraborty

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 the union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman released a report of the task force on National Infrastructure Pipeline for 2019-2020 to 2024-2025 (NIP 2019-25) in order to achieve the \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25. Based on the information compiled by the task force headed by Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty, Rs 102 lakh crores has been projected on the capital expenditure in infrastructure sectors in India during the fiscals 2020 to 2025. The capital expenditure will be shared by the Centre, States and the private sector in the ratio 39:39:22 respectively.

4) Which sector received the maximum investment (i.e. 1,963,943 crores) from the National Infrastructure Pipeline for the year 2019-20 to 2024-25?

- 1) Road sector
- 2) Energy sector
- 3) Agriculture sector
- 4) Railway sector
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Road sector

Explanation:

Road sector: Fund allocation: Rs. 1,963,943 crores. Vision: The total length of the National Highway(NH) has to be increased to 1.99 lakh km with 10% (20000km) of the total NH should be in major economic corridors. Fastag and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) devices to be increased based on 'pay as per use' concept. Current status: The NH length at present is 1.32 lakh km including expressways of 1,600 km. private sector participation in NH is very low at 15%.

5) How much fund was allocated to Railway Sector under National Infrastructure Pipeline for the year 2019-2020 to 2024-25?

- 1) Rs. 15.69 lakh crores
- 2) Rs. 11.69 lakh crores

- 3) Rs. 12.69 lakh crores
- 4) Rs. 13.69 lakh crores
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Rs. 13.69 lakh crores**

Explanation:

Railway sector: Fund allocation: Rs.13.69 lakh crores. Vision: Private sector participation to be 30% of net cargo volumes. Privatising 500 passenger trains. Privatising 30% of 750 railway stations. Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor (HSR) to be made operational. 100% electrification of railway network. Current status: The current low modal share of Indian Railways (IR) in freight traffic stands at 33%. Only 46% of the existing railway network has been electrified as of March 31, 2018.

6) How much percent of India's forests are prone to fires from 2004 to 2017 as per the 2019 Forest Survey of India (FSI) report?

- 1) 21.40%
- 2) 23.40%
- 3) 25.40%
- 4) 27.40%
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) 21.40%**

Explanation:

According to a 2019 report by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) which was based on a study carried out along forest fire points (FFP) identified across the country from 2004 to 2017, about 21.40% of forest cover of the country has been prone to fires. Among the total forest areas, the north eastern region in the country was found to be more vulnerable. Fire prone areas: The extreme fire prone areas accounted for 3.89% of total forest cover, very highly fire prone areas accounted for 6.01% and highly fire prone areas for 11.50%. Thus together they make up the value of 21.40%.

7) Which state has topped among all the states with the highest number of fire alerts at 2,795?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Mizoram**

Explanation:

According to a 2019 report by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) which was based on a study carried out along forest fire points (FFP) identified across the country from 2004 to 2017, about 21.40% of forest cover of the country has been prone to fires. Mizoram topped among all the states with the highest number of fire alerts at 2,795. FFPs identified: The forest fire points (FFP) identified during the 13 years (2004-2017) were 2,77,758. These FFPs were identified using moderate resolution imaging spectroradiometer (MODIS) on a 5 km x 5 km grid coverage.

8) Name the organization, that has released a report titled "Market Study on E-commerce in India: Key Findings and Observations"?

- 1) Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- 2) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- 3) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 the Competition Commission of India (CCI) released a report titled “Market Study on E-commerce in India:Key Findings and Observations” after it was initiated by CCI in April 2019 for better understanding a functioning of e-commerce in India. The study was also launched to identify impediments (obstructions) to competition.

9) By how much percent, the Revenue sector of India will grow annually & expected to reach \$120 billion in 2020?

- 1) 65%
- 2) 45%
- 3) 35%
- 4) 51%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 51%**

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 the Competition Commission of India (CCI) released a report titled “Market Study on E-commerce in India:Key Findings and Observations” after it was initiated by CCI in April 2019 for better understanding a functioning of e-commerce in India. Revenue from the e-commerce sector is expected to increase from \$39 billion in 2017 to \$120 billion in 2020, growing at an annual rate of 51%, the highest in the world.

10) Over how many crimes have been registered in the year 2018 as per the National Crime Record Bureau’s (NCRB) report?

- 1) 45 lakh crimes
- 2) 40 lakh crimes
- 3) 50 lakh crimes
- 4) 25 lakh crimes
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 50 lakh crimes**

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 National Crime Record Bureau’s (NCRB) report on Crime in India for the year 2018 was released. The report finds that over 50 lakh crimes have been registered in 2018 which is 1.3% more than that of 2017.

11) Which state accounted for the maximum number of economic offences in 2018 as per the National Crime Record Bureau’s (NCRB) report?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh(UP)
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Uttar Pradesh(UP)**

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 National Crime Record Bureau’s (NCRB) report on Crime in India for the year 2018 was released. The report stated that Uttar Pradesh(UP) accounted for the maximum number of economic offences in 2018 with 22,822 cases recorded. It was followed by Rajasthan (21,309 cases), Maharashtra (14,854 cases), Telangana (10,390 cases) and Bihar (9,209 cases) in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th rank respectively.

12) Which city ranked 1st in the list of fastest growing urban regions/ fastest growing cities in the world as per Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- 1) Suqian, China
- 2) Malappuram, Kerala
- 3) Kozhikode, Kerala
- 4) Can Tho, Vietnam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Malappuram, Kerala

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 latest ranking based on fastest growing urban regions/ fastest growing cities in the world was released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). as per the report 3 of the cities in Kerala were ranked in the top 10 places. Malappuram city of Kerala was ranked 1st in the list, while Kerala's Kozhikode and Kollam cities were ranked in the 4th and 10th place respectively.

Rank	City	Country
1	Malappuram (Kerala)	India
4	Kozhikode (Kerala)	India
10	Kollam (Kerala)	India
2	Can Tho	Vietnam
3	Suqian	China

13) What is the rank of Indian Passport in the Henley passport Index 2020 released by Henley & Partners?

- 1) 78th
- 2) 80th
- 3) 82nd
- 4) 84th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 84th

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 the Henley passport Index 2020 was released by Henley & Partners. As per the index based on the data obtained from International Air Transport Association (IATA), Indian passport ranked at the 84th spot among the world's most powerful passports list, which is a drop by 2 places as it ranked 82nd in 2019.

14) Which country's passport was topped in the Henley passport Index 2020 released by Henley & Partners?

- 1) Germany
- 2) South Korea
- 3) Japan
- 4) Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Japan

Explanation:

On January 08, 2020 the Henley passport Index 2020 was released by Henley & Partners. As per the index based on the data obtained from International Air Transport Association (IATA), Indian passport ranked at the 84th spot among the world's most powerful passports list, which is a drop by 2 places as it ranked 82nd in 2019. The list was topped by Japan.

Rank	Most powerful passports	Worst passport index
84th	India	–
1	Japan	Afghanistan

2	Singapore	Iraq
3	Germany and South Korea	Syria

15) Based on how many indicators, 2nd State Energy Efficiency Index for the year 2019 tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives undertaken in 36 states and Union Territories (UTs)?

- 1) 97 Indicators
- 2) 96 Indicators
- 3) 95 Indicators
- 4) 94 Indicators
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 97 Indicators

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 the Minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) for Power and New & Renewable Energy who is also MoS for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Raj Kumar Singh has released the 2nd State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 in New Delhi. The index tracks the progress of Energy Efficiency (EE) initiatives undertaken in 36 states and Union Territories(UTs) based on 97 indicators.

16) Which of the following state is categorized as ‘Achiever’ in the 2nd State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 along with the Haryana & Kerala?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Karnataka

Explanation:

States/UTs grouped into 4(Frontrunner, Achiever, Contender and Aspirant) in the 2nd State Energy Efficiency Index 2019. No States/UTs were listed in the frontrunner category. The states and UTs listed under Achiever categories were Haryana, Kerala and Karnataka, thus making the total count to 3. The states and UTs listed under contender categories were Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, thus totally it is 8.

17) Which organization has released the first in-depth report of ‘India 2020 Energy Policy Review’ in association with International Energy Agency (IEA)?

- 1) Indian Energy Agency (IEA)
- 2) National Development Council (NDC)
- 3) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
- 4) National Energy Agency (NEA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog

Explanation:

On January 10,2020 the International Energy Agency (IEA) in partnership with NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has released the first in-depth review of India’s energy policies 2020 in New Delhi. The IEA conducts review on energy policies of its member countries. This is the 1st time the review is done for India after it became an IEA-association country in March 2017.

18) By which year, India’s energy demand is expected to be doubled, as per the International Energy Agency (IEA)’s first in-depth review of India’s energy policies 2020?

- 1) 2040
- 2) 2050

- 3) 2025
 - 4) 2030
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 2040**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the International Energy Agency (IEA) in partnership with NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has released the first in-depth review of India's energy policies 2020 in New Delhi. India's energy demand is expected to be doubled by 2040 and also the electricity demand may triple.

19) Which country will overtake China by mid-2020 in terms of crude oil demand growth, as per the 'India 2020 Energy Policy Review'?

- 1) Russia
 - 2) United States
 - 3) India
 - 4) Japan
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) India**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, According to the report, 'India 2020 Energy Policy Review' which covers the key energy sectors of oil, natural gas and electricity and identify the main energy security issues, released by the International Energy Agency (IEA) in collaboration with NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog, India will overtake China by mid-2020 in terms of crude oil demand growth.

20) Which organization has released a report titled "Levels and Trends in Child Mortality"?

- 1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 2) World Bank (WB)
- 3) United Nations (UN)
- 4) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) United Nations (UN)**

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020, the United Nations (UN) inter agency group for child mortality has produced a report titled "Levels and Trends in Child Mortality".

21) Which state has the highest number of newborn deaths in India in the year 2018 as per UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Assam
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020, the United Nations (UN) inter agency group for child mortality has produced a report titled "Levels and Trends in Child Mortality". As per this report India is among 5 countries where in 2018, the mortality of girls under the age of 5 exceeds that of the boys. Half of all under-5 deaths in 2018 occurred in the following five countries: India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Ethiopia. Considering the burden of child mortality, Uttar Pradesh highest number of newborn deaths in India as per information released by UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). This is because of the high neonatal mortality rate and

because of the large cohort of births. Madhya Pradesh witness highest under 5 mortality while the least was witnessed in Kerala.

22) ____ edition of the “Global Risk Report 2020: An Unsettled World” was released recently?

- 1) 12th
- 2) 13th
- 3) 14th
- 4) 15th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 15th**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 the World Economic Forum(WEF) released the 15th edition of the “Global Risk Report 2020: An Unsettled World”. This report is a part of WEF’s Global Risks initiative and presents about the major risk the world is expected to face in the future. It is also to be noted that the year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the World Economic Forum, with the 2020 theme being “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World”. Economic confrontations: Over 78 % of the 750 global experts expect rise in “economic confrontations” and “domestic political polarization” in 2020.

23) Name the State/UT, that topped in the ‘Central and state governmental water departments based on their efficiency targets for 2019’ released by Ministry of Jal Shakti?

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

Answer – **2) Gujarat**

Explanation:

On January 18, 2020, According to the rankings of ‘Central and state governmental water departments based on their efficiency targets for 2019’ released by Ministry of Jal Shakti, Gujarat ranked the best for parameters on efficiency targets , while National Capital Territory of Delhi remains in the worst-performing state category.

24) Which organization has released the 1st edition of a report titled “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”?

- 1) Government of India
- 2) United Nation
- 3) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 4) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 5) World Bank

Answer – **4) World Economic Forum (WEF)**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) released 1st edition of a report titled “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”. The global social mobility index (GSMI) of 82 countries were launched in this report.

25) What is the rank of India as per the World Economic Forum (WEF)’s report “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”?

- 1) 70th
- 2) 74th
- 3) 76th
- 4) 78th
- 5) 80th

Answer – 3) 76th

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) released 1st edition of a report titled “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”. The global social mobility index (GSMI) of 82 countries were launched in this report. As per the Index, India ranked in the 76th position with a score of 42.7.

26) Which country topped in the World Economic Forum (WEF)’s report “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”?

- 1) Denmark
- 2) Finland
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Norway
- 5) Iceland

Answer – 1) Denmark

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) released 1st edition of a report titled “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”. Denmark topped the list. Denmark is followed by Norway (score 83.6), Finland(score 83.6) , Sweden (83.5) and Iceland (82.7) in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively. It is to be noted that the top 5 countries are all Nordic countries.

27) Which organization has released a report titled ‘Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis’ recently?

- 1) United Nation (UN)
- 2) Plan International
- 3) Greenpeace
- 4) Amnesty International
- 5) Oxfam International

Answer – 5) Oxfam International

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 rights group Oxfam International released a report titled ‘Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis’.

28) How much percent of India’s richest population has more than 4 times of wealth held by 953 million people as per Oxfam International’s report ‘Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis’?

- 1) 12%
- 2) 10%
- 3) 7%
- 4) 1%
- 5) 5%

Answer – 4) 1%

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 rights group Oxfam International released a report titled ‘Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis’. As per the report, India’s richest 1% of the population has more than 4 times of wealth held by 953 million people making up for the bottom 70% of the country’s population. 2,153 of total billionaires globally in 2019 had more wealth than the 4.6 billion people who make up 60% of the planet’s population.

29) Combined wealth of how many Indian billionaires is higher than the country's total Union Budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 which stood at Rs 24,42,200 crore as per the report titled 'Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis'?

- 1) 50 Indian billionaires
- 2) 63 Indian billionaires
- 3) 61 Indian billionaires
- 4) 55 Indian billionaires
- 5) 59 Indian billionaires

Answer – 2) 63 Indian billionaires

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 rights group Oxfam International released a report titled 'Time to Care: Unpaid and underpaid care work and the global inequality crisis'. Indian billionaires' wealth: Total combined wealth of 63 Indian billionaires is higher than the country's total Union Budget for the fiscal year 2018-19 which stood at Rs 24,42,200 crore.

30) Which country topped in the corporate commitments to science-based targets (SBT) as per the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)'s report titled "Climate and business partnership of the future: CDP India Annual Report 2019"?

- 1) Russia
- 2) United States of America (USA)
- 3) Japan
- 4) United Kindom (UK)
- 5) France

Answer - 2) United States of America (USA)

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to the "Climate and business partnership of the future: CDP India Annual Report 2019" released by CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project), a not-for-profit charity running the global disclosure system for investors, companies to manage their environmental impacts, United States of America (USA) topped among the countries surveyed for corporate commitments to science-based targets (SBT). As per the report, 58 Indian companies shared details about the environment-related activities undertaken by them in 2019.

31) At what position, India ranks in the corporate commitments to science-based targets (SBT) as per the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)'s report titled "Climate and business partnership of the future: CDP India Annual Report 2019"?

- 1) 5th
- 2) 4th
- 3) 3rd
- 4) 6th
- 5) 7th

Answer – 1) 5th

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to the "Climate and business partnership of the future: CDP India Annual Report 2019" released by CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project), a not-for-profit charity running the global disclosure system for investors, companies to manage their environmental impacts, India has ranked 5th among the countries surveyed for corporate commitments to science-based targets (SBT). Top 5 countries with SBT companies:

Rank	Country	SBT Companies
1	United States of America (USA)	135
2	Japan	83
3	United Kindom (UK)	78

4	France	51
5 th	India	58

32) Which city topped in the Knight Frank's Global Residential Cities Index Q3 (Quarter) 2019 recently?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Wuhan, China
- 3) Budapest, Hungary
- 4) Xi'an, China
- 5) Washington D.C., United States

Answer – 3) Budapest, Hungary

Explanation:

In the Knight Frank's Global Residential Cities Index Q3 (Quarter) 2019, Budapest in Hungary with the highest annual growth rate of 24% topped the Index, it is followed by Xi'an and Wuhan in China at 15.9% and 14.9%.

33) Name the Indian city that ranked 14th & topped among other Indian cities in the Knight Frank's Global Residential Cities Index Q3 (Quarter) 2019?

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

Answer – 2) Hyderabad

Explanation:

In the Knight Frank's Global Residential Cities Index Q3 (Quarter) 2019, Hyderabad has ranked 14th among 150 cities in the World with an appreciation of 9% in residential prices on a YoY (Year-over-Year) basis. According to the report, Indian cities that have seen an appreciation in home prices are New Delhi at the 73rd rank globally with a 3.2% rise, Bengaluru at the 94th rank with a 2% appreciation and Ahmedabad at the 108th rank with a 1.1% growth.

34) Which is the 'most polluted Indian city' with 322 µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic meter) of PM₁₀ (Particulate matter) pollutants in 2018 as per the Greenpeace India report for 2018?

- 1) Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Lunglei, Mizoram
- 5) Jharia, Jharkhand

Answer – 5) Jharia, Jharkhand

Explanation:

The Greenpeace India report for 2018 was released based on the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP), on January 21, 2020. Jharia in Jharkhand which is known for Coal-belching is the most polluted Indian city with 322 µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic meter) of PM₁₀ (Particulate matter) pollutants in 2018, according to the report analysis of 287 cities across the country. Out of 287 cities 231 cities were severely polluted.

35) Which organization released the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest'?

- 1) Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
- 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 3) World Bank (WB)
- 4) United Nation (UN)

5) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Answer – **1) Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, According to the 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest', released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

36) Which country topped in the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)'s 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest'?

- 1) China
- 2) United States
- 3) Norway
- 4) Iceland
- 5) Sweden

Answer – **3) Norway**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest', was released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Norway tops the list with a score of 9.87 while North Korea is at the bottom with 167th place with 1.08 points.

37) What is the rank of India in the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)'s 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest'?

- 1) 45th
- 2) 51st
- 3) 49th
- 4) 40th
- 5) 55th

Answer – **2) 51st**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, According to the 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest', released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), India has slipped 10 ranks to 51st spot with the score of 6.90 in this index, which provides a blueprint for the current state of democracy in 167 nations.

Top 3 & Bottom 3 countries in the Index:

Rank	Country	Score
51 st	India	6.9
1	Norway	9.87
2	Iceland	9.58
3	Sweden	9.39
165	Central African Republic	1.32
166	Democratic Republic of the Congo	1.13
167	North Korea	1.08

38) Which country topped in the Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD)'s "Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 (GTCI)" report?

- 1) Denmark
- 2) Sweden
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Switzerland
- 5) United States of America (USA)

Answer – **4) Switzerland**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 (GTCI) report was launched by Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD), a partner and sponsor of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Tent in Davos, Switzerland. The country's rank are decided using six metrics namely enable, attract, grow, retain, vocational skills and global knowledge skills. In list of 132 countries Switzerland tops the list. According to the report the United States of America (USA) is at the 2nd position followed Singapore. Top 10 list includes Sweden at 4th, Denmark at 5th, the Netherlands at 6th, Finland at 7th, Luxembourg at 8th, Norway at 9th and Australia at the 10th position.

39) What is the rank of India in the Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD)'s "Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 (GTCI)" report?

- 1) 55th
- 2) 50th
- 3) 65th
- 4) 70th
- 5) 72nd

Answer – 5) 72nd

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 (GTCI) report was launched by Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD), a partner and sponsor of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Tent in Davos, Switzerland. India is at the 72nd position and in GTCI 2019 India was at the 80th position. **Top 3 Countries in the list:**

Rank	Name
1	Switzerland
2	United States
3	Singapore
72	India

40) By how much percent, the international tourist arrivals in 2019 increased from 2018 as per the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)'s report titled 'World Tourism Barometer'?

- 1) 4%
- 2) 2%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 8%
- 5) 10%

Answer – 1) 4%

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 The United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) has released a report titled 'World Tourism Barometer'. As per the report the international tourist arrivals in 2019 increased by over 4% (3.8% exact value) in 2019 and reached 1.5 billion, which is 54 million more than 2018, based on the data collected from reports around the world.

41) Name the world's most expensive city for luxury living, that topped in the Julius Baer's 1st 'Global Wealth and Lifestyle Report 2020'?

- 1) Singapore city
- 2) Hong Kong
- 3) Tokyo
- 4) Shanghai
- 5) New York

Answer – 2) Hong Kong

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020, 1st 'Global Wealth and Lifestyle Report 2020, released by Swiss private bank Julius Baer. Hong Kong was the world's most expensive city in the list followed by Shanghai (China), Tokyo (Japan), New York (US) and Singapore.

42) Which Indian city ranked 28th in the Julius Baer's 'Global Wealth and Lifestyle Report 2020?

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer – **3) Mumbai, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020, According to the 1st 'Global Wealth and Lifestyle Report 2020, released by Swiss private bank Julius Baer, India's financial capital Mumbai was ranked last (28th) in a list of the world's 28 most expensive cities for luxury living.

43) Name the country, that has best market for global companies looking for growth abroad as per the 23rd edition of the PwC's Annual Global CEO Survey?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Japan
- 3) China
- 4) Germany
- 5) United States (US)

Answer – **5) United States (US)**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 The 23rd edition of the PwC's Annual Global CEO Survey was launched on the 1st day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. As per the survey based on the confidence of CEOs over worldwide economic growth. United States(US) topped the list. China and Germany ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively.

44) What is the rank of India in the 23rd edition of the PwC's Annual Global CEO Survey that held in the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland?

- 1) 4th
- 2) 3rd
- 3) 2nd
- 4) 5th
- 5) 6th

Answer – **1) 4th**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 The 23rd edition of the PwC's Annual Global CEO Survey was launched on the 1st day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. As per the survey based on the confidence of CEOs over worldwide economic growth, India ranked 4th while it was topped by United States(US). China and Germany ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively. Indian chief executive officers (CEOs) showed 2nd highest level of confidence standing at 40% rate in overall revenue growth prospects on their own company. The country that ranked 1st in highest level of confidence was China with rate 45%.

45) Which country topped in the Corruption Perception Index 2019 released by Transparency International?

- 1) Somalia & Newzealand
- 2) Denmark & Somalia
- 3) Denmark & Finland
- 4) Finland & Newzealand
- 5) Denmark & Newzealand

Answer – **5) Denmark & Newzealand**

Explanation:

The Corruption Perception Index 2019 was released by Transparency International. As per the Index Denmark and New Zealand topped the Index.

Rank:

Rank	Country
1	Denmark , Newzealand
3	Finland

46) What is the rank of India in the Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index 2019?

- 1) 70th
- 2) 75th
- 3) 80th
- 4) 85th
- 5) 72nd

Answer – **3) 80th**

Explanation:

The Corruption Perception Index 2019 was released by Transparency International. As per the Index India ranks 80 out of 180 countries with a score of 41 out of 100. Last year India's rank was 78 with the same score. Least ranked countries: Somalia at 180 which followed by South Sudan at 179 and Syria at 178. These countries are followed by Yemen, Venezuela, Sudan, Equatorial Guinea and Afghanistan. Pakistan ranks 87 in the list whereas China ranks 117 among the 180 countries respectively. United States of America (USA) ranks 23rd with a score of 69.

47) Which country became the first-ever green nation in supporting breastfeeding women & topped in the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) survey?

- 1) Myanmar
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Cuba

Answer – **4) Sri Lanka**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 As per a survey conducted by World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi) 2020, Sri Lanka ranked 1st out of 97 surveyed countries in supporting breastfeeding women and achieved the status of being the first-ever green nation in supporting them. On the other hand, India ranked 78th with a score of 45.0 and got yellow colour code and Libya ranked last (97th) with red colour code. The status has been awarded based on its performance on 10 indicators which WBTi uses to color-code the countries.

Rank	Country
1	Sri Lanka.
2	Cuba.
3	Bangladesh.

48) Name the organization that released a report titled “Nature Risk Rising: Why the Crisis Engulfing Nature Matters for Business and the Economy” in collaboration with PwC?

- 1) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 3) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 4) United Nation (UN)
- 5) Amnesty International

Answer – 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) in collaboration with PwC released a report titled “Nature Risk Rising: Why the Crisis Engulfing Nature Matters for Business and the Economy”. The report is the 1st in a series for the New Nature Economy(NNE).

49) Find the value of the global businesses that were dependent on nature as per the report titled “Nature Risk Rising: Why the Crisis Engulfing Nature Matters for Business and the Economy”?

- 1) \$64 trillion (Half of world GDP)
- 2) \$54 trillion (Half of world GDP)
- 3) \$24 trillion (Half of world GDP)
- 4) \$74 trillion (Half of world GDP)
- 5) \$44 trillion (Half of world GDP)

Answer – 5) \$44 trillion (Half of world GDP)

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) in collaboration with PwC released a report titled “Nature Risk Rising: Why the Crisis Engulfing Nature Matters for Business and the Economy”. The report is the 1st in a series for the New Nature Economy(NNE). As per the report, global businesses are more than dependent on nature with an estimated exposure of \$44 trillion which is half of world GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

50) In which year, the global unemployment will be about 2.5 million as per the International Labour Organisation (ILO)’s report titled ‘World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2020 (WESO)’?

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

Answer – 1) 2020

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, According to the ‘World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2020 (WESO)’ report released by the United Nations (UN)’ International Labour Organisation (ILO), the global unemployment figure is projected to increase by about 2.5 million in 2020. The report noted that nearly half a billion people around the world are not getting enough paid work.

51) What is the rank of India based on steel production as per the World Steel Association (WSA) 2019?

- 1) 3rd
- 2) 2nd
- 3) 1st
- 4) 5th
- 5) 4th

Answer – 2) 2nd

Explanation:

January 28, 2020, According to World Steel Association (WSA), the international trade body for the iron and steel industry, India's crude steel production increased to 111.2 million tonne (MT) in 2019, showing a 1.8 % hike over 2018 (109.3 MT). India ranked 2nd in top 10 steel-producing countries as Asian steel producers leads as key drivers behind a 3.4 % surge in global crude steel output to 1,869.9 MT in 2019. China ranked 1st as the largest steel producer in 2019 at 996.3 MT, up by 8.3 % on 2018. Hence, China's share of global crude steel production increased from 50.9% in 2018 to 53.% in 2019. China was followed by India (2nd), Japan (3rd), which produced 99.3 MT in 2019, a decrement of 4.8 % as against 2018.

52) What is the denomination of the newly unveiled coin with inscription "Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations" by Britain to mark its departure from the European Union (EU)?

- 1) 10 pence
- 2) 20 pence
- 3) 30 pence
- 4) 40 pence
- 5) 50 pence

Answer – **5) 50 pence**

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020, Britain has unveiled the new 50 pence coin to mark the country's departure from the European Union (EU). The coin bears the inscription "Peace, prosperity and friendship with all nations" and the Brexit date of 31 January 2020. From January 31, 2020, about three million coins will be disturbed from banks, post offices and nearly seven million coins will come to circulation later. The first coin was presented by Britain's Finance Minister Sajid Javid.

53) Which district topped in the NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) Aspirational Districts ranking for December 2019?

- 1) Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Balangir, Odisha
- 4) Y.S.R., Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Dahod, Gujarat

Answer – **2) Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), a policy think tank of the Government of India (GoI), released the ranking of Aspirational Districts of the country for the month of December 2019. The ranking is based on the progress made in 5 development areas in 112 aspirational districts across India in December 2019. The rankings focus on progress in Health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion & skill development and Basic infrastructure. **Top 3 states in Aspirational Districts ranking:**

Rank	State	District	Score (November-2019)	Score (December-2019)	Delta Score (Incl. Saturated Indicators)
1	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli	54.6	57.6	3.002
2	Odisha	Balangir	51.1	53.9	2.796
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R.	62.9	65.2	2.310

54) Name the state that topped in the Transparency International's India (TII)'s "Transparency In Budgetary Process Report 2.0."?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – 3) Assam

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, According to the survey "Transparency In Budgetary Process Report 2.0." conducted by Transparency International's India (TII), Assam tops in the ranking of best practices followed by states in budget formulation with a score of 70. Assam was followed by Odisha (2nd with the score of 66) & Andhra Pradesh (AP) (3rd with the score of 64). While Manipur ranked bottom with the score of 25.

55) Telangana has emerged as Number 1 state in the 'Decent work and economic growth' category on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India index in 2019. Which Organization's Indian office released SDG Index?

- 1) The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 2) The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 3) World Bank (WB)
- 4) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 5) Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Answer - 4) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Explanation:

As per the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India, India's youngest state Telangana has emerged as Number 1 state in the 'Decent work and economic growth' category with the score of 82 on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India index in 2019.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1) Name the firm, that received acquisition approval of 51.2% stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company?

- 1) Sun Pharma
- 2) Housing Development Financial Corporation (HDFC)
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Housing Development Financial Corporation (HDFC)

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020 HDFC (Housing Development Financial Corporation) has received its requisite approvals from Competition Commission of India (CCI), Reserve Bank of India and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for its acquisition of 51.2% stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company and for the merger of Apollo Munich with HDFC ERGO. The total value of the deal is Rs. 1,347 crore in which HDFC will acquire 50.8% from the Apollo Hospitals group for Rs 1,336 crore and remaining will be paid to the employees of Apollo group to purchase their stake of 0.4% in the company.

2) Which firm has acquired RiskRecon Inc, to protect its cyber systems & infrastructure?

- 1) PayPal
- 2) Mastercard

- 3) Visa Inc
- 4) American Express
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mastercard

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, Mastercard, a leading global payments & technology company has acquired RiskRecon Inc, a leading third-party cyber risk solutions provider, to protect its cyber systems & infrastructure. The acquisition has been finalized for an undisclosed sum & is expected to be complete by early 2020.

3) Which health insurance company will be renamed as “HDFC ERGO Health Insurance Ltd” (HDFC ERGO Health) after HDFC bought 50.80 per cent stake in it?

- 1) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 3) Star Health Insurance
- 4) Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Apollo Munich Health Insurance

Explanation:

On January 9, 2020 HDFC has completed the acquisition of majority stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance for Rs.1,495.81 crore. The Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) has bought 50.80 per cent stake in Apollo Munich for Rs.1, 485.14 crore and 0.36 per cent shareholding of employees for Rs.10.67 crore. The acquisition comes after approvals from the Competition Commission of India (CII), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). Now, Apollo Munich Health Insurance company renamed as HDFC ERGO Health Insurance Ltd (HDFC ERGO Health) and will operate as a subsidiary of HDFC.

4) Which firm has acquired Paysense for \$185 mn?

- 1) Stripe India
- 2) Pasfar India
- 3) PayU India
- 4) Paypal India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) PayU India

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, PayU India, a fintech company that provides payment technology to online merchants, has acquired digital credit startup PaySense at an equity valuation of about \$185 million (mn). After the acquisition, PayU is also decided to merge its lending business Lazypay with PaySense. Also, Prashanth Ranganathan, the founder and CEO of PaySense, will head PayU's credit business in India as the CEO of the new venture.

5) Which firm has acquired DHFL (Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited) General Insurance from Wadhan Group Capital (WGC) for around Rs.100 crore?

- 1) Tata Consultancy Services
- 2) Larsen & Toubro Infotech
- 3) Navi Technologies
- 4) Accel Frontline
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Navi Technologies

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Former CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and co-founder of Flipkart Sachin Bansal has acquired DHFL (Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited) General Insurance, Mumbai,

Maharashtra from Wadhan Group Capital (WGC) for around Rs.100 crore. WGC is the parent company of crisis-hit DHFL which has been recently admitted for bankruptcy. The deal has been done via Navi Technologies for Rs.100 crore formerly known as BAC Acquisitions Private Limited (BACQ) which Sachin Bansal has founded along with IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) -Delhi batchmate Ankit Agarwal after selling his stake in Flipkart.

6) Which firm has signed a definitive agreement to acquire 100 % stake in Equifax Credit Information Services Private Ltd (ECIS) for Rs 370 crore?

- 1) Equifax Limited
- 2) Equifax Credit
- 3) Equifax Inc
- 4) Equifax TransUnion
- 5) Equifax Trans

Answer – **3) Equifax Inc**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020, Equifax Inc, a global information solutions company has signed a definitive agreement to acquire 100 % stake in its Indian Credit information company, Equifax Credit Information Services Private Ltd (ECIS) for Rs 370 crore. ECIS has worked as a joint venture (JV) between Equifax and leading Indian financial institutions (FI) namely State Bank of India (SBI-7.41% stake), Bank of India (BOI-3.50 % stake), Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited (5.56% stake), Union Bank of India (UBI-4.17% stake) and Bank of Baroda(BoB), Sundaram Finance Limited (10% each) since the year 2010.

7) Name the firm that acquired Uber Eats valued at about \$350 million (nearly Rs 2,485 crore) recently?

- 1) Faaso
- 2) Freshmenu
- 3) FoodPanda
- 4) Zomato
- 5) Swiggy

Answer – **4) Zomato**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, Zomato, an Indian restaurant aggregator and food delivery startup has acquired Uber's food delivery business in India, Uber Eats in an all-stocks deal valued at about \$350 million (nearly Rs 2,485 crore). As part of the deal, Uber will now hold only 9.99 % shares of Zomato & UberEats will discontinue operations and direct restaurants, delivery partners. Further, all of Uber Eats' customers will be directed to Zomato platform.

8) Which firm has acquired Essel Finance's MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) loan business?

- 1) Aditya Birla Limited
- 2) Vedanta Limited
- 3) Adani Capital Pvt. Ltd
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- 5) ITC Limited

Answer – **3) Adani Capital Pvt. Ltd**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) of the Adani group, Adani Capital Pvt. Ltd has acquired Essel Finance's MSME (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) loan business. The business has loan book of Rs 145 crore approximately. As on December 31, 2019, the overall lending book of Adani capital and the housing finance business was ₹1,100 crore where the contributed Rs.150 crore.

DEFENCE

1) Into which of the following Squadron, Indian Air Force has inducted light utility aircraft Dornier recently?

- 1) No. 15 'Flying Lancers' Squadron
- 2) No. 31 'Lions' Squadron
- 3) No. 41 'Otters' Squadron
- 4) No. 22 'Swifts' Squadron
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) No. 41 'Otters' Squadron

Explanation:

On 31st December 2019, Indian Air Force Chief RKS Bhadauria formally inducted the light utility aircraft Dornier into the No. 41 'Otters' Squadron at a ceremony at the Palam Air Force Station. A contract has been signed by Indian Air Force (IAF) for purchasing 14 Dornier aircraft in 2015, which are flight inspection system planes, for Rs 1,090 Crore from state-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). The first aircraft was delivered in November 2019, whereas the second one is likely to be delivered in early 2020.

2) With which country, India will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the procurement of over 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles?

- 1) United States
- 2) France
- 3) China
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Russia

Explanation:

The Indian Army is to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in a month for the procurement of over 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles. These rifles will be manufactured locally by an India-Russia joint venture (JV), with 1 lakh rifles to come directly from Russia, remaining 6.5 lakh rifles will be manufactured by the JV.

3) Where is the Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), a joint venture of India & Russia located?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Pune, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The Indian Army is to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in a month for the procurement of over 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles. The Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) at Amethi district's Korwa town in Uttar Pradesh will manufacture the rifles. The factory is a joint-venture of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) of India and Rosoboron Exports and Kalashnikov of Russia.

4) Which 2 Countries participated in the naval exercise named 'Naseem-Al-Bahr', that held in Goa recently?

- 1) India and Russia
- 2) India and Oman
- 3) India and Japan

4) India and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) India and Oman**

Explanation:

On January 05, 2020 2 ships of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) arrived at Mormugao Port in Goa to participate in the 12th edition of the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr'. The meaning of the biennial exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr that has been conducted since 1993 between India and Oman is sea breeze. Participating ships: Among the Indian Navy ships (INS) Beas and Subhadra are participating while 2 naval ships of the RNO i.e., RNOV (Royal Navy of Oman Vessel) Al Rasikh and RNOV Khassab are participating.

5) Name the 1st tri-dimensional expedition launched by Indian Navy in Maharashtra to promote the heritage of Indian Navy & to spread awareness about Coastal Security?

1) Maha-Navy Connect 2020

2) Secure-Navy Connect 2020

3) Aware-Navy Connect 2020

4) Heritage-Navy Connect 2020

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Maha-Navy Connect 2020**

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, the first tri-dimensional expedition 'Maha-Navy Connect 2020' was launched by Indian Navy in Mumbai. It aims to promote the heritage of Indian Navy and to spread awareness about Coastal Security amongst the coastal communities in Maharashtra. It was flagged off by Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P. The expedition continues till January 11, 2020. The tri-dimensional expedition consists of yachting, running and cycling teams of 50 naval personnel.

6) Name the city that will host the International naval exercise 'MILAN' in March 2020 with the theme 'Synergy Across the Seas'?

1) Hyderabad, Telangana

2) Kolkata, West Bengal

3) Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

4) New Delhi, Delhi

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Vishakapatnam city of Andhra Pradesh will host International naval exercise 'MILAN' in March 2020. The theme of the exercise for the year 2020 is 'Synergy Across the Seas'. Milan exercise which will be hosted by Eastern Naval Command (ENC) aims to enhance professional interaction between foreign navies and also make use of the best practices in the maritime domain.

7) Name the India's first indigenous aircraft carrier that is likely to be commissioned by early 2021?

1) Aditya

2) Vikram

3) Vikrant

4) Arihant

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Vikrant**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 The manufacturing of the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant is likely to be commissioned by early 2021. Vikrant is currently under phase three of construction which

involves setting to work of machinery and other equipment like power generation, propulsion and machinery.

8) Which manufacturing company, is building the India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, "Vikrant"?

- 1) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- 3) Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)
- 4) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 The manufacturing of the country's first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant is likely to be commissioned by early 2021. This carrier is being built at the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) Kochi, Kerala. The third phase of construction will go till acceptance of harbour, sea trials and aviation trial will also take a year and it will be fully operated by 2022. The first indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant complemented with Mikoyan MiG-29k aircraft will be showcased as part of the Navy's tableau during the ceremonial parade on Rajpath, New Delhi on the Republic day.

9) In which of the following Aircraft carrier, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has landed for the 1st time in India?

- 1) INS Viraat
- 2) INS Vikramaditya
- 3) INS Vikrant
- 4) INS Vishal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) INS Vikramaditya

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has made a successful landed on the India's biggest warship INS Vikramaditya. The maiden landing was conducted by Commodore Jaideep Maolankar. For the first time an indigenous fighter aircraft has been landed on an aircraft carrier. India becomes sixth nation to master the art of an arrested landing and ski-jump take off on the deck of a carrier after Russia, the United States (US), France, the United Kingdom (UK) and China.

10) Where was the two Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS), Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur commissioned recently?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 The two Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS) namely Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur, second and third in the series of five Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), were commissioned and deployed along the eastern coast by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar at Khidderpore park, Kolkata, West Bengal.

11) Which organization has designed and manufactured the two Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS), Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur?

- 1) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- 2) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- 3) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

4) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE)

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE)

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 The two Indian Coast Guard Ships (ICGS) namely Annie Besant and Amrit Kaur, second and third in the series of five Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), were commissioned and deployed along the eastern coast by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar at Khidderpore park, Kolkata, West Bengal. The two ICG fast patrol vessels designed and manufactured by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE) kolkata, West Bengal.

12) Which 2 countries will participate in Annual Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin'?

1) United States and India

2) Russia and India

3) Japan and India

4) Bangladesh and India

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Japan and India

Explanation:

On January 13, 2019 the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) Ship 'Echigo PLH08' has arrived Chennai on a five-day goodwill visit and it will participate in the 19th edition of Annual Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' which will be begin on January 16, 2020 with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). Admiral Takahiro Okushima, Commandant, Japan Coast Guard and Director General (DG) Krishnaswamy Natarajan, DG of Indian Coast Guard will witness the 19th edition of 'Sahyog-Kaijin' exercise.

13) Which city will host the 19th edition of Annual Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin', that is Participated by Japan and India?

1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

3) Bengaluru, Karnataka

4) Mumbai, Maharashtra

5) None of these

Answer - 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

On January 13, 2019 the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) Ship 'Echigo PLH08' has arrived Chennai on a five-day goodwill visit and it will participate in the 19th edition of Annual Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' which will be begin on January 16, 2020 with the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) off in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Admiral Takahiro Okushima, Commandant, Japan Coast Guard and Director General (DG) Krishnaswamy Natarajan, DG of Indian Coast Guard will witness the 19th edition of 'Sahyog-Kaijin' exercise.

14) In which Air force Station, India's 1st Sukhoi-30 fighter squadron will be inducted?

1) Kochi, Kerala

2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)

3) Bengaluru, Karnataka

4) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (TN)

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (TN)

Explanation:

On 12 January 2020, As per the Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh (RKS) Bhadauria, the induction ceremony of a Sukhoi-30 MKIs (Su-30 MKI) squadron in the southern skies will take place in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu (TN) on January 20, 2020.

15) Name the Squadron, that will induct Sukhoi 30-MKI fighter aircraft equipped with BrahMos missile?

- 1) 224 Squadron (Warlords)
- 2) 222 Squadron (Tigersharks)
- 3) 221 Squadron (Valiants)
- 4) 223 Squadron (Tridents)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 222 Squadron (Tigersharks)

Explanation:

India has equipped Sukhoi-30 MKI with BrahMos, one of the world's super missiles. The 'Tigersharks', equipped with modern air superiority fighter aircraft, which are armed with 2.5 ton air-launched BrahMos missile of 300 km range, have the capability of carrying out a variety of missions such as ground attack, sea attack.

16) Which firm has manufactured the K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer gun, that was dedicated to India in Hazira, Gujarat?

- 1) Kalyani Defense Systems
- 2) L&T (Larsen & Toubro) private sector Limited
- 3) Hindustan Aeronautic Limited (HAL)
- 4) TATA Advanced Systems
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) L&T (Larsen & Toubro) private sector Limited

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 Defence Minister Shri. Rajnath Singh dedicated 51st K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer gun made by L&T (Larsen & Toubro) private sector Limited at Hazira in Gujarat to the Nation. The Government has set a target to achieve a \$26 billion turnover in the aerospace and defence industry by 2025 and provides employment to 2- 3 million people. K9 Vajra guns is the best example of 'Make in India' in Defence. The guns weighs 50 tonnes and can fire 47-kilogram bombs at targets up to a distance of 43 kilometers distance target.

17) Name the largest airborne exercise conducted by Indian Army in the northeastern theatre recently?

- 1) Ajeya Warrior
- 2) Winged Raider
- 3) Shatrujeet
- 4) Himalayan Warrior
- 5) Emerald Mercury

Answer – 2) Winged Raider

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Indian Army (IA) conducted its biggest airborne exercise 'Winged Raider'. The exercise comprised of more than 500 soldiers of Special Forces troops in the northeastern theatre and involved all kinds of air transport platforms of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The name Winged Raider was chosen due to its multidimensional nature of the exercise and demonstrated the operational readiness of paratroopers.

18) Where did India successfully test fired the "Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) K-4" recently?

- 1) Mumbai in Maharashtra
- 2) Bengaluru in Karnataka
- 3) Kochi in Kerala
- 4) Balasore in Odisha
- 5) Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh

Answer – **5) Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 India successfully test fired the Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) K-4 at the Visakhapatnam coast in Andhra Pradesh.

19) What is the strike range of the “Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) K-4”?

- 1) 2,500 Kilometer
- 2) 3,000 Kilometer
- 3) 3,500 Kilometer
- 4) 2,000 Kilometer
- 5) 4,000 Kilometer

Answer – **3) 3,500 Kilometer**

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 India successfully test fired the Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) K-4 at the Visakhapatnam coast in Andhra Pradesh. The range of K-4 ballistic missile is 3,500 Kilometer. The missile was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The test was carried out from underwater platform in the sea. India is the fourth country after the United States (US), Russia, China to launches SLBM of 3,500 kilometer range. B-05 is the other missile with a strike range of 700 kilometer which is developed by India.

20) How much total outlay was approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for the procurement of military equipment from indigenous sources?

- 1) 4,200 crores
- 2) 4,700 crores
- 3) 5,500 crores
- 4) 4,500 crores
- 5) 5,100 crores

Answer – **5) 5,100 crores**

Explanation:

On 21st January 2020, The Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh approved the procurement of military equipment from indigenous sources worth over Rs. 5,100 crores. The procurement of military equipment includes sophisticated Electronic Warfare Systems designed by the Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) which are manufactured by the Indian industry. The Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) also approved the prototype testing of trawl assemblies designed by the DRDO for T-72 and T-90 tanks and to the construction of six conventional submarines for Navy in India. It was the first meeting of The Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) after the appointment of Chief of the Defense Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat.

21) Which firm upgraded the ‘Sharang’ artillery guns, that has a strike range of 39 kilometres & has integrated firing range from 0-45 degrees?

- 1) Aceinotec Manufacturing Pvt Ltd.
- 2) Rashtriya Metal Industries Ltd.
- 3) Gun Carriage Factory (GCF)
- 4) Indian Medieval Armour (IMA)
- 5) Wilkinson Arms (WA)

Answer – **3) Gun Carriage Factory (GCF)**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 the Indian Army (IA) has announced to induct 1st batch of 18 indigenously upgraded ‘Sharang’ artillery guns by March 31, 2020. The artillery gun’s barrel upgraded from 130mm to 155mm has a strike range of 39 kilometres and has gone integrated firing range from 0-45 degrees in its trial at the Long Proof Range of Ordnance Factory Khamaria, 16 kilometers from Jabalpur district

headquarters in Madhya Pradesh. Previously the strike range was 27 kilometers. The contract to upgrade the Sharang artillery gun was undertaken by Gun Carriage Factory (GCF) in Jabalpur with the help of state-owned ordnance factories, and teams from the Army and DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation).

22) Which country launched the Nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile(SSBM) 'Ghaznavi' with strike range 290 km (kilometers) recently?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) China
- 3) Japan
- 4) Russia
- 5) United States (US)

Answer – 1) Pakistan

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 The successful training launch of nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile(SSBM) 'Ghaznavi' was held in Islamabad, Pakistan. The Ghaznavi missile strike targets upto a range of 290 km (kilometers). Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), media wing of the Pakistan's army mentioned that the Training launch was part of Field Training Exercise of Army Strategic Forces Command.

23) What was the theme of the 11th edition of 'DefExpo 2020' that will be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)?

- 1) Theme – "India: The Emerging Decisive Catalyst"
- 2) Theme – "India: The Emerging Defence Sector"
- 3) Theme – "India: The Emerging focus on energy efficiency"
- 4) Theme – "India: The Emerging Defence communication"
- 5) Theme – "India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub"

Answer – 5) Theme – "India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub"

Explanation:

The 11th edition of 'DefExpo 2020' will be held on February 5 to February 9, 2020 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The theme of the mega expo is "India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub". It will be organised under the Ministry of Defence and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

24) Name the firm, that will deliver Indian Navy's 104th warship under the project P28?

- 1) Hindustan Shipyard (HS)
- 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)
- 3) Goa Shipyard (GS)
- 4) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDS)
- 5) Cochin Shipyard (CS)

Answer – 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)

Explanation:

INS Kavaratti the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvettes was built by Defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) for Indian Navy under the project P28. INS Kavaratti is 104th warship constructed by GRSE. The trials had been completed successfully and delivered by the end of January 2020.

25) Name the operation launched by Indian Navy to support and provide assistance to Tropical Cyclone Ava & flood hit Madagascar?

- 1) Operation Blue Star
- 2) Operation Polo
- 3) Operation Vijay

- 4) Operation Vanilla
- 5) Operation Woodrose

Answer – **4) Operation Vanilla**

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 the Indian Navy(IN) launched 'Operation Vanilla'. The purpose of this operation is to support and provide assistance to Tropical Cyclone Ava & flood hit Madagascar. The Indian Navy Ship(INS) Airavat has been deployed to this mission. Indian Navy is the first responder for Humanitarian and Disaster Relief (HADR) in the Indian Ocean Region. Madagascar is hit by heavy floods and landslips since a week which caused loss of lives and displacement and has affected nearly 92,000 people. The president of Madagascar has also requested for international mobilisation. After the Madagascar president's request, as the first respondent, it was then decided to immediately divert INS Airavat enroute to Seychelles, to Madagascar.

26) Where did Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has commissioned a 3rd high-speed interceptor boat C-448?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
 - 2) Mangaluru, Karnataka
 - 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 - 4) New Delhi, Delhi
 - 5) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- Answer – **2) Mangaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has commissioned a 3rd high-speed interceptor boat C-448 in Mangaluru, Karnataka. The boat will be operational under the administrative control of Commander of the Coast Guard Region (West) Inspector General AP Badola. Apart from this, it was also announced that Kerala govt through its Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), had sanctioned 160 acres of land in Kenjar for the Indian Coast Guard Academy (ICGA) in Mangaluru at a total cost of Rs 1,010 crore.

27) Where is the 9th edition of Joint Indo-Bangladesh Military Exercise "SAMPRITI-IX" going to be conducted at in the month, February 2020?

- 1) Babina, Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) Umroi, Meghalaya
- 4) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Chandimandir, Haryana

Answer and Explanation:

Answer - **3) Umroi, Meghalaya**

Explanation:

As part of defence cooperation between India and Bangladesh, 9th edition of the joint Indo-Bangladesh military exercise named SAMPRITI-IX has been decided to be conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya from February 03-16, 2020. A Command Post Exercise (CPX) and a Field Training Exercise (FTX) will be conducted during SAMPRITI-IX

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1) Which state government has launched India's first online platform called "e-Gazette portal" (<http://egazetteodisha.nic.in>), designed and developed by the NIC(National Informatics Centre)?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, The State Government of Odisha has launched an online platform called "e-Gazette portal" (<http://egazetteodisha.nic.in>), a first-of-its-kind initiative in India designed and developed by the NIC(National Informatics Centre) for all departments. With this, the Gazette notifications are now available as error-free and paperless under one platform.

2) Who launched a mobile app named "Telangana Red Cross" to access blood bank and red cross membership in an easier way?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Venkaiah Naidu
- 3) K. Chandrashekar Rao
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ram Nath Kovind**

Explanation:

On December 21, 2019 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind, launched a mobile app named "Telangana Red Cross" of the Red Cross Society of India in Hyderabad, Telangana. The app was launched during the President's visit to southern parts of India. His visits were to Telangana, Puducherry, Kanyakumari(Tamil Nadu) from December 20-28, 2019. App development: The app was developed by the Telangana Centre for Good Governance in less than 3 months. It is made available in all languages. Access to blood bank and red Cross membership will be made easy through this app.

3) In which of the following Indian city, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will establish its 2nd launch port to launch small satellite vehicles?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Thoothukodi, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Thoothukodi, Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

The second launch port of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) will be established in Thoothukodi district of Tamil Nadu to launch small satellite vehicles. This will come up in 2300 acres. On the lines of GPS navigation system developed by America, the Indian navigation system called Navic with the indigenous atomic clock will be operational with mobile phone manufacturers coming forward to install the regional navigation device.

4) Where did Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has set up its fourth Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S) recently?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Surathkal, Karnataka
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Surathkal, Karnataka**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) sets its fourth Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S) at the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK) at Surathkal in Mangaluru taluk. The centre helps for the advanced research in the areas of relevance to the future technological and programmatic needs of the Indian Space programme. It also helps in the promotion of space technology in southern regions like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Pondicherry and Lakshadweep.

5) Under which project, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will be establish Optical telescope for tracking space objects in association with Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)?

- 1) 'Project RATRA' (RAPid space object TRacking and Analysis)
- 2) 'Project NETRA' (NETwork for space object TRacking and Analysis)
- 3) 'Project NETRA' (NEw space object TRacking and Analysis)
- 4) 'Project FATRA' (FAST space object TRacking and Analysis)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 'Project NETRA' (NETwork for space object TRacking and Analysis)**

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a pact with Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) to establish an Optical telescope under 'Project NETRA' (NETwork for space object TRacking and Analysis) for tracking space objects. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Isro and IIA were signed by Isro scientific secretary R. Umamaheswaran and IIA director Annapurni Subramaniam during a meet in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

6) Where did India has set up the New World-Class Facility center for training astronauts?

- 1) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Challakere, Karnataka
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Challakere, Karnataka**

Explanation:

The new World-Class facility center for training astronauts will come up in India in the next three years at Challakere in Chitradurga district of Karnataka. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed Rs 2700 crore, to set its young House Space Flight Centre (HSFC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, which will be the single-top for all space related activities for space travelers. By these facilities the cost of sending Indian astronauts to foreign countries for such facilities can be reduced. Four pilots of India will train at the "Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre" in Russia for Gaganyaan mission 2022.

7) Who launched the web portal (<http://www.modnoc.ncog.gov.in/>) for undertaking aerial photography/remote sensing survey on January 6, 2020?

- 1) Rajnath Singh
- 2) Nitin Gadkari
- 3) Narendra Modi

- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rajnath Singh**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched Ministry of Defence (MoD) No Objection Certificate (NOC) web portal www.modnoc.ncog.gov.in for undertaking aerial photography/remote sensing survey with the final permission of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) during an occasion in New Delhi. This Portal helps in reducing the MoD's time in issuing NOC and also speeds the developmental projects and will also ensure expeditious disposal of applications for carrying out aerial survey, besides bringing in more transparency and accuracy.

8) Which state has launched the “MyGov portal” & became the 11th state to do so?

- 1) West Bengal (WB)
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 4) Himachal Pradesh (HP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Himachal Pradesh (HP)**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, Himachal Pradesh (HP) Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Himachal MyGov portal – (<https://himachal.mygov.in/en>) to strengthen public participation in the government system. He also launched CM App during the occasion in Shimla, HP. Himachal is the 11th state in India to provide this app. It is a new innovative initiative of a partnership between government and citizens with the help of technology for the development of India.

9) Name the satellite, that is set to be launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for communication with India's first manned space mission ‘Gaganyaan’?

- 1) Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)
- 2) Indian Data Relay Communication Satellite (IDRCS)
- 3) Indian Data Relay Communication Satellite System (IDRCSS)
- 4) Indian Data Relay Satellite System for Communication (IDRSSC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)**

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the space agency of the Government of India (GoI), has planned to launch a new satellite series called “Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)” for seamless communication for India's first manned space mission ‘Gaganyaan’, which have a schedule to take off in 2022. IDRSS For Gangayaan Mission: It consists of 2 satellites, which will be deployed in phases. The 1st one planned to launch by the end of 2020 to track and be constantly in touch with Indian satellites, mainly with those in low-earth orbits (LEO). Then the 2nd IDRSS satellite will be launched in 2021, which will set the platform for the main mission launch in 2022.

10) Which telescope has been used by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to discover Potentially Habitable Earth-Sized World “TOI 700 d” in Star's ‘Goldilocks’ Zone, that is 100 light years away from Earth?

- 1) James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)
- 2) Kepler Space Telescope (KST)
- 3) Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope (FGST)
- 4) Spitzer Space Telescope (SST)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Spitzer Space Telescope (SST)**

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has discovered an Earth-sized world 'Goldilocks' zone within the habitable range of the star. Scientists confirmed the find as TOI 700 d by using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope (SST). TESS discovered three planets in the satellite named TOI 700 b,c and d. First, habitable-zone Earth-sized planet is TOI 700 d, the outermost planet 20% larger than Earth and orbits its star in 37 days. TOI 700 d is 100 light-years away from earth.

11) Which country has launched its new communication technology experiment satellite, Tongxin Jishu Shiyan Weixing -5 (TJSW-5) recently?

- 1) United States (US)
- 2) Russia
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) China**

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, China has successfully launched a new communication technology experiment satellite, Tongxin Jishu Shiyan Weixing -5 (TJSW-5) by its Long March-3B (also known as CZ [Chang Zheng]-3B) carrier rocket. The mission lifted off from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan Province, a southwestern Chinese province at 11:20 p.m. (Beijing Time). It was the 324th mission for the Long March series of carrier rockets.

12) Who launched the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, "www.cybercrime.gov.in"?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal was dedicated to the Nation by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi. National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal www.cybercrime.gov.in portal was launched on August 30, 2019 which helps the citizens of the Nation to report cyber crimes through online. All the cyber crime related complaints reported in this portal will be accessed by the concerned law enforcement agencies in the States and Union Territories and the actions are taken as per law.

13) Name the malware application, that affects 14.23% Indian users, as per the researchers from cybersecurity and anti-virus solutions provider Kaspersky?

- 1) 'Clean Droid'
- 2) 'Shopper'
- 3) 'Block Strike'
- 4) 'Smart Antivirus'
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 'Shopper'**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020, According to the researchers from cybersecurity and anti-virus solutions provider Kaspersky, a new Trojan malware application called 'Shopper' ('Trojan-Dropper. AndroidOS.Shopper.a') has affected more than 14.23% Indian users. This malware boosts shopping app ratings, spreads ads, installs apps without the permission of the smart phone user. The malware

also has a capability to use the Google Accessibility Service to spread false information through social media channels and other platforms.

14) Find the special class diesel, that was developed to reduce carbon footprint in ships?

- 1) High Flash High Speed Diesel (HFHSD- IN 512)
- 2) High Flash High Speed Diesel (HFHSD- IN 513)
- 3) High Flash High Speed Diesel (HFHSD- IN 514)
- 4) High Flash High Speed Diesel (HFHSD- IN 515)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) High Flash High Speed Diesel (HFHSD- IN 512)**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Special class diesel (HFHSD- IN 512) High Flash High Speed Diesel conforming to NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) grade for use in ships and vessels of Indian Army was developed. Vice Admiral Gurtej Singh Pabby, Indian Navy launched the HFHSD- IN 512 during an occasion in New Delhi. The new diesel results in a reduced carbon footprint.

15) Name the organization, that has developed a special class diesel (HFHSD- IN 512) High Flash High Speed Diesel conforming to NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) grade for use in ships and vessels of Indian Army?

- 1) Oil India Limited (OIL)
- 2) Bharat Petroleum (BP)
- 3) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- 4) Hindustan Petroleum (HP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has developed a special class diesel (HFHSD- IN 512) High Flash High Speed Diesel conforming to NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) grade for use in ships and vessels of Indian Army. Vice Admiral Gurtej Singh Pabby, Indian Navy launched the HFHSD- IN 512 during an occasion in New Delhi. The new diesel results in a reduced carbon footprint.

16) Who discovered a planet named “TOI 1338b” that is 1,300 light years away & about 6.9 times larger than Earth?

- 1) Lord Kelvin
- 2) Henry Moseley
- 3) William Crookes
- 4) Wolf Cukier
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Wolf Cukier**

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020, Wolf Cukier, a 17-year-old boy from New York (United States), has discovered a planet named “TOI 1338b” that is 1,300 light years away & about 6.9 times larger than Earth, on the 3rd day of his internship at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). He used NASA’s alien-hunting space telescope TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite) for his record breaking discovery.

17) Which organization has launched the India’s first e-commerce housing portal ‘HousingForAll.Com’, to boost ‘Housing for all’ and ‘Digital India’ initiatives?

- 1) Central Real Estate Development Council (CREDCO)
- 2) Real Estate Development Council (REDCO)
- 3) National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO)
- 4) International Real Estate Development Council (INREDCO)

5) None of these

Answer – **3) National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO)**

Explanation:

National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) has launched the India's first e-commerce housing portal 'HousingForAll.Com', to boost 'Housing for all' and 'Digital India' initiatives. The objective of e-commerce platform is to bring transparency in the sector and offer only certified projects. Key Points: i. The portal will be open for one month only for the real estate developers to register their projects and it will be opened for home buyers with a 45-day sale period starting February 14, 2020.

18) Name the Indian tele-communication satellite that was launched from Guiana space center, French Guiana, South America to provide high quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services?

1) GSAT-30(Geosynchronous Satellites)

2) GSAT-31(Geosynchronous Satellites)

3) GSAT-32(Geosynchronous Satellites)

4) GSAT-33(Geosynchronous Satellites)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) GSAT-30(Geosynchronous Satellites)**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Arianespace, French Company launched a pair of communication satellites as its first launch in 2020. Ariane 5 rocket consists of ISRO(Indian Space Research Organization) communication satellite GSAT-30(Geosynchronous Satellites) and EUTELSAT KONNECT for the European satellite operator Eutelsat (European Organization of Telecommunication by Satellite S.A) from Guiana space center, French Guiana, South America. AIM: To provide high quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services. The 3,357 Kg GSAT-30 derives its heritage from ISRO's earlier INSAT/GSAT (Indian National Satellites/Geosynchronous Satellites) satellite series and will replace INSAT-4A in orbit equipped with 12 C(covers Gulf countries, Asian and Australian countries) and 12 Ku band(covers Indian mainland and island) transponders.

19) Which country will deliver 5 units of S-400 air defence systems to India by 2025?

1) Russia

2) Japan

3) United States

4) China

5) France

Answer – **1) Russia**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Russia has announced to deliver 5 units of S-400 air defence systems to India by 2025 while its production has already begun. The announcement was made by Russian Deputy Chief of Mission Roman Babushkin. India and Russia signed a deal of \$5.43 billion for the procurement of these S-400 systems during the 19th edition of India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit held in New Delhi in 2018.

20) Name the app launched by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel to provide employment to trained youths under their skill development programme?

1) Shiksha Setu

2) Krishi Kisan

3) Nyaya Bandhu

4) Rojgar Sangi

5) e-Drishti

Answer – **4) Rojgar Sangi**

Explanation:

On 15 January 2020, The Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel has launched an employment-oriented mobile app, 'Rojgar Sangi' developed by state-run Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Authority (CSSDA) at the ceremony of youth fest 2020 held at Science College premises in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The app is designed to provide employment to trained youths under their skill development programme. It is expected that through this app, lakhs of unemployed youth of the state will be able to get employment.

21) Which of the following disease will be diagnosed by Indian Molecular assay (test or analysis) named "TrueNat", that was adopted by World Health Organisation (WHO) recently?

- 1) Tuberculosis (TB)
- 2) HIV
- 3) Dengue
- 4) Malaria
- 5) Jaundice

Answer – 1) Tuberculosis (TB)

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 The World Health Organisation's (WHO's) Global Tuberculosis Programme has included an Indian Molecular assay (test or analysis) named "TrueNat" as its initial test to identify strain resistance of TB bacteria. The assay has been included in a rapid communication document on Molecular Assays of the mentioned global TB programme and has high accuracy. TrueNat: It is a molecular diagnostic test for pulmonary and extrapulmonary TB and rifampicin-resistant TB. It provides resistance to rifampicin drug in about 90 minutes and will now replace sputum smear microscopy.

22) Name the women security app developed by Mrityunjay Singh and Priya Rai (Students of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)) to reduce the crimes against women?

- 1) 'Protect'
- 2) 'Kavalan'
- 3) 'Help'
- 4) 'Secure'
- 5) 'Very Good Morning' (VGM)

Answer – 5) 'Very Good Morning' (VGM)

Explanation:

Mrityunjay Singh and Priya Rai, the students of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh have developed a women security app 'Very Good Morning' (VGM) to reduce the crimes against women. By pressing the mobile's power button thrice the app sends the location of the mobile number to the police emergency number.

23) Name the 1st state in India that uses face recognition app in 2020 in its Municipal polls on pilot basis?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Telangana
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Telangana

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, the Telangana State Election Commission (TSEC) of the Indian state of Telangana, for the first time in India will use facial recognition in the Telangana Municipal polls to tackle the counter impersonation by the voters. This will be done on a pilot basis in selected 10 polling stations of Telangana's Kompally Municipality of Medchal Malkajgiri district.

24) Which country was affected by “Novel coronavirus (nCoV)” recently?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) China
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) China**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) of govt. of India has initiated various measures as a precaution for the recent outbreak of the 2019 Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in China. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has been asked to facilitate thermal screening at the international airports of Delhi, Mumbai (Maharashtra), Kolkata (West Bengal), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Hyderabad (Telangana) and Cochin (Kerala) under the guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

25) Name the World’s first living, self-healing robots discovered by Scientists of the University of Vermont and Tufts University using stem cells from frogs?

- 1) Cargobot
- 2) Piaggiobot
- 3) Festo
- 4) Xenobots
- 5) Aibot

Answer – **4) Xenobots**

Explanation:

Scientists of the University of Vermont and Tufts University have created the world’s first living and self-healing robots Xenobots, using stem cells from frogs. It is named after the African clawed frog, *Xenopus laevis* from which they take stem cells. Xenobots are new class of artifact: a living, programmable organism, which don’t look like traditional robots. These are machines which are less than a millimeter (0.04 inches) in width and are small enough to travel inside human bodies. They can walk and swim, survive for weeks without food, and work together in groups.

26) Who inaugurated the POLNET 2.0 that provides video, audio and data connectivity across the country, especially during disasters?

- 1) Nityanand Rai
- 2) Upendra Kushwaha
- 3) G. Kishan Reddy
- 4) Sanjay Jaiswal
- 5) Giriraj Singh

Answer – **1) Nityanand Rai**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Union Minister of State for Home Affairs (MHA) Nityanand Rai inaugurated revamped police communication services POLNET 2.0. It is armed with robust multi-media facility. POLNET 2.0 is a captive satellite-based network which provides video, audio and data connectivity across the country, especially in times of disasters when regular communication either gets jammed or crashes.

27) How many unmanned missions is set to be launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) before the launch of India’s 1st manned mission “Gaganyaan” in December 2021?

- 1) 6
- 2) 5
- 3) 2

4) 3

5) 4

Answer – 3) 2

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020, According to the ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation), chairman Dr Kailasavadivoo Sivan, ISRO would launch 2 unmanned missions in December 2020 and June 2021 in view of the launch of India's first manned spacecraft "Gaganyaan" in December 2021.

28) Name the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s half-humanoid robot, that is set for an unmanned trip into space before Astronauts?

1) Vikas Mitra (friend in Sky)

2) Vaya Mitra (friend in Sky)

3) Daksh Mitra (friend in Sky)

4) Vyom Mitra (friend in Sky)

5) Surya Mitra (friend in Sky)

Answer – 4) Vyom Mitra (friend in Sky)

Explanation:

The ISRO has prepared women robot 'Vyom Mitra' (means a friend in Sky) for sending into space under the 1st unmanned Gaganyaan mission.

29) Which institute has collaborated with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Inertial Systems Unit to design & develop the half-humanoid robot, "Vyom Mitra"?

1) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-D)

2) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)

3) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K)

4) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-K)

5) Indian Institute of Science (IIS)

Answer – 5) Indian Institute of Science (IIS)

Explanation:

Vyom Mitra, designed & developed by the ISRO's Inertial Systems Unit in Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Karnataka, is half-humanoid and its body stops at the torso (the part of the human body where the limbs are attached) and without legs. The robot can speak 2 languages (Hindi and English) & will be sent in a space capsule at the end of the year 2020 / early 2021 to study the zero-gravity conditions in which the astronauts respond to living outside earth.

30) Which country will train the Indian flight surgeons for Gaganyaan mission?

1) China

2) France

3) Russia

4) United States (US)

5) United Kingdom (UK)

Answer – 2) France

Explanation:

Indian flight surgeons are being trained in France to take care of the health of astronauts selected for the India's ambitious space manned 'Gaganyaan Mission'. 2-week training of these physicians is very important for the Gaganyaan project, which took three Indian astronauts to space in the year 2022. Indian Air Force physicians with expertise in aviation medicine will be responsible for the health of astronauts during and after the flight. Flight surgeon Brigitte Godard, associated with the European Space Agency, was in India in July and August 2019 to start training physicians and engineers.

31) Name the portal launched by the Nitin Jairam Gadkari to monitor 3 lakh crore rupees project?

- 1) UMANG
- 2) ROSHNI
- 3) SHIKSHA VANI
- 4) SAHYATRI
- 5) GATI

Answer – **5) GATI**

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) has launched an online web portal 'GATI' to monitor Rs 3 Lakh Crore projects on the pattern of 'PRAGATI', the portal used by the Prime Ministers' Officer (PMO) for monitoring projects. The portal has been created by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) which can be accessed by NHAI website. The contractors and concessionaires can raise any project related issues on the portal.

32) Which chipset manufacturing firm has launched the first 3 chipsets, "Snapdragon 720G, 662 and 460" developed with the help of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)'s Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC)?

- 1) Broadcom
- 2) Intel
- 3) Nvidia
- 4) MediaTek
- 5) Qualcomm

Answer – **5) Qualcomm**

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, In a major step to Made in India GPS (Global Positioning System) alternative, Qualcomm, an American multinational chipset manufacturer, has launched 3 chipsets in India – Snapdragon 720G, 662 and 460, along with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). All 3 chipsets feature Wi-Fi 6 connectivity and Bluetooth 5.1 support & the most important thing is that these 3 chipsets of Qualcomm have been developed with support for ISRO's Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC), a technology considered an advanced location positioning and navigation system than the GPS technology currently in use.

33) Researchers from which institute has developed essential-oil-based drug carrier to treat fungal diseases?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-H)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-H)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-H)
- 5) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-H)

Answer – **1) Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H)**

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020, Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H), Telangana has developed a new essential-oil-based system of delivering medicines to the body for the treatment of fungal infections such as vaginal infections, diaper rash, athlete's foot and nail fungus caused by the Candida family of fungi. Supported by the SERB (Scientific & Engineering Research Board) under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) & Corporate social responsibility (CSR) support from AT&T, an American multinational conglomerate, this medication can even fight against fungi that have created immunity against traditional medicines.

34) Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the ISRO's Bhuvan Panchayat Version V 3.0 web portal in Bengaluru, Karnataka to support Gram Panchayat Development planning, the portal is developed by which organization?

- 1) Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)
- 2) Physical Research Laboratory (PRL)
- 3) Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IISST)
- 4) Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS)
- 5) National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC)

Answer – 5) National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC)

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, MoS PMO (Minister of State for Prime Minister's Office), Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space launched the Bhuvan Panchayat Version V 3.0 web portal in Antariksh Bhavan Bengaluru, Karnataka to support Gram Panchayat Development planning in the country. The Minister also released the technical documents related to SISDP (Space Based Information Support for Decentralised Planning Update). The web portal has been developed by National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC), Hyderabad, Telangana.

35) Name the agency that has collaborated with the National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) to launch a new \$1.5 billion spacecraft "The Solar Orbiter Spacecraft" to take 1st pictures of Sun's north and south poles?

- 1) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 2) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- 3) European Space Agency (ESA)
- 4) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- 5) SpaceX

Answer – 3) European Space Agency (ESA)

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, NASA (National Aeronautics & Space Administration) and ESA (European Space Agency) will jointly launch a new spacecraft- "The Solar Orbiter Spacecraft" to take first pictures of Sun's north and south poles. Its outlay is \$1.5 billion. The spacecraft will be launched from Cape Canaveral, United States (US) on Feb 7, 2020 on a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V Rocket.

36) Which organization has launched "Searching the missing persons & Generating vehicle NOC (No Objection Certificate)" on CCTNS (Crime & Criminal Tracking Network and Systems) platform recently?

- 1) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- 2) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)
- 3) Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- 4) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- 5) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)

Answer – 2) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020 NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) launched 2 police related Citizen centric services- "Searching the missing persons & Generating vehicle NOC (No Objection Certificate)" on CCTNS (Crime & Criminal Tracking Network and Systems) platform. Shri. Arvind kumar, Director, Intelligence Bureau launched the online services and inaugurated Cyber Tipline Monitoring facility in NCRB, New Delhi. The online services can be accessed through 'digitalpolicecitizenservices.gov.in' portal or through a link in the existing 'Digital Police Portal'.

ENVIRONMENT

1) Which type of fish was declared extinct by China recently?

- 1) Paddlefish
- 2) Polyodon
- 3) Chondrostei
- 4) Bowfin
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Paddlefish**

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020, China has declared that the country's giant paddlefish often called as 'Panda of the Yangtze river' has become extinct. The extinction was reported due to decades of overfishing. As per scientists of the Yangtze River Fisheries Research Institute (YRFRI) the paddlefish with scientific name *Psephurus gladius* which can grow upto 22 feet (7 meters) in length became extinct between 2005 and 2010. The fish can grow at around 10 feet long on average in the Yangtze river, the longest river in Asia. The team conducted basin-wide survey between 2017 and 2018. Out of the 332 species that was found, not even single live specimen of the paddlefish was found.

2) Name the species, that can see without eyes by exhibiting extraocular vision?

- 1) Red Brittle Star (*Ophiocoma wendtii*)
- 2) Granulated Sea Star (*Choriaster*)
- 3) Brisingid Sea Stars (*Forcipulatida*)
- 4) Deep-Sea-Dwelling Starfish (*Brisingida*)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Red Brittle Star (*Ophiocoma wendtii*)**

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020, For the 1st time, Scientists from the University of Oxford in England, United Kingdom(UK), have shown that a starfish like species called "red brittle star (*Ophiocoma wendtii*)" lives in the coral reefs of the Caribbean Sea, can see even though it does not have eyes/ the ability to exhibit extraocular vision. It has become only the 2nd creature, after a sea urchin species, known to have this ability.

3) Which organization has developed the viable scientific method to cultivate Indian Pompano fish in ponds?

- 1) National Institute Of Freshwater Aquaculture (NIFA)
- 2) Central Institute Of Freshwater Aquaculture (CIFA)
- 3) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)
- 4) Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)**

Explanation:

On January 09, 2020 the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP) has successfully cultivated Indian pompano- marine fish species in a brackishwater pond (low salinity) in the region, thus scientifically proving its commercial viability. It was also the 1st scientific experiment which became successful in Indian pompano cultivation. With this success, the govt plans to encourage more Indian pompano cultivation. The scientific name of Indian pompano is *Trachinotus mookalee*.

4) Where did scientists discovered the stardust, the oldest solid material ever found on Earth (5 to 7 billion years ago) that trapped inside a meteorite?

- 1) Russia
- 2) France
- 3) Australia
- 4) United States
- 5) India

Answer – **3) Australia**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 Scientists discovered the oldest material on earth, a 7 billion years old grains inside the meteorite that crashed in a fireball in 1969 into the town of Murchison in Victoria State, southeastern Australia. A team of scientists led by Philip Heck, curator of meteorites from the Field Museum in Chicago, United States examined the presolar grains and research published in 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences' (PNAS).

5) In which country, researchers from the Universite Libre de Bruxelles lead by Professor Steeve Bonneville discovered the world's oldest ever mushroom fossil?

- 1) Congo, Africa
- 2) Tanzania, Africa
- 3) Rwanda, Africa
- 4) Kenya, Africa
- 5) Uganda, Africa

Answer – **1) Congo, Africa**

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020, the researchers from the Universite Libre de Bruxelles in France, led by Professor Steeve Bonneville, have discovered the world's oldest ever mushroom fossil in the Democratic Republic of Congo(DRC) in Africa. The detail of fossilised remains of microscopic mushroom called mycelium in rocks dates between 715 and 810 million years ago and is published in the journal 'Science'.

6) In which state, Estuarine Biology Regional Centre (EBRC) of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered the New snake eel species also named as 'Ophichthus kailashchandrai'?

- 1) West Bengal (WB)
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Assam
- 4) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020 The new snake eel species residing in the Bay of Bengal has been discovered and documented by the Estuarine Biology Regional Centre (EBRC) of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) at Gopalpur-on-sea in Odisha. The new marine species have been named as Ophichthus kailashchandrai to honour the vast contributions of Dr. Kailash Chandra (Director of Zoological Survey of India) to Indian animal taxonomy. Ophichthus kailashchandrai is the 8th species of the Ophichthus genus found in the Indian coast and the 5th new species discovered by Gopalpur ZSI in the last 2 years.

7) Where did Paleontologists discovered a new meat-eating dinosaur species named Allosaurus jimmandseni, that evolved at least 5 million years ago?

- 1) Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2) Bangkok, Thailand
- 3) Utah, United States (US)

- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer – **3) Utah, United States (US)**

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020 Paleontologists discovered a new meat-eating dinosaur species at Natural History Museum of Utah, United States(US) that lived in the food plains of western North America during the Late Jurassic period, between 157-152 million years ago. The new species named as *Allosaurus jimmandseni* evolved at least 5 million years ago and published in open-access scientific journal PeerJ. The name directly translates to 'Jim Madson's different reptile' for the paleontologists who found the first two complete skeletons.

SPORTS

1) Sunita Lakra of India announces her retirement recently, she belongs to which sport?

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Hockey**

Explanation:

Indian women's hockey team defender Sunita Lakra, who was part of the 2018 Asian Games silver-winning side, announced her international retirement, citing a knee injury. However she will continue to represent in domestic hockey and play for NALCO (National Aluminium Company Limited), Odisha. Sunita has so far played 139 matches for India that also included the 2014 Asian Games bronze medal.

2) Which game along with "Cycling" will be included for the first time in the 3rd Khelo India Games 2020, that is to be held in Guwahati, Assam?

- 1) Boccia
- 2) Croquet
- 3) Lawn bowls
- 4) Bocce
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Lawn bowls**

Explanation:

On 2nd January 2019, Chief Executive Officer of "Khelo India Games" has announced the inclusion of "Lawn bowls" and "Cycling" in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games. These two games will be included in the event for the first time. Around 6500 athletes from 37 teams will take part in the 3rd edition of Khelo India youth games in Guwahati, Assam which is scheduled to be held from 10th of January to 22nd of February at Indira Gandhi Stadium.

3) Where was the FIDE (International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation) World Blitz competition 2019 held?

- 1) Washington, D.C., United States of America (USA)
- 2) Tokyo, Japan
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Moscow, Russia**

Explanation:

FIDE World Blitz competition 2019 held at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia.

4) Humpy Koneru was in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Chess
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Cricket
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Chess**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, Humpy Koneru (32), an Indian chess grandmaster from Andhra Pradesh, has settled 12th overall in the 2-day FIDE World Blitz competition 2019 held at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia. She ended the tournament with 10.5 points out of 17 games. Kateryna Lagno (13 points) of Russia and Magnus Carlsen of Norway (16.5 points) retained their titles in the Women's and Men's Blitz Championships respectively.

5) Name the Indian Cricketer, who was picked as the captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI and T20 teams of past decade?

- 1) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 2) Suresh Raina
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Mahendra Singh Dhoni**

Explanation:

Charismatic Former Indian Captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, 38 years old picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI (One Day International) and Twenty20 teams of the decade. Virat Kohli was named the leader in Tests. The criteria was set up by the 23 member panel, for a selection was a minimum of 50 Tests or six active years in the traditional format while it was 75 ODIs and 100 T20s for the teams.

6) Manav Thakar becomes the world's No.1 player recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Archery
- 2) Table Tennis
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Table Tennis**

Explanation:

Manav Thakar 19 years old young Indian table tennis player who jumped nine places and become the world's No.1 player U-21 (Under-21) Men's single category rankings released by the ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation). Thakar won The U-21 men's singles title at the ITTF Challenge Plus Benemax-Virgo North American Open in Markham, Canada by defeating Argentina's player Martin Bentancor. Among other Indians, Sathiyam has retained his 30th spot in the senior category, while Achanta Sharath Kamal ranked at 33rd position. Among women, India's Manika Batra was static at the 61st position.

7) Irfan Pathan announces his retirement recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Badminton

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cricket**

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020 35 years old, all rounder cricketer from Vadodara, Gujarat, Irfan Pathan (nicknamed Guddu) has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He played last match for India against Sri Lanka in 2012. Irfan Pathan is currently performing the role of mentor-cum-coach for the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket team. Pathan picked up 3 wickets in his four overs against Pakistan in finals and was named as man-of-the-match in T-20 World Cup 2007. Pathan is a left-arm medium-fast bowler featured in 29 Tests, 120 ODIs (One Day International) and 24 T20Is (Twenty 20 International) for India.

8) Which country will host the Commonwealth Games Shooting and Archery events under the aegis of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Friendship Program in March 2022?

1) Thailand

2) Russia

3) Germany

4) India

5) None of these

Answer – **4) India**

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020 the Sports Ministry has given 'in principle' approval to hold the Commonwealth Games shooting and archery events in India. These events will be held under the aegis of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Friendship Program in March 2022. Last year CWG has decided to exclude Shooting event in 2022 CWG but Indian Olympic Association (IOA) was against the decision. India won 66 medals including 26 golds in 2018 CWG in Gold Coast, Australia and also won 16 medals in Shooting event.

9) Rohit Sharma Cricket stadium foundation stone was laid in which of the following city recently?

1) Bengaluru, Karnataka

2) Guwahati, Assam

3) Hyderabad, Telangana

4) Kolkata, West Bengal

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, India's cricket batsman, Rohit Gurunath Sharma has laid the foundation of the Cricket Stadium and Training Center at 'Heartfulness Institute's headquarters in Hyderabad, Telangana. The cricket stadium has been named as "Rohit Sharma Cricket stadium" by spiritual guru Kamlesh Patel. This stadium is 138 meters in diameter and has all modern facilities being made available for the students of Heartfulness centre.

10) Where was the 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for the year 2019 held?

1) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP)

2) Guwahati, Assam

3) Hyderabad, Telangana

4) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP)**

Explanation:

The 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019 in Small Bore Rifle & Pistol events (including Para events) was held at Shooting Academy Shooting Ranges, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (MP) from 7th December 2019 – 4th January 2020. It was jointly organized and conducted by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) & MP State Shooting Academy.

11) Who won the women's national 10m Air Rifle in the 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019?

- 1) Maheshwari Chauhan
- 2) Zeena Khitta
- 3) Anjali Bhagwat
- 4) Manu Bhaker
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Zeena Khitta

Explanation:

Shooter Zeena Khitta of Himachal Pradesh has won the gold medal of the 10-meter air rifle event of the National Shooting Championship. She shot 252.2 points at the finals, ahead of West Bengal star shooter Mehuli Ghosh by 1.7 points. Ghosh won the silver medal with 250.5 scores, whereas former World No. 1 and world record holder Apurvi Chandela won the bronze medal by scoring 227.6.

12) Indian Shooter, Manu Bhaker bagged 4 gold medals in the women's 10 meter air pistol event in individual and team events in senior and junior category in the 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019, she hails from which state?

- 1) Assam
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Haryana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Haryana

Explanation:

Indian professional sport shooter, Manu Bhaker of Haryana has bagged 4 gold medals (individual and team events in senior and junior) in the women's 10 meter air pistol event. Manu topped the junior category with 243 points and won the title with 241.5 points in the final of the senior category. In the women's pistol rankings, she scored 588 points in the joint qualification of the two events. Shooter Anish Bhanwala from Haryana has clinched gold medal in the senior men's 25 meter rapid fire pistol event. He captured 28 points in the senior class finals. He topped the qualification with a score of 582.

13) Who won the gold medal in the men's 10 meter air pistol in 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019?

- 1) Arjun Babuta
- 2) Jitu Rai
- 3) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 4) Sidhartha Babu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Saurabh Chaudhary

Explanation:

Top shooter, Saurabh Chaudhary from Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) has won the gold medal in the men's 10 meter air pistol event. He topped the table with 246.4. He is one of the medal contenders for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, having just scored less than 0.1 point from his former world record score. Sarabjot Singh finished second with a score of 243.9 in the second position while world number two Abhishek Verma won the bronze medal.

14) Vijayveer Sidhu was seen in news recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Shooting
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Weight Lifting
- 4) Archery
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Shooting

Explanation:

Vijayveer Sidhu was associated with Shooting. He won 3 awards in the 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) 2019. They are, 1st gold- 25M Standard Pistol for Men: Vijayveer of Chandigarh has won the individual gold medal in the men's 25m standard pistol event. He topped the table with 580 points while Gurpreet Singh (578) and Udhayveer Sidhu (574) were behind them. 2nd gold- Junior Men: Vijayveer (580) was also ahead of Udhayveer (574) and Harsh Gupta (572) in the junior category. 3rd gold- Junior Men's Team : Vijayveer along with Udhayveer and Unish Holinder (1699) also won the team gold medal in the junior category. Jitu Rai: In the men's 50m pistol event, World Championship silver medalist Jitu Rai gave a team gold.

15) Which city will host the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) from February 22nd to March 1, 2020?

- 1) Guwahati, Assam
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020, Bhubaneswar, Odisha has been selected to host the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) which will be held from February 22nd to March 1, 2020, at Bhubaneswar's KIIT University (Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University). The Union Sports Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju and Odisha's Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik unveiled the logo and jersey of Khelo India University Games during a event in Bhubaneshwar.

16) Name the Mascots of the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG)?

- 1) Jay and Vijay
- 2) Jay and Bijay
- 3) Ajay and Bijay
- 4) Ajay and Vijay
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Jay and Bijay

Explanation:

Mascots of the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG): 'Jay and Bijay'. The event will be hosted in association with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Association of Indian Universities, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the National Sports Federation (NSFs).

17) Daniele De Rossi has announced his retirement recently, he was associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Football

Explanation:

On January 07, 2020, former Roma & Italian professional footballer and the 2006 FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) world cup winner Daniele De Rossi (36 years) has announced his retirement from the game after retiring from Argentina's Boca Juniors Football club. Daniel has played 117 games for Italy from 2004-17 and won the 2006 world cup title after defeating France. He is Italy's 4th most most-capped player with 117 caps.

18) Who won the 95th edition of the prestigious Hastings International Chess Congress at Hastings in England?

- 1) Magesh Chandran Panchanathan
- 2) M. R. Lalith Babu
- 3) Pentala Harikrishna
- 4) Krishnan Sasikiran
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Magesh Chandran Panchanathan**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, A 36 years old, India's grandmaster (GM) Magesh Chandran Panchanathan from Madurai, Tamil Nadu wins the title in the 95th edition of the prestigious Hastings International Chess Congress at Hastings in England. Magesh Chandran stands with a FIDE (International Chess Federation) rating of 2479 finished first place with 7.5 points from nine games. He remained unbeaten in all the nine rounds and defeated his compatriot G A Stany from Karnataka also a grandmaster in the final round.

19) Sarbjeet Kaur has been banned for four years, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Weightlifting
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Weightlifting**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020, Indian weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur from Punjab has been banned for four years from the sport by the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) for involvement in doping violations. Sarbjeet won the 71kg event at the 34th Women Senior National Weightlifting Championship 2019 held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

20) Who topped in the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's test batting ranking 2020 released on January 8, 2020?

- 1) Ravindrasinh Anirudhsinh Jadeja
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Marnus Labuschagne
- 4) Jason Omar Holder
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's test ranking 2020 released on January 8, 2020, Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has retained his top position with 928 points in the list of batsmen. At the same time, Cheteshwar Pujara slipped one place to 6th spot with 791 points while Ajinkya Rahane dropped two places to 9th position with 759 points.

Rank	Batting	Bowling	All-rounder
1	Virat Kohli (India)	Patrick James Cummins (Australia)	Jason Omar Holder (West Indies)
2	Steven Peter Devereux Smith (Australia)	Neil Wagner (South African-born New Zealand cricketer)	Ravindrasinh Anirudhsinh Jadeja(India)
3	Marnus Labuschagne (Australia)	Jason Omar Holder (West Indies)	Ben Stokes (England)

21) Name the first Indian equestrian , who qualified for the Tokyo Olympics games after 2 decades (since Imtiaz Anees(2000))?

- 1) Sonia Lather
- 2) Simran Singh Shergill
- 3) Fouaad Mirza
- 4) Gaurav Gill
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Fouaad Mirza

Explanation:

Double Asian Games medallist equestrian, Fouaad Mirza (27 years) became the 1st Indian rider to compete at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan after 2 decades. His qualification to the Olympics was confirmed by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI). Prior to Fouaad, Imtiaz Anees participated in the Sydney Olympics in the year 2000 and Late Wing Commander IJ Lamba participated in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Previously Fouaad Mirza won a silver medal at the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia and became the 1st Indian since 36years (1982) to win an Asian Games medal in equestrian games.

22) Which country won 21 medals & topped the year 2019 as number one shooting nation in world?

- 1) China
- 2) India
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) India

Explanation:

In 2019 according to International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), India is the top Shooting Nation in the World with 21 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze. India secured first position in all the Rifle-pistol World Cups and Finals in the year.China is at the second position with 11 gold, 15 silver and 18 bronze.The United States (US) is at the third position with 6 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze.

23) Which country's Cricketer, Mohammad Hafeez announced retirement recently?

- 1) New zealand
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) India
- 5) Sri Lanka

Answer - 2) Pakistan

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Pakistan's All-rounder cricket player Mohammad Hafeez, 38 years old, announced that he will be retiring from international cricket after the upcoming T-20 World Cup to be held in Australia in October 2020. Hafeez has been selected to play the T20I (Twenty20 International) series against Bangladesh starting in Lahore on Jan 24, 2020.

24) Jacqueline Williams becomes the first woman third umpire in men's international cricket match. She belongs to which country?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Jamaica
- 3) Caribbean
- 4) Bahamas
- 5) Barbados

Answer – **2) Jamaica**

Explanation:

Jacqueline Williams of Jamaica becomes the first woman third umpire in men's international cricket match. The 43-year-old Jamaican woman oversaw all 3 matches of the Twenty20 International (T20I) series in Grenada, West Indies between West Indies and Ireland. 43-years-old Jacqueline Williams stood as umpire in 2015 ICC Women's World Twenty20 Qualifier tournament. In 2017, she was one of the four umpires in Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier.

25) Name the fastest Indian bowler, who took 100 wickets in ODI recently while playing against Australia?

- 1) Umesh Yadav
- 2) Jasprit Bumrah
- 3) Kuldeep Yadav
- 4) Mohammed Shami
- 5) Yuzvendra Chahal

Answer – **3) Kuldeep Yadav**

Explanation:

India's Kuldeep Yadav (25) became the fastest Indian bowler to take 100 wickets in ODI. He achieved the feat in the 2nd ODI match which was held in Rajkot, Gujarat. He has become the 22nd bowler in India to take 100 wickets in ODI international cricket & became the 151st bowler in the world to take 100 wickets in ODIs. This is his 58th match and became the 3rd fastest Indian bowler behind teammates Mohammed Shami (56 matches) and Jasprit Bumrah (57 matches) who took 100 wickets in the fewest matches & broke Harbhajan Singh's record who reached there in 76 ODIs. He is also the first Indian cricketer to claim two hat-tricks in international cricket during the 2nd ODI against the West Indies in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP) in Dec 2019.

26) Who broke Hashim Amla's record & became the fastest to claim 7000 ODI runs as an opener while playing against Australia recently?

- 1) MS Dhoni
- 2) K. L. Rahul
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Rohit Gurunath Sharma
- 5) Shikhar Dhawan

Answer – **4) Rohit Gurunath Sharma**

Explanation:

Rohit Gurunath Sharma became the fastest to claim 7000 ODI runs as an opener in 2nd ODI against Australia at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Rajkot, Gujarat. He achieved this feat in 137 innings. In this case, he left behind former South African batsman Hashim Amla (147 innings) and Sachin Tendulkar (160 innings).

27) Name the Indian Cricketer, who became the fastest batsman to reach 11,000 runs in ODI cricket & also became the fastest cricketer to complete 5000 runs in ODIs as skipper surpassing MS Dhoni record?

- 1) Jasprit Bumrah
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) K. L. Rahul
- 5) Shikhar Dhawan

Answer – 2) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

Indian captain Virat Kohli broke the record of former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni in the 3rd and final match of the series against Australia held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He became the fastest captain to complete 5000 runs in ODIs. He achieved this feat by hitting a four off Mitchell Starc. Dhoni had scored 5000 runs in 127 innings. At the same time, Kohli reached in his feat by just 82nd innings. Ricky Ponting of Australia arrived in 131 innings. Indian captain Virat Kohli also held the record for being the fastest captain to score 11,000 international runs. He scored 11,208 international runs as captain, surpassed the previous record held by MS Dhoni with 11,207 runs. Kohli has played 199 innings as captain, while Dhoni had played 330.

28) Who topped in the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's ODI batting ranking 2020 released on January 20, 2020?

- 1) Mohammad Nabi
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Ben Stokes
- 4) Mohammad Babar Azam
- 5) Rohit Gurunath Sharma

Answer – 2) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men's ODI ranking 2020 released on January 20, 2020, Indian captain Virat Kohli and vice captain Rohit Sharma strengthened their hold & ranked 1st and 2nd position respectively in batting table. On the other hand, Jaspreet Bumrah retained the top position in the bowlers list.

Here's the list of top3 players in ICC ODI ranking 2020:

Rank	Batting	Bowling	All-rounder
1	Virat Kohli (India)	Jasprit Jasbirsingh Bumrah (India)	Ben Stokes (England)
2	Rohit Gurunath Sharma (India)	Trent Alexander Boult (New Zealand)	Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan)
3	Mohammad Babar Azam (Pakistan)	Mujeeb Ur Rahman Zadran (Afghanistan)	Syed Imad Wasim Haider (known as Imad Wasim)-Pakistan

29) Name the Indian Tennis Player, who won the 2020 women's doubles title of the 27th WTA (World Tennis Association) Hobart International Trophy along with Ukrainian player Nadiia Kichenok?

- 1) Ankita Raina
- 2) Rishika Sunkara
- 3) Shikha Uberoi
- 4) Isha Lakhani
- 5) Sania Mirza

Answer – 5) Sania Mirza

Explanation:

Indian Tennis Player Sania Mirza and her Ukrainian partner Nadiia Kichenok have won the 2020 women's doubles title of the 27th WTA (World Tennis Association) Hobart International Trophy held in Hobart, Australia. Cash Award: Sania and Nadiia received a cash award of \$13580 as prize money. In final, they defeated Shauli Peng and Shuai Zhang of China 6-4, 6-4. Achievement: It is Sania's 42nd WTA doubles title and first since Brisbane International Trophy in 2007 with American partner Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

30) Who won the gold medal in the "Men's 65kg freestyle" category in the 1st UWW (United World Wrestling) Matteo Pellicone Rome Ranking Series 2020?

- 1) Sunil Kumar
- 2) Bajrang Punia
- 3) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- 4) Gurpreet Singh
- 5) Sajjan Bhanwal

Answer – **2) Bajrang Punia**

Explanation:

The Indian wrestling team has clinched 7 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, and a bronze) in the 1st UWW (United World Wrestling) Matteo Pellicone Rome Ranking Series 2020 held from January 15 – 18, 2020 in the Italian Capital, Rome. Bajrang Punia won the gold against USA's Jordan Michael Oliver in 65kg freestyle category by 4-3 scores. On the other hand, Wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya clinched the gold by defeating Kazakhstan's Nurbolat Abdualiyeu with 12-2 scores in 61 kg category final.

31) Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in the "women's 53kg category" in the 1st UWW (United World Wrestling) Matteo Pellicone Rome Ranking Series 2020. She belongs to which sport?

- 1) Chess
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Wrestling
- 5) Weightlifting

Answer – **4) Wrestling**

Explanation:

The Indian wrestling team has clinched 7 medals (4 gold, 2 silver, and a bronze) in the 1st UWW (United World Wrestling) Matteo Pellicone Rome Ranking Series 2020 held from January 15 – 18, 2020 in the Italian Capital, Rome. Vinesh Phogat, an Indian wrestler, who won Commonwealth (2014 Glasgow, 2018 Gold Coast) & 2018 Asian Games, has won the final of the Rome Ranking Series 2020. She defeated Ecuador's Luisa Elizabeth Valverde to win the gold medal in 53 Kg category by a scoreline of 4-0.

32) Which sports authority was de-recognised by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) for violating the Sports Code of 2011?

- 1) Athletic Federation of India (AFI)
- 2) Ball Badminton Federation of India (BBFI)
- 3) Basketball Federation of India (BFI)
- 4) Rowing Federation of India (RFI)
- 5) Boxing Federation of India (BFI)

Answer – **4) Rowing Federation of India (RFI)**

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) has de-recognised the Rowing Federation of India (RFI) because of violating the Sports Code of 2011 during the RFI election which was held on December 6, 2019 in Hyderabad in Telangana.

33) Name the Indian city, that hosts the 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) Guwahati, Assam

Answer – 5) Guwahati, Assam

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 was held at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam with the participation of over 10,000 students.

34) What is the mascot of 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 organized by Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports & conducted with the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), Indian Olympic Association (IOA), and Assam State government?

- 1) Vijay(the Tiger) and Anaisha (the Black buck)
- 2) Vijay(the Tiger) and Jaya(the Black buck)
- 3) Raunak(the Tiger) and Jaya(the Black buck)
- 4) Pranay (the Tiger) and Mahika (the Black buck)
- 5) Reyansh(the Tiger) and Keya (the Black buck)

Answer – 2) Vijay(the Tiger) and Jaya(the Black buck)

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 was held at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam with the participation of over 10,000 students. Vijay the Tiger and Jaya the Black buck were the mascots of the tournament.

35) Which state clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2020 champions trophy by winning 256 medals (78 gold, 77 silver and 101 bronze)?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Assam

Answer – 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 was held at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam with the participation of over 10,000 students. Vijay the Tiger and Jaya the Black buck were the mascots of the tournament. Maharashtra clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2020 champions trophy with a collection of 256 medals (78 gold, 77 silver and 101 bronze).

36) Which country will host the 11th edition of the Indoor Cricket World Cup in October 10 to 17, 2020?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) India
- 3) Australia
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) Indonesia

Answer – 3) Australia

Explanation:

11th Edition of the Indoor Cricket World Cup is to be hosted by Australia from October 10 to 17, 2020. The World Indoor Cricket Federation(WICF) announced the tournament will be held at indoor cricket venues in Melbourne, Australia in Casey Stadium and CityPower Centre. The 2017 Indoor Cricket

World Cup was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Australia team won the Indoor Cricket World Cup continuously in both men's and women's categories for the last 25 years without losing a single match.

37) Suspension of which country's archery association was removed by World Archery (WA) recently?

- 1) Iraq
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) India
- 5) Pakistan

Answer – **4) India**

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, World Archery (WA) removed suspension imposed on the Archery Association of India (AAI). Indian archers have now been allowed to compete in World Archery Events from 23 January 2020 onwards. The decision to remove suspension was taken by World Archer's executive Board postal vote.

38) Name the country that will host the Women's cricket World Cup 2021 in 6 cities?

- 1) New zealand
- 2) India
- 3) Australia
- 4) United States (US)
- 5) Indonesia

Answer – **1) New zealand**

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, According to the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup CEO Andrea Nelson, 6 cities namely Auckland, Wellington, Hamilton, Tauranga, Dunedin and Christchurch of New Zealand will host matches of the 2021 edition of the Women's cricket World Cup. The final of this tournament will be played at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch. A total of 31 matches will be played between the 8 teams in the ICC Women's World Cup 2021 from February 6 – March 7, 2021.

39) Name the Indian cricketer, who topped in the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s Men's Test Batting Ranking on January 24, 2020?

- 1) Cheteshwar Pujara
- 2) Ravichandran Ashwin
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) Ajinkya Rahane

Answer – **3) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 International Cricket Council (ICC) had released the ICC test ranking in which India is at the top with 120 ratings. Indian Cricket team Captain Virat Kohli remains top in the ICC Test player ranking for batsmen with 928 points.

40) Brazilian sportsperson, Joao Olavo Soares de Souza (31) has been banned for life due to match fixing and corruption, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Chess
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Football
- 5) Badminton

Answer – 3) Tennis

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020, According to the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU), which is responsible for investigating match fixing in tennis, Joao Olavo Soares de Souza (31), a former Brazilian professional tennis player has been banned for life due to match fixing and corruption. It also fined Souza with \$200,000. As per the investigation of TIU, Joao Souza did match fixing in tennis at the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Challenger and ITF (International Tennis Federation) Futures tournaments in Brazil, Mexico, the United States (US) and Czech Republic between 2015 and 2019.

41) Name the country, that will host the ICC Men's T20 (Twenty -20) World cup in 2021, which is a replacement of Champions Trophy One-Day International (ODI) tournament that held in England in 2017?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Russia
- 3) United States
- 4) India
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, According to the International Cricket Council (ICC), the ICC Men's T20 (Twenty -20) World cup in 2021 scheduled to be held in India in October – November 2021. The tournament will replace the Champions Trophy One-Day International (ODI) tournament which was held in England in 2017.

42) How many teams will participate in the ICC Men's T20 (Twenty -20) World cup 2021 qualifier?

- 1) 16 teams
- 2) 8 teams
- 3) 12 teams
- 4) 14 teams
- 5) 10 teams

Answer – 1) 16 teams

Explanation:

On January 23, 2020, According to the International Cricket Council (ICC), 4 of the 16 teams will qualify for the ICC Men's T20 (Twenty -20) World cup in 2021 scheduled to be held in India in October – November 2021. The tournament will replace the 8-team Champions Trophy One-Day International (ODI) tournament which was held in England in 2017.

43) Vineet Saxena of Rajasthan announced his retirement recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Chess
- 4) Cricket
- 5) Football

Answer – 4) Cricket

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Rajasthan domestic cricket stalwart Vineet Saxena who played and won Rajasthan's consecutive Ranji Trophy titles in 2010-11 and 2011-12 has formally announced his retirement. He is the most capped and highest run getter for Rajasthan in the Ranji trophy. Saxena scored 7,637 runs in 129 first-class matches, which also includes 17 hundreds and 38 fifties. In his 2 decade spanned cricket career, He achieved the Man of the match title winning 257 against Tamil

Nadu in finals of the 2011-12 Ranji Trophy edition. He is also the only cricketer from Rajasthan to play 100 or more Ranji matches in 2 decades.

44) Where was the 71st edition of International Boxing Tournament “Strandja”2020 held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Washington D.C., United States (U.S.)
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) Sofia, Bulgaria

Answer – **5) Sofia, Bulgaria**

Explanation:

The 71st edition of International Boxing Tournament “Strandja”2020 was held in Sofia, Bulgaria from January 19-26, 2020. India ranked 9th in the medal tally with 3 medals (1 Silver, 2 Bronze). The list was topped by Ukraine with 10 medals (4 Gold, 1 silver, 5 Bronze).

45) Mohammed Hussamuddin was seen in news recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Boxing
- 5) Wrestling

Answer – **4) Boxing**

Explanation:

Mohammed Hussamuddin, who was seen in news recently is associated with Boxing. He won silver medal in 57kg category.

46) Which country’s cricketer, Todd Duncan Astle announced first-class retirement recently?

- 1) India
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Australia

Answer – **2) New Zealand**

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 Todd Duncan Astle, 33 years old from New Zealand, Wellington, leg-spinner had announced his retirement from first-class cricket to focus on the limited-over cricket (one day cricket). Astle scored more than 4000 runs in his 119 first-class matches. Known as ‘Canterbury stalwart’, Astle made his Test Debut in 2012, played five tests for nations team in which he claimed 7 wickets at 52.57 and scored 98 runs at 19.60 overs.

47) Barca Academy Cup – Asia Pacific 2020 will be held in which country?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 3) Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
- 4) Manchester, England
- 5) Gurgaon, Haryana, India

Answer – **5) Gurgaon, Haryana, India**

Explanation:

For the 2nd time, India to host Barca Academy Cup – Asia Pacific 2020, hosted by Barca Academy, scheduled to be held in Gurgaon, Haryana from January 30 -February 2, 2020, which will see the participation of more than 650 football players from 7 countries (India, Australia, Turkey, China,

Singapore, Japan and Spain). A total of 48 teams will play in 4 categories namely under 9(U-9), U-11, U-13 and U-15.

48) Saurav Ghosal is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Squash
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Tennis
- 5) Cricket

Answer – **2) Squash**

Explanation:

Indian squash player Saurav Ghosal missed out on winning his first title in the Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Tour event 2019-20. He suffered a 7-11, 4-11, 9-11 defeat to Fares Dessouky of Egypt in the finals of the Men's Pittsburgh Open 2020 held in Rivers Club, Pittsburgh, United States (US). Earlier, he defeated Egypt's Omar Mosaad Abouzid with 11-6, 16-18, 11-7, 12-10 scores in the semi-finals. Saurav became the 1st Indian squash player to reach the quarterfinals of the World Championship held in 2013. In 2014, he won the silver medal (individual singles) in the 17th Asian Games at Incheon, South Korea. He was the first Indian squash player to do so.

49) Who became the highest run-scorer in the T20I during India vs Sri Lanka T20I series?

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) KL Rahul
- 3) Virat Kohi
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) MS Dhoni

Answer – **3) Virat Kohi**

Explanation:

The Indian Men's cricket team played T20I (twenty twenty International) bilateral series against Srilanka during the 2020 Sri Lanka tour of India. India defeated Sri Lanka in final T20I to win three match T20I series for 2-0. Indian cricketer Virat Kohi surpassed India's Rohit Sharma to become the highest run-scorer in the T20I. Virat now has 2,663 runs in the shortest format of the game.

50) Name the Indian bowler, who became the highest wicket-taker in the T20I?

- 1) Yuzvendra Chahal
- 2) Mohammed Shami
- 3) Rishabh Pant
- 4) Jasprit Bumrah
- 5) Ravindra Jadeja

Answer – **4) Jasprit Bumrah**

Explanation:

India's Jasprit Bumrah became the highest wicket-taker in the T20 match against Srilanka. He has now 53 T20 wickets under his name from 45 T20I matches overall. He achieved this feat after he dismissed Srilanka's opener Danushka Gunathilaka. Indian spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and Ravichandran Ashwin were joint second highest wicket-takers by making 52 wickets from 37 matches and 52 wickets from 46 matches respectively.

51) Who is the 1st Indian women footballer recently signed up for Scottish Giants 'Ranger FC (Football club)' (January 2020)?

- 1) LoitongbamAshalata Devi
- 2) NgangomBala Devi
- 3) Oinembembem Devi
- 4) NganbamSweetyDevi

5) Ritu Rani

Answer - 2) NgangomBala Devi

Explanation:

NgangomBala Devi, 29 years old from Manipur, has become the first Indian woman footballer to get a professional contract from Scottish giants 'Rangers FC' (Football Club) for 18-months and to play for jersey No.10 after a successful trial in November, 2019. Bala Devi is the Ranger's first-ever Asian international footballer.

52) Christine Margaret Sinclair becomes all-time top scorer with 185 goals in international soccer surpassed the record of American AbbyWambach (184 goals) in January 2020. She Belongs to which Nation?

1) United States of America

2) Scotland

3) Brazil

4) Canada

5) Argentina

Answer - 4) Canada

Explanation:

Christine Margaret Sinclair, 36 years old, Canadian soccer player, became the all-time top scorer with 185 goals in international soccer. Sinclair surpassed the record of American AbbyWambach (original name Mary Abigail Wambach) who scored 184 goals. Sinclair scored her 185th goal against St. Kitts & Nevis national football team.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1) Who is the author of the book titled 'The Cuckoo's Nest'?

1) Subhash Chandran

2) M. T. Vasudevan Nair

3) A Sethumadhavan

4) M. Mukundan

5) None of these

Answer - 3) A Sethumadhavan

Explanation:

Malayali novelist A Sethumadhavan's 'The Cuckoo's Nest' is his first novel in English and was published by Niyogi Books. In this book, the author attempts to fight against the division in society through the character of the eternal optimist, Madam Agatha, a former nun and also other Indian girl-child raised in an orthodox community. The story progresses to show how these 'birds' take flight and become self-reliant.

2) Amit Shah releases a book 'Karmayoddha Granth', it describes the life history of which political leader?

1) Rajiv Gandhi

2) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

3) Manmohan Singh

4) Narendra Modi

5) None of these

Answer - 4) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, at New Delhi Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The book states that the politics of appeasement, casteism, and dynasty, the three curses of Indian Politics, were removed by the PM Modi after

2014. Considered as the epitome of selfless service to the nation, Modi laid the foundation of New India based on 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', from Gujarat and brought the concept of good governance. India has become a global power by taking strong decisions including removal of Article 370, 35A in Jammu and Kashmir, bringing Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), criminalizing triple talaq, conducting surgical strikes and Balakot airstrikes which nobody dared in last 70 years.

3) Whose selected writing was compiled as a book titled "New India: Selected Writings 2014-19" that describes about the policies and decisions made by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi government during his first period (2014-19)?

- 1) Arun Jaitley
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Arun Jaitley**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Juggernaut Books publishing house New Delhi, India has announced a new book of compilation of selected writings by former finance minister Arun Jaitley, offers readers with the late's politicians sharp insight on topics including GST (Goods and Services Tax), demonetisation and Kashmir. The book, "New India: Selected Writings 2014-19" is an authoritative account of the policies and decisions made by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi government during his first period (2014-19). It will hit the stands in February.

4) Who were the authors of the book titled 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn' that was launched by Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, that describes about a comprehensive view of how President Xi Jinping's, China will implicate the world order in the 21st century?

- 1) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni & Akhil Deo
- 2) Samir Saran & Vikram Seth
- 3) Madhuri Vijay & Vikram Seth
- 4) Samir Saran & Akhil Deo
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Samir Saran & Akhil Deo**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020 Union External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar launched a book on China titled 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn' authored by Samir Saran and Akhil Deo and published by Rupa Publications India. PAX SINICA presents a comprehensive view of how President Xi Jinping's, China will implicate the world order in the 21st century.

5) Which country has translated, Swami Vivekananda's book titled 'Karma Yoga' in its language during Vishwa Hindi Diwas on January 10, 2020?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Nepal**

Explanation:

In order to mark the event of Vishwa Hindi Diwas on January 10, 2020, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal has launched 4 books including Nepali translation of Swami Vivekananda's 'Karma Yoga' (Publisher - Advaita Ashrama). The other 3 books launched by Indian embassy include (i) the Nepali translated book consisting of 5 popular stories penned by Indian writer Premchand (ii) Hindi translations of 'Ashwathama' penned by Nepalese poet Madhav Prasad Ghimire (Publisher - Royal

Nepal Academy) and (iii) 'Utkrishta Kahaniyan', a book published by Unicorn Books comprising 25 new age Nepali stories written by young Nepali story writers.

6) Name the book, that was released to mark the birth centenary anniversary of Indian Jurist and Economist Nanaboy "Nani" Ardeshir Palkhivala, edited by Arvind P Datar?

- 1) 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth-Nani A Palkhivala'
- 2) 'Living with the Himalayan Masters-Nani A Palkhivala'
- 3) 'The Man Who Made The Elephant Dance-Nani A Palkhivala'
- 4) 'Essays & Reminiscences: A Festschrift in Honour of Nani A Palkhivala'
- 5) 'Once Upon a Life: Burnt Curry and Bloody Rags: A Memoir- Nani A Palkhivala'

Answer – **4) 'Essays & Reminiscences: A Festschrift in Honour of Nani A Palkhivala'**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 the book 'Essays & Reminiscences: A Festschrift in Honour of Nani A Palkhivala' was released to mark the birth centenary anniversary of Indian Jurist and Economist Nanaboy "Nani" Ardeshir Palkhivala. The book is published by LexisNexis publications. The book was commissioned by the Nani A Palkhivala Memorial Trust and edited by the senior advocate Arvind Datar. The book primarily divided into two parts essays written in honour of Palkhivala on a variety of subjects and reminiscences of those who knew and interacted with the late jurist.

7) Who authored the book titled 'The Winning Sixer: Leadership Lessons To Master' released by Anil Radhakrishna Kumble?

- 1) Raman Lamba
- 2) Ramesh Powar
- 3) Woorkeri Venkat Raman (WV Raman)
- 4) Laxman Sivaramakrishnan
- 5) Rahul Johri

Answer – **3) Woorkeri Venkat Raman (WV Raman)**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Woorkeri Venkat Raman (WV Raman), former Indian cricket team opener has authored a book 'The Winning Sixer: Leadership Lessons To Master', which was released formally by Anil Radhakrishna Kumble during an event in Bengaluru, Karnataka. WV Raman is the current head coach of the national women's cricket team. The book was published by Rupa Publications, India.

8) Who is the author of the book titled "The Gateway: A Social Commentary on Safety of Senior Citizens" that released by Justice Konakuppakatil Gopinathan Balakrishnan?

- 1) Hariharan Balagopal
- 2) Amrita Pritam
- 3) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 4) Khushwant Singh
- 5) R. K. Narayan

Answer – **1) Hariharan Balagopal**

Explanation:

Hariharan Balagopal authored book "The Gateway: A Social Commentary on Safety of Senior Citizens" was released by Justice Konakuppakatil Gopinathan Balakrishnan, former Chief Justice of India (CJI), at the 14th Security Leadership Summit held in New Delhi. The book was published by Ailum publications. It stresses about the lack of safety faced by senior citizens.

9) Name the author of the book "Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity", released by Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh?

- 1) Ruskin Bond
- 2) Ashwani Kumar
- 3) Vikram Seth

- 4) Arundhati Roy
5) Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
Answer – **2) Ashwani Kumar**

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020, Former Union Minister of Law and Justice, Ashwani Kumar authored the book title “Human Dignity – A purpose in perpetuity”, which was released by Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a book launch event at the India International Centre in New Delhi. The book was published by US(United States) based publisher LexisNexis.

10) Who is the author of the book titled “The Story of Yoga: From India to the Contemporary World”?

- 1) Alasdair Gray
2) Alistair Shearer
3) Ian Rankin
4) Alexander McCall Smith
5) A. L. Kennedy

Answer – **2) Alistair Shearer**

Explanation:

Book titled “first definitive history” of Yoga, “The Story of Yoga: From India to the Contemporary World” has been written by Scottish cultural historian Alistair Shearer, will be released by the end of January, 2020 and published by Penguin Random House. About the Book: The book discusses about the practice of yoga since ancient time in India till now. The book is divided into 2 parts, “Today” and “Yesterday”, with 9 chapters, including “The Age of invasions”, “Female fitness” and “Yoga Goes West”.

11) Name the editor of the “Bloomsbury Anthology of Great Indian Poems”, that was launched in the 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF)?

- 1) Sendhil Mullainathan
2) Amartya Sen
3) Abhay K
4) Abhijit Banerjee
5) Abiy Ahmed

Answer – **3) Abhay K**

Explanation:

The Bloomsbury Anthology of Great Indian Poems edited by poet-diplomat Abhay K was also launched during the 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF). It includes 200 poems. The 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) began at Diggi Palace Hotel in Jaipur, Rajasthan on January 23, 2020, and will be conducted till January 27, 2020. The 5-day long festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot. Author Ashwin Sanghi launched his book ‘The Vault of Vishnu’ through Sonali Bendre Behl at the fest.

12) Who is the author of the book titled “Balwa”, that describes the happenings in India in the 1990s?

- 1) Dharmendra Pradhan
2) Pralhad Joshi
3) Prakash Javadekar
4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
5) Syed Shahnawaz Hussain

Answer – **4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**

Explanation:

The Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi will soon release his Hindi novel Balwa, a fiction story based on the happenings in India in the 1990s. It will be published by Diamond Pocket Books. The book revolve the concepts of society misleading by religious, political and administrative

machinery. Also, Naqvi has written a Hindi novel 'Raj Lila', which based on the story of tribal woman's struggles & Cyber Supari will also be released soon.

13) How many Indian English words were included in the 10th edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary?

- 1) 29
- 2) 35
- 3) 30
- 4) 26
- 5) 20

Answer – **4) 26**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 the 10th edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary was launched. In this latest edition 26 new Indian languages words were added.

Difficulty Type - Hard

14) Which of the following word was not one among the 26 Indian English words that was included in the 10th edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary?

- 1) Shaadi
- 2) Chawl
- 3) Aadhaar
- 4) Hartal
- 5) Coolie

Answer – **5) Coolie**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 the 10th edition of the Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary was launched. In this latest edition 26 new Indian languages words namely Aadhaar, Chawl, dabba, hartal, shaadi were included. Several incorporate words like chatbot, fake news, microplastic & over 1000 new words were included. Out of the 26 Indian language words, 22 are figured in printed dictionary while the remaining 4 words (looter, current, looting and upazila) are in the digital version.

15) Pranab Mukherjee released the book titled "Relentless". It is an autobiography of which politician?

- 1) Shatrughan Sinha
- 2) Prashant Bhushan
- 3) Yashwant Sinha
- 4) Arun Shourie
- 5) Jaswant Singh

Answer – **3) Yashwant Sinha**

Explanation:

Former president of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee released the autobiography of former Finance Minister Shri Yashwant Sinha titled "Relentless" at the India International Centre in New Delhi. The book describes Sinha's journey from a normal life to a high political powered life. The book is published by Bloomsbury Publishing India Pvt Ltd.

16) Who is the author of the book titled 'Why We Are Saying No CAA, NO NRC, No NPR' that was released during the 44th edition of International Kolkata Book Fair 2020 (IKBF)?

- 1) Ashok Gehlot
- 2) Pinarayi Vijayan
- 3) Rajinder Kaur Bhattal
- 4) Amarinder Singh
- 5) Mamata Banerjee

Answer – 5) Mamata Banerjee

Explanation:

The Chief Minister(CM) of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee has launched her book 'Why We Are Saying No CAA, NO NRC, No NPR' at 44th International Kolkata Book Fair. Banerjee also raised her state's concern against the Centre's Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), National Register of Citizens (NRC) and National Population Register (NPR).

17) Who has written the book 'Calcutta nights' which is the translation of 'Raater Kolkata' penned by Hemendra Kumar Roy?

- 1) U. R. Anandamurthy
- 2) Sachin Kundalkar
- 3) Vivek Shanbhag
- 4) Rajat Chaudhuri
- 5) Sunil Gangopadhyay

Answer - 4) Rajat Chaudhuri

Explanation:

Rajat Chaudhuri, translated the book "Calcutta nights" (originally 'Raater Kolkata') into English and was published by Niyogi Books. The book was first written in Bengali by Hemendra Kumar Roy, famous bengali writer and was published in 1923.

OBITUARY

1) Former Rajya Sabha member Alajangi Viswanath Swamy passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Odisha

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 Social activist and former Rajya Sabha member, Alajangi Viswanath Swamy popularly known as AV Swamy passed away in Nuapada district, Odisha. He was born on July 18, 1929 in Nawarangpur, Odisha and graduated in B.tech Chemical Engineering. On April 4, 2012 he was elected as the member of Rajya Sabha as an independent candidate and remained in office till April 3, 2018. He was a member of 'Vanar Sena' during India's freedom struggle and a follower of Vinobe Bhave. He was also one of the most important social reformers of Odisha.

2) Former MP of Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra, Devi Prasad Tripathi passed away recently. He belonged to which political party?

- 1) National People's Party (NPP)
- 2) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- 3) Communist Party of India (CPI)
- 4) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020 Senior Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and former MP Devi Prasad Tripathi passed away after battling with cancer. He was the former MP of Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra. He was born on November 29, 1952 in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He was educated in Allahabad University and also was the president of Jawaharlal Nehru University student union and

started his political career in 1999. He was one of the founders of NCP along with Sharad Pawar and P.A. Sangma. He played an important role in the establishment of democracy in Nepal.

3) Name the former commissioner of the NBA (National Basketball Association), who passed away recently?

- 1) Jerome Williams
- 2) Grant Hill
- 3) Dwight Davis
- 4) David Joel Stern
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) David Joel Stern**

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020 David Joel Stern born in New York, United States is a former commissioner of the NBA (National Basketball Association) passed away due to brain haemorrhage. He took the NBA's growth into a global sports powerhouse. He served as commissioner of the NBA for 30 (1984-2014) years. David Stern retired on February 2014.

4) Bhim Chandra Jana passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Director
- 2) Actor
- 3) Freedom fighter
- 4) Politician
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Freedom fighter**

Explanation:

On January 4 2020, Centenarian Freedom fighter Bhim Chandra Jana has died of old-age related ailments in West Bengal's Howrah District at the age of 107. Bhim Chandra Jana was also known as 'Nanu' to other freedom fighters of Bengal. Jana was awarded by Government of India after Independence.

5) Paul Hector (PH) Pandian has passed away recently, he was the former Assembly Speaker of which state?

- 1) Tamil Nadu (TN)
- 2) West Bengal (WB)
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tamil Nadu (TN)**

Explanation:

On January 04, 2020, Paul Hector (PH) Pandian, an Indian politician of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) party & former Speaker of Tamil Nadu (TN) Assembly passed away at a private hospital in Chennai, Tamil Nadu after prolonged illness. He was 74. Born on 29 March 1945 in Cheranmahadevi town in Tirunelveli district of TN, Pandian joined AIADMK in 1972. He was the Speaker of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from February 27, 1985 – February 5, 1989.

6) Padma Vibhushan awardee, Triloki Nath Chaturvedi passed away recently. He served as the governor of which Indian state in the year 2002-2007?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020 former Karnataka Governor Triloki Nath Chaturvedi passed away in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. He was 90. He served as the Governor of Karnataka from 2002-2007. He was born on January 18, 1929 in Tirwaganj town of Uttar Pradesh, he was an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer and held the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India from 1984 to 1989. He was awarded Padma Vibhushan in 1991. In 2004 he also served as the Governor of Kerala.

7) Name the former Member of Parliament (MP) of India's 1st Lok Sabha, who passed away recently in Bihar?

- 1) Suresh Kumar Shetkar
- 2) Ponnamm Prabhakar
- 3) Ramesh Rathod
- 4) Kamal Bahadur Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kamal Bahadur Singh

Explanation:

On January 05, 2020, Former Member of Parliament (MP) of the country's 1st Lok Sabha – constituted in 1952 and last maharaja of erstwhile Dumraon Raj (zamindari estate) Kamal Bahadur Singh passed away at the age of 94 in Buxar district of Bihar due to old age ailments. Kamal Bahadur Singh was the only surviving MP of the first Lok Sabha of India. After the independence movement Kamal Singh contributed mainly to the education and social development sectors in Shahabad city of Uttar Pradesh.

8) Prem Nath Hoon passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Producer
- 2) Director
- 3) Politician
- 4) Military Personnel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Military Personnel

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, Former Western Army Commander Lieutenant General Prem Nath Hoon, 90 years old, passed away in Chandigarh. He was born at Abbottabad in Pakistan and commissioned into the army in 1947. He is one of the most senior military veterans in the country. He led the 'Operation Meghdoot' the code-name for the Indian Armed forces to capture the Siachen Glacier in the Kashmir region. He also served during 1965 in the India-Pakistan war. He also served as director-general military operations and retired in 1987 as Army Commander, Chandimundir.

9) Footballer Hans Tilkowski, passed away recently, he belonged to which country?

- 1) United States
- 2) Germany
- 3) Russia
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Germany

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020, Former West Germany football Goalkeeper Hans Tilkowski, passed away at the age of 84 due to old age ailments. He played in the 1996 world cup against England. He was born in Dortmund-Husen, Germany. He was renowned for a controversial Geoff Hurst 'ghost-goal' at the 1966 World Cup final which hit the crossbar and was adjudged to have crossed the line during extra-time leading to England win the trophy for 4-2. Tilkowski also had won the German Cup in 1965 and Cup Winners' Cup in 1966 with Dortmund football club. Dortmund became the first German club to win a

major European competition in the UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Cup Winners' Cup in May 1966.

10) Padma Bhushan Awardee, Akbar Padamsee passed away recently, he was a legendary _____?

- 1) Actor & Singer
- 2) Actor & Director
- 3) Painter & Artist
- 4) Producer & Director
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Painter & Artist**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020 the celebrated painter and artist Akbar Padamsee, 91 years old, died at the Isha Yoga Ashram near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Art Icon Padamsee was born on 12 April 1928 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Veteran artist Akbar Padamsee was also a photographer, sculptor, painter, engraver, film-maker and lithographer. His very first solo show was held at the Jehangir Art gallery, Mumbai in 1954. He was awarded "Padma Bhushan" by the Indian Government in 2010.

11) Name the Padma Shri Awardee, Odisha Dancer, who passed away recently?

- 1) Ratikant Mohapatra
- 2) Kumkum Mohanty
- 3) Minati Mishra
- 4) Pankaj Charan Das
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Minati Mishra**

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, Veteran Odissi Danseuse Padma Shri Minati Mishra passed away in Zurich, Switzerland after suffering from age-related issues. She was born in 1929 in Cuttack, Odisha and known for expertise in the Indian Classical dance form of Odissi. According to the 2011 report, she was the oldest living Odissi performer and in 2012 she was honored with the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award by the Government of India. She was also the principal of the Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Bhubaneswar, Odisha for 1964 to 1989. She was an A-Grade artist at All India Radio (AIR) and a recipient of the Sangeet Prabhakar title for Hindustani vocal music.

12) R.P. Ulaganambi, who served as an Member of Parliament (MP) in the 5th Lok Sabha from 1971-76 passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020, Former Vellore, Tamil Nadu Lok Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) R.P. Ulaganambi, 82 years old, passed away due to age-related illness. He was elected from Vellore for the DMK (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam) party and served as an MP in the 5th Lok Sabha from 1971-76.

13) Sangeet-Natak Akademi awardee, Idu Sharif passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Bhatiali singer
- 2) Dhadi singer
- 3) Kajari singer

- 4) Mand singer
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dhadi singer**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 Dhadi folk singer Idu Sharif 80 years old died at Manji Majra, Chandigarh as he was suffering from paralysis. Idu Sharif was born in the village Lalodi of Nabha in Patiala, Punjab. Idu Sharif received an award from Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi and Tamra Patra award in 2006 by Former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He also received Punjab Sangeet Natak Akademi award, Professor Mohan Singh award, Shiromani Dhadi Puraskar award in 2008. Dhadi folk singer Idu Sharif sings ballads and uses folk instrument 'Dhadd'.

14) Name the deceased screenwriter, who was nominated for Oscar for directing the film 'Heaven Can Wait' along with Warren Beatty?

- 1) Charlie Kaufman
- 2) Woody Allen
- 3) Quentin Tarantino
- 4) Henry Zuckerman
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Henry Zuckerman**

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020 Oscar nominated screenwriter Henry Zuckerman passed away at Cedars-Sinai Health Center in Los Angeles due to heart attack. He was known as Buck Hendry. He was 89. He was the screenwriter for 'The Graduate' which scored seven Oscar nominations. In 1968 he won an Emmy award for writing 'Get Smart' along with co-creator Mel Brooks. In 1978 he directed the film 'Heaven Can Wait' with Warren Beatty which was also nominated for an Oscar.

15) Gajapati dynasty head former MP Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Odisha**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Odisha's Gajapati dynasty head and the former MP Gopinath Gajapati Narayan Deo passed away due to prolonged illness in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He was 76. He was born on March 6, 1943 in Paralakhemundi town of Gajapati district in Odisha. He was member of Indian National Congress (INC) representing the Berhampur parliamentary constituency. He later joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in 1998 and moved to Biju Janata DAL (BJD) in 2009.

16) Name the deceased leader of Oman, who was the longest serving leader in the Middle East and Arab world?

- 1) Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- 2) Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah
- 3) Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said
- 4) Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said, the Omani leader who was ruling the country from 1970 has passed away after suffering from colon cancer. He was 79. He was succeeded by the

Culture Minister Haritham bin Tariq Al Said. He was born on November 18, 1940 in Salalah, Oman. He was the fourteenth-generation descendant founder of the House of Al Said and the longest serving leader in the Middle East and Arab world. He received Nishan-e-Pakistan in 2001, Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 2004 and Royal Victorian Chain in 2010.

17) Name the deceased Kannada scholar and researcher, who launched a campaign to save the monuments of Hampi?

- 1) S. Srikanta Sastri
- 2) T. N. Srikantaiah
- 3) B. M. Srikantaiah
- 4) Chidananda Murthy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Chidananda Murthy

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 Renowned Kannada scholar and researcher M Chidananda Murthy, 88 years old, passed away on Bengaluru, Karnataka due to age-related illness. He was popularly known as "ChiMu". Chidananda Murthy known for his specialization in the history of Kannada language had contributed significantly in securing the Classical language status from the Union Government in 2008. He was also a vocal Kannada activist, leading Kannada Shakti Kendra in 1970s and 1980s. He also launched a campaign to save the monuments of Hampi and also one of the key articulators of the argument against Tipu Sultan. He was born in 1931 in Channagiri taluk of Davangere district, Karnataka.

18) Obaid Siddiqui passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Broadcaster
- 2) Poet
- 3) Academician
- 4) All the above
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) All the above

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Veteran Broadcaster, poet and academician Obaid Siddiqui, 63 years old passed away in Ghaziabad hospital, Uttar Pradesh due to health related problems. Siddiqui also worked with NDTV (New Delhi Television) and also known as an Urdu poet. Obaid Siddiqui was born in Meerut in 1957. Siddiqui received higher education at Aligarh Muslim University and joined the All India Radio at Srinagar station in 1988.

19) Name the Canadian drummer and lyricist of rock band Rush, who passed away recently?

- 1) John Rutsey
- 2) Neil Peart
- 3) Geddy Lee
- 4) Alex Lifeson
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Neil Peart

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 Canadian drummer and lyricist of rock band Rush, Neil Peart passed away at the age of 67 due to brain cancer (glioblastoma) in California, United States (US). The rock band Rush was founded in 1968 and Peart joined Rush in 1974 and retired from the band in 2015. He entered the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (Hall of Fame museum located in Ohio, US) in 2013. The band has sold 25 million albums in the US. Neil also wrote several books about his life, including the memoir 'Traveling Music: Playing Back the Soundtrack to My Life and Times'.

20) Name the deceased Kerala Cartoonist and Secretary of Kerala Cartoon Academy, who won United Nations Political Cartoon Award?

- 1) Pran Kumar Sharma
- 2) B. V. Ramamurthy
- 3) Thomas Antony
- 4) Shankar Pamarthy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Thomas Antony**

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 Kerala Cartoonist and Secretary of Kerala Cartoon Academy Thomas Antony passed away at Kottackal town in Malappuram district, Kerala after suffering from heart attack. He was 62. He worked as a cartoonist in Deepika daily and served as the executive artist with Malayalam daily 'Metro Vaartha'. In 2007 he won United Nations Political Cartoon Award and the World Press Cartoon Award, instituted by an organization based in Lisbon, Portugal, in 2018.

21) Motorcycle rider Paulo Goncalves passed away recently, he belonged to which country?

- 1) France
- 2) Portugal
- 3) Spain
- 4) Italy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Portugal**

Explanation:

On January 12, 2020 Portuguese motorcycle rider Paulo Goncalves passed away after a crash in the seventh stage of the 42th edition of Dakar Rally 2020 which was held for the first time in Saudi Arabia. He was 40. He was born on February 5, 1979 in Esposende city of Portugal. He was the member of team Hero motorsports and died during his 13th Dakar Rally. He won the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) cross-Country Rallies World Championship in 2013.

22) Name the deceased filmmaker and director, who won 8 national awards for 'Best Feature Odia film' & also considered as the 'Father of New Wave Odia Cinema'?

- 1) Manmohan Mohapatra
- 2) Bijaya Jena
- 3) Susant Mishra
- 4) Hara Patnaik
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Manmohan Mohapatra**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Manmohan Mohapatra, Odisha's legendary filmmaker and director, passed away at the age of 69 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Mohapatra is considered as the 'Father of New Wave Odia Cinema' and consecutively won eight national awards for 'Best Feature Odia film'. The seven other National-Award winning films are 'Neeraba Jhada', 'Klanta Aparahna', 'Majhi Pahacha', 'Nishidhdha Swapna', 'Kichhi Smruti Kichhi Ambhuti', 'Andha Diganta', 'Vinya Samaya'.

23) Philosopher and most prominent conservative thinker Roger Vernon Scruton passed away, he belonged to which country?

- 1) Germany
- 2) France
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) United Kingdom**

Explanation:

On January 13, 2020 Philosopher and Britain's most prominent conservative thinker Roger Vernon Scruton passed away after battling with cancer. He was 75. He was graduated from Cambridge University and worked as a lecturer at the University of London's Birkbeck College. He wrote more than 50 books on morality, politics, culture and aesthetics and made regular television appearances.

24) Rocky Johnson passed away recently, he was associated with which sport?

- 1) Chess
- 2) Football
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Cricket
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Wrestling**

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) legend Rocky Johnson, passed away at 75 in Lutz, Florida, United States. He is the father of Hollywood actor Dwayne Johnson. Rocky Johnson birth name (Wayde Douglas Bowles) was born on 24 August 1944 in Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada. Rocky Johnson's sports career began in the mid 1960's and he joined the World Wrestling Federation in the 1980s.

25) Name the deceased chess administrator, who served as the former vice-president of world chess governing body FIDE (International Chess Federation) from 1996 to 2006?

- 1) P.R. Venketrama Raja
- 2) Kishor M Bandekar
- 3) Bharat Singh Chauhan
- 4) P.T. Ummer Koya
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) P.T. Ummer Koya**

Explanation:

On 14 January 2020, P.T. Ummer Koya, the former vice-president of world chess governing body FIDE (International Chess Federation) from 1996 to 2006, has passed away at his residence at Panniyankara in Kozhikode, Kerala after a protracted illness. He was 69. Born on July 1, 1951 in Calicut, Kerala, Koya served as Joint Secretary and General Secretary of the All India Chess Federation from 1985-89 and 1989-2005 respectively for a total of 20 years. He has played a key role in establishing the Indian chess world by bringing major international tournaments including the World championship to India.

26) Rameshchandra Gangaram Bapu Nadkarni, passed away recently. He was a legendary _____?

- 1) Cricketer
- 2) Actor
- 3) Politician
- 4) Producer
- 5) Director

Answer – **1) Cricketer**

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Former Indian all-rounder Rameshchandra Gangaram Bapu Nadkarni, 86 years old, a left-handed batsman and slow-left arm orthodox bowler passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was best known for bowling a record of 21 consecutive maiden overs in a test match against England.

27) Senior Journalist & former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) Ashwini Kumar Chopra passed away recently, he was elected as MP from which constituency?

- 1) Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Dibrugar, Assam
- 3) Jhanjharpur, Bihar
- 4) Karnal, Haryana
- 5) Solapur, Maharashtra

Answer – 4) Karnal, Haryana

Explanation:

On 18th January 2019, Senior Journalist and former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Member of Parliament (MP) Ashwini Kumar Chopra passed away at a private hospital in Gurgaon after battling with terminal cancer. Born on 11th June 1956 in Jalandhar, he was a senior Journalist and Editor of Punjab Kesari (Hindi daily), later he was elected as a Member of Parliament from Karnal, Haryana, in 2014 and served for the period of 2014-2019. Before entering into Journalism, he played in the Ranji Trophy under the name Ashwini Minna for Punjab and played 25 first-class matches between 1975-76 and 1979-80.

28) Name the deceased Odia Hindustani vocalist & Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, who was famously known as 'Guruma'?

- 1) Bhubaneswari Mishra
- 2) Omkarnath Thakur
- 3) Raghunath Panigrahi
- 4) D. V. Paluskar
- 5) Sunanda Patnaik

Answer – 5) Sunanda Patnaik

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 Indian Classical Singer Sunanda Patnaik, 85 years old passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal due to age related complications. She was famously known as 'Guruma' in the classical music circle. She is the daughter of renowned Odia poet Baikunthanath Patnaik and had composed many bhajans (devotional songs) both in Odia and Hindi. Sunanda was a trained classical singer of Gwalior gharana (Hindustani classical music). She was popularly known for her devotional odia song 'Jeevana Patra Mo Bhariccha Kete Mote' which was penned by her father. Sunanda was honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 1970 and 1971 and also the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2012 for her contribution towards Hindustani classical music.

29) Politician Shamsher Singh Surjewala (Congress), passed away recently. He was elected from which constituency?

- 1) Narwana, Haryana
- 2) Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Surendranagar, Gujarat
- 4) Kangra, Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Kalahandi, Odisha

Answer – 1) Narwana, Haryana

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the former Haryana Congress Chief Shamsher Singh Surjewala passed away after in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) hospital, New Delhi after suffering from a brief illness. He was 87. Shamsher Singh won from the Narwana Assembly constituency of Haryana in 1967, 1977, 1982 and 1991 and was also elected to the Rajya Sabha once. He is the father of Congress national media in-charge and national spokesperson Randeep Singh Surjewala.

30) Man Mohan Sood passed away recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Weight Lifting
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Badminton
- 5) Football

Answer – 3) Cricket

Explanation:

On January 19, 2020 Former test Cricketer and National selector Man Mohan Sood, 80 years old, passed away in New Delhi. Sood played 1 Test and 39 first-class matches with 1 century. Born in Lahore, Punjab on 6 July 1939, he played his lone test match against Richie Benaud, Australia at Madras in 1960.

31) Princess Saleha Sultan also known as Dimpu passed away recently, she belonged to which state?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Kerala

Answer – 1) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 Princess Saleha Sultan also known as Dimpu, the “titular queen of Bhopal” passed away in Hyderabad due to brain haemorrhage at the age of 80. She was born on 14 January 1940 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Saleha Sultan was best known for her calm, caring and royal in her mannerisms. Saleha Sultan accomplished her research at St. George’s International School, Switzerland. She is the eldest child of Nawab Iteqar Ali Khan Pataudi and Begum Sajida Sultan of the princely state of Bhopal and titled ‘Begum of Bhopal’.

32) Terence Graham Parry Jones, passed away recently, he belonged to which comedy group?

- 1) The Three Stooges
- 2) Abbott and Costello
- 3) Amos and Andy
- 4) The Smothers Brothers
- 5) Monty Python

Answer – 5) Monty Python

Explanation:

On January 22, 2020 Terence Graham Parry Jones, a member of the Monty Python (Comedy group) passed at the age of 77 in London, England due to dementia. He was a very famous actor and writer who played a variety of characters in the iconic comedy group’s flying circus TV series, and had also directed several of their films. An asteroid, 9622 Terryjones, is named in his honour.

33) Which state’s former minister, Jagannath Rout passed away recently?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) West Bengal (WB)
- 3) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 4) Assam
- 5) Odisha

Answer – 5) Odisha

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 Senior Congress leader and former Minister of Odisha, Jagannath Rout has passed away at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar, Odisha due to cardiac arrest. He was 78. He has

won the Dhamnagar constituency election in Bhadrak district, Odisha in 1980, 1985, 1995. He also served as the Odisha's Minister of Industry from 1989-1990, as the Minister of Health and family welfare from 1995-1998 and as Minister of Urban Development from 1998-1999.

34) Padma Shri awardee, Melhupra Vero passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Writer
- 2) Politician
- 3) Actor
- 4) Director
- 5) Producer

Answer – 2) Politician

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 Melhupra Vero, Former Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) passed away in Dimapur, Nagaland at the age of 88. He was the 1st person from Nagaland to become a member of the Rajya Sabha (Upper House). Vero was a member of the Upper House of Parliament for 2 years from 1964 to 1974. The Government of India awarded him the 4th highest civilian honour of Padma Shri, in 2006, for his contributions to society. On October 1, 2015, the Government of Nagaland honoured him during the International Day of Older Persons celebrations.

35) Name the deceased eminent artist & sculptor, who won the Senior Fellowship in Visual Art Photography by the Union Ministry of Culture during 2008-09?

- 1) Sher Singh Kukkal
- 2) Bharti Kher
- 3) Subodh Gupta
- 4) Anish Kapoor
- 5) Satish Gujral

Answer – 1) Sher Singh Kukkal

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020, Sher Singh Kukkal, an eminent artist & sculptor, has passed away in New Delhi after a brief illness. He was 86. Kukkal, a former art teacher at Sainik School Satara in Maharashtra, has received several awards. Kukkal, a man of with a rich experience in fine arts, was a resident of Buffa district, now in Pakistan. He worked as an independent artist, painting, making sculptures and also photography. He received a gold medal in painting from Queens College, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP) & Rajiv Gandhi Foundation award for his photography and painting. He was also honored with Senior Fellowship in Visual Art Photography by the Union Ministry of Culture during 2008-09.

36) Which country's basketball legend, Kobe Bean Bryant passed away recently?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) United Kingdom (UK)
- 5) United States of America (USA)

Answer – 5) United States of America (USA)

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020 the American basketball legend Kobe Bean Bryant has died along with his 13-years-old daughter Gianna in a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter crash near Calabasas in Southern California. He was 41. Bryant is the fourth-leading scorer in National Basketball Association (NBA) history and selected to the all-star 18 times and earned a Most Valuable Player (MVP) award in 2008.

37) Kodman Amarnath Shetty passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Writer
- 2) Politician

- 3) Director
- 4) Actor
- 5) Social Activist

Answer – **2) Politician**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Janata Dal (Secular) (JDS) leader and former Minister of Karnataka Kodman Amarnath Shetty passed away in Mangaluru, Karnataka. He was 80. He was the trustee of Alva's Education Foundation and also served as the Minister of Tourism and Labour in the government of Karnataka.

38) Hemchandra Barua Bhasha Sahitya Sadhana awardee, eminent linguist Golok Chandra Goswami passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Mizoram
- 3) Assam
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer – **3) Assam**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 Eminent linguist Golok Chandra Goswami passed away at the age of 96, in Guwahati, Assam due to old age ailments. Golok Chandra Goswami was born in Morigaon, Assam in 1923. Goswami pursued his master's degree in Assamese language in Gauhati University, Assam. In 1985 he retired from Gauhati University as head of the Assamese department. In 2018, he was awarded with Hemchandra Barua Bhasha Sahitya Sadhana award by Satin-Pratidin group.

39) Name the Arjuna awardee & former Indian women's hockey team captain, who passed away recently?

- 1) Sunita Chandra
- 2) Rajani Etimarpu
- 3) Sunita Lakra
- 4) Vandana Katariya
- 5) Lalremsiami

Answer – **1) Sunita Chandra**

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 Sunita Chandra 76 years old, passed away in her hometown Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Sunita Chandra was an Arjuna awardee. She had played for the Indian women's hockey team between 1956 to 1966. She had served as the captain of the Indian women's hockey team from 1963 to 1966.

40) Deceased film producer, Vinay Kumar Sinha is popularly known for which of the following film?

- 1) "Nadiya Ke Paar"
- 2) "Andaz Apna Apna"
- 3) "Hum Aapke Hain Kaun...!"
- 4) "Hum Saath - Saath Hain"
- 5) "Maine Pyar Kiya"

Answer – **2) "Andaz Apna Apna"**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020 Vinay Kumar Sinha, Veteran film producer passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra at the age of 74. He was a producer of famous film 'Andaz Apna Apna' featuring Aamir Khan and Salman Khan in lead roles which released in 1994. Born in 1946, he also served as the Vice President (VP) of Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association (IMPPA).

41) Pieter Robert Rensenbrink passed away recently, he belonged to which sport?

- 1) Wrestling
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Tennis
- 5) Football

Answer – 5) Football

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020 Pieter Robert Rensenbrink, a dutch football player passed away at the age of 72 in Brussels, Belgium, as he was suffering from muscular atrophy for a number of years. He was born on 3rd July 1947 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. In his club career, he became famous at Royal Sporting Club (R.S.C) Anderlecht, Belgium where he won the league title in 1972 and 1974 as well as four Belgian cups in 1972, 1973, 1975 and 1976.

42) Politician Abdul Ghafoor passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Assam
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer – 1) Bihar

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020, Abdul Ghafoor, former Bihar minister & RJD party (Rashtriya Janata Dal) MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly), passed away at the age of 60 in New Delhi due to liver ailment. He was born on 5th May 1959 in Saharsa district, Bihar. Ghafoor represented Mahishi constituency in Bihar assembly for 4 times (1995, 2000, 2010 and in 2015). He was the former Minister of Minority Welfare in Nitish Kumar Government of Bihar.

43) Jameela Malik, who passed away recently was a legendary _____?

- 1) Politician
- 2) Actress
- 3) Director
- 4) Producer
- 5) Writer

Answer – 2) Actress

Explanation:

On January 28, 2020 Veteran actress Jameela Malik, passed away at the age of 73 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala due to age-related ailments. Jameela Malik was the first Kerala woman who graduated from the Film & Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, Maharashtra. She was born in Kollam, Kerala. She acted as a leading roles in Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu movies & television (TV) serials.

44) Padma Shri awardee and Indian Social Worker Tushar Kanjilal passed away recently, he worked for the preservation of which forest?

- 1) Khasi rainforest, Meghalaya
- 2) Vandalur Forest Reserve, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kaziranga Forest, Assam
- 4) Mangrove forests in Sunderbans, West Bengal
- 5) Gir Forest, Gujarat

Answer – 4) Mangrove forests in Sunderbans, West Bengal

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020 Famous social worker, environmentalist, educationist & writer Tushar Kanjilal, 85 years old, passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal. He was born on March 1, 1935 at Noakhali, Bangladesh and was attracted to Marxist ideologies & quit politics in 1967. The Government of India awarded Tushar Kanjilal the 4th highest civilian honour of Padma Shri in 1986. He also received Jamnalal Bajaj Award in 2008. He was an environmental activist & worked for the preservation of the Mangrove forests in the Sunderbans, West Bengal. He also wrote a book 'Who killed the Sunderbans?' — that deals with the issue of the destruction of Mangrove forests.

45) Which state politician & congress leader, M.Kamalam passed away recently?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer – **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

On January 30, 2020 Former Kerala Minister & Senior Congress leader M.Kamalam passed away at the age of 93 in Kozhikode, Kerala due to age-related ailments. She was born on August 14, 1926. Kamalam was elected to the state assembly twice from Kalpetta, Kerala in 1980 & 1982 and also served as Cooperation Minister in the K Karunakaran cabinet from 1982-1987. She served as a KPCC (Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee) Vice-President, KPCC (Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee) General Secretary & AICC (All India Congress Committee) member and also Chairperson of the Kerala state Women's Commission.

46) The Indian Poet Ajmal Sultanpuri who passed away recently (in January 2020) is versed/composed his poems in which language?

- 1) Hindi
- 2) Urdu
- 3) Awadhi
- 4) Barj
- 5) Konkani

Answer - **2) Urdu**

Explanation:

Ajmal Sultanpuri is an Indian poet in Urdu language, from Sultanpur. His native village is Harakhpur in Sultanpur district, Uttar Pradesh. He was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Uttar Pradesh Urdu Academy in March 2016, for his contribution to Urdu poetry.

47) Matthew Satya Babu who died recently (January 2020) had Captained Indian team in which of the following sport ?

- 1) Basketball
- 2) Baseball
- 3) Volleyball
- 4) Football
- 5) Hockey

Answer - **1) Basket Ball**

Explanation:

P Matthew Satya Babu, a former Indian basketball captain passed away at the age of 79 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN). He had represented India in the Asian Basketball Championship in Seoul, South Korea in 1967, Bangkok, Thailand in 1969 and Manila, Philippines in 1970.

48) Assamese man Sashi Sharma who is in news recently (January 2020) belongs to which field?

- 1) Politics
- 2) Sports
- 3) Literature
- 4) Sand Art
- 5) Social Reformer

Answer - 3) Literature

Explanation:

On January 29, 2020 Famous Assamese litterateur SashiSarma, 89 years old passed away at his home Nalbari, Assam due to age-related ailments.

Awards: Sarma had received Soviet Nehru Award in 1968 & the Sitanath Brahma Chowdhury Award from Assam Sahitya Sabha.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Health Organisation(WHO) has designated 2020 as _____?

- 1) International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development
- 2) International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies
- 3) International Year of Nurse and Midwife
- 4) International Year of Indigenous Languages
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) International Year of Nurse and Midwife

Explanation:

The executive board of the World Health Organisation(WHO) has designated 2020 as International Year of Nurse and Midwife in honour of 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. The WHO will also launch first-ever State of the World's Nursing report in 2020 prior to the 73rd session of the World Health Assembly.

2) Which state has declared 2020 as year of Artificial Intelligence(AI) recently?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Telangana

Explanation:

On January 03, 2019 the Telangana Information Technology (IT) minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao has declared 2020 as year of Artificial Intelligence(AI) and has signed 8 Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with various companies and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) to make way for technological advancements in the state. The MoU with IIT-KGP is for setting up centre of excellence in AI and research and Development Park. Pilot projects of registration and police departments on the occasion was also launched.

3) World Braille Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) January 3
- 2) January 4
- 3) January 2
- 4) January 1
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) January 4

Explanation:

World Braille Day is being observed on January 4 every year across the world to mark the remembrance of Louis Braille who invented Braille script which helps the visually disability persons to read as well as to write. The day was celebrated by the United Nations and other organizations. Aim: The aim is to spread awareness among society about the plight and cause of people with visual abilities. Louis Braille was born on 4th January 1809 in the town of Coupvray in Northern France. He lost his eyes just at the age of 3. This led to the invention of language with 6 dots- Braille script.

4) Which organization will observe 2020 as the 'Year of Mobility'?

- 1) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 2) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- 3) Border Security Force (BSF)
- 4) Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**

Explanation:

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will observe 2020 as the 'Year of Mobility'. It aims for the creation of more residential units and the implementation of various welfare measures for the troops. It will focus on sports and physical fitness leveraging modern gadgetry and constructing infrastructure to their families.

5) Which state has celebrated the Journalists' Day on 6th of January every year in the memory of late the journalist Balshastri Jambhekar?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

The Government of Maharashtra celebrates the 6th of January as a state's Journalists' Day every year. It was celebrated in the memory of late thespian journalist Balshastri Jambhekar. He was known as 'The Father of Marathi Journalism', for his efforts in starting journalism in the Marathi language. He came out with the first newspaper in the Marathi language named 'Darpan' in 1832.

6) On which date, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated?

- 1) January 6
- 2) January 7
- 3) January 9
- 4) January 8
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) January 9**

Explanation:

16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated every year on January 9. It is also called NRI (Non-Resident Indian) day. The day was chosen because on January 9, 1915 Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Pravasi came to India from South Africa and led India's freedom struggle. The purpose of the day is to recognize the overseas Indian who have contributed to the development of India and to promote unity of people overseas with government of India.

7) World Hindi Day (WHD) is observed annually on _____?

- 1) January 9
- 2) January 10

- 3) January 8
- 4) January 7
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) January 10**

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020, World Hindi Day (WHD) is celebrated across the world with the aim to promote the use of Hindi language abroad. To mark the occasion, Indian Embassies located in other countries & Various government and non-government institutions organized special programs. The 1st World Hindi Conference was organized on 10 January 1975 in Nagpur, Maharashtra by then Prime Minister (PM) Indira Gandhi. It was attended by 122 delegates from 30 countries. The day was 1st celebrated in 2006. Since then every year 10th January is being observed as the WHD.

8) What is the theme of the National Youth Day 2020 that is observed on January 12 annually?

- 1) Theme – “Indian Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony”
- 2) Theme – “Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building”
- 3) Theme – “Sankalp Se Siddhi”
- 4) Theme – “Youth for Digital India”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme - “Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building”**

Explanation:

The National Youth Day is observed on January 12 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. National Youth is also famously known as Yuva Diwas. The Theme of National Youth Day 2020 is “Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building”. On January 13, 2020 PM Modi visited Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission in Howrah district of West Bengal to mark the 157th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

9) _____ edition of road safety week is being celebrated by Transport department in Maharashtra from 11th to 17th Jan 2020?

- 1) 31st
- 2) 30th
- 3) 25th
- 4) 20th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 31st**

Explanation:

On January 11, 2020 Transport department in Maharashtra observed 31st Road Safety Week from 11th-17th Jan 2020. Union transport Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari inaugurated 31st Road Safety Campaign organised by Regional Transport Office, Traffic Police and District Road Safety Committee in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

10) On which date, Armed Forces Veteran’s Day is observed in recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces?

- 1) 11th January
- 2) 12th January
- 3) 13th January
- 4) 14th January
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 14th January**

Explanation:

Armed Forces Veteran’s Day is observed every year on 14th January as a mark of respect and recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa OBE (Order of

the British Empire), the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces who retired on 14 Jan 1953. Observing since 2017, the year 2020 marked day's fourth edition.

11) ____ edition of Army Day is celebrated on January 15, 2020?

- 1) 72nd
- 2) 71st
- 3) 74th
- 4) 73rd
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 72nd**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 India celebrated its 72nd Army Day in New Delhi, India. Every year Army Day is observed on January 15 in India to honour soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the country.

12) Name the 1st Indian General, who took charge as the first commander-in-chief of the Indian Army in 1949 from General Francis Butcher, the last British Chief?

- 1) Pratap Chandra Lal
- 2) Kodandera Madappa Cariappa
- 3) Arjan Singh
- 4) Subroto Mukerjee
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Kodandera Madappa Cariappa**

Explanation:

On January 15, 2020 India celebrated its 72nd Army Day in New Delhi, India. Every year Army Day is observed on January 15 in India to honour soldiers who sacrifice their lives for the country. The date marks the day on which First Indian General Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa took charge as the first commander-in-chief of the Indian Army in 1949 from General Francis Butcher, the last British Chief.

13) On which date, National Immunization Day is observed?

- 1) January 15, 2020
- 2) January 19, 2020
- 3) January 16, 2020
- 4) January 17, 2020
- 5) January 18, 2020

Answer – **2) January 19, 2020**

Explanation:

National Immunization Day is observed on January 19, 2020. The Pulse Polio Programme 2020 was conducted as a part of National Immunization Day across the country. The programme aims to protect children less than five years from Polio disease and to eliminate Poliomyelitis in India. This year nearly 17.4 crore children across the country were administered under the programme. In India, Pulse Polio Immunization Programme was launched in 1995.

14) On which date, National Girl Child Day is celebrated?

- 1) January 20
- 2) January 21
- 3) January 22
- 4) January 23
- 5) January 24

Answer – **5) January 24**

Explanation:

On January 24, 2020, National Girl Child Day was celebrated in Madhya Pradesh (MP), Bhopal under the theme "Aware Girl child-able Madhya Pradesh" (Jagruk Balika-Samrath Madhya Pradesh) under the "Beti Bachao- Beti Padhao" scheme. National Girl Child Day was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India in 2008. Aim: To create awareness in the society about right of daughters and to provide new opportunities to the daughters for their social and financial development. On this day health of the girls is examined and local level gender champions will also be selected.

15) What was the theme of the 2nd edition of International Day of Education, that is observed on 24 January 2020?

- 1) Theme – "Transforming education"
- 2) Theme – "Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace"
- 3) Theme – "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession"
- 4) Theme – "Rural Women and Girls education"
- 5) Theme – "Engage the Past Through Sound and Education"

Answer – 2) Theme – "Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace"

Explanation:

On 24 January 2020, the 2nd edition of International Day of Education observed with the aim to celebrate the role of education for peace and development. The theme for the year 2020 is 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace'. The day was organized by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in partnership with the CRI (Centre for Research and Interdisciplinarity), Paris, France.

16) What is the theme of the 10th National Voters' Day (NVD) that is observed on January 25, 2020?

- 1) Theme – "No Voter to be Left Behind"
- 2) Theme – "Proud to be a voter - Ready to vote"
- 3) Theme – "Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy"
- 4) Theme – "Inclusive and qualitative participation"
- 5) Theme – "Easy Registration; Easy Correction"

Answer – 3) Theme – "Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy"

Explanation:

On January 25, 2020 10th National Voters' Day (NVD) was celebrated across the country over 10 lakh locations (including Polling Stations, District and State headquarters). President Ram Nath Kovind was the Chief Guest of the National Voters Day organized by Election Commission at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. Theme: "Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy". The theme sets the tone for year-long activities which focus on voter education & renewal of citizens' faith in the electoral process.

17) What was the theme of the "International Holocaust Day 2020" that is observed on January 27?

- 1) Theme – "Liberty, Life and the Legacy of the Holocaust Survivors"
- 2) Theme – "Holocaust Remembrance: Demand and Defend Your Human Rights"
- 3) Theme – "Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility"
- 4) Theme – "The Holocaust and Human Dignity"
- 5) Theme – "75 years after Auschwitz- Holocaust Education & Remembrance for Global Justice"

Answer – 5) Theme – "75 years after Auschwitz- Holocaust Education & Remembrance for Global Justice"

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020 United Nations (UN), New York, observed International Holocaust Day all over the world commemorating the tragedy of the Holocaust (in which 1.1 million people were murdered) during World War II. 2020 marks 75th year liberation of Auschwitz, the ending of the second world

war & ending of the holocaust. Theme: “75 years after Auschwitz- Holocaust Education & Remembrance for Global Justice” The theme seeks to ensure respect for the dignity and human rights of all people everywhere.

Difficulty Type – Hard

18) _____ Republic Day of India was celebrated on 26th January 2020?

- 1) 69th
- 2) 68th
- 3) 72nd
- 4) 71st
- 5) 74th

Answer – **4) 71st**

Explanation:

On January 26, 2020, India celebrated its 71st Republic Day. The day honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect i.e. on 26 January 1950.

19) Who is the chief guest of the 71st Republic Day of India?

- 1) Joice Hasselmann
- 2) Paulo Guedes
- 3) Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- 4) Sérgio Moro
- 5) Jair Messias Bolsonaro

Answer – **5) Jair Messias Bolsonaro**

Explanation:

The President of Brazil Jair Messias Bolsonaro was the chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations and attended the Parade ceremony at Rajpath in New Delhi along with Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, President Ram Nath Kovind along with other leaders. It is the 1st visit of Bolsonaro after assuming his office in January 1, 2019. This is also the 3rd time a Brazilian president attended as a chief guest of the republic day. The last time a Brazilian President attended the ceremony was Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (former Brazilian president) in 2004.

20) Name the artillery gun system, whose marching contingent took part for the 1st time in the Republic Day parade?

- 1) Dhanush
- 2) Shipon
- 3) Ghaatak
- 4) Dragunov
- 5) Vidhwansak

Answer – **1) Dhanush**

Explanation:

The artillery gun system Dhanush, short-span bridge system and a marching contingent of the Army Air Defence took part for the 1st time in the Republic Day parade. Newly-inducted helicopters Apache and Chinook were also showcased by India for the first time. Apart from the Dhanush gun system, K9-Vajra, the anti-satellite (A-SAT) test conducted under Mission Shakti, and Air Defence Tactical Control Radar (ADTCR) of the DRDO (Defence Research Development Organisation) were also part of the parade.

21) Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to the fallen soldiers for the 1st time on Republic Day?

- 1) Akshardham
- 2) India Gate
- 3) National War Memorial

4) Rashtrapati Bhavan

5) Amar Jawan Jyoti

Answer – **3) National War Memorial**

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi paid homage to the fallen soldiers at the newly-built National War Memorial here on the Republic Day for the 1st time instead of the Amar Jawan Jyoti beneath the India Gate arch in New Delhi. The national war memorial in the India Gate complex behind the canopy was inaugurated by Shri Modi on February 25 2019. Amar Jawan Jyoti: It was built in 1971 to commemorate the soldiers martyred in the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971.

22) Who was awarded with Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM)?

1) DS Hooda

2) Ranbir Singh

3) Anil Kumar Bhatt

4) Satinder Kumar Saini

5) Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon

Answer – **5) Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon**

Explanation:

Indian Army's (IA) Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) based 15 corps commander Lt Gen Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon was awarded with Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM). He was awarded in recognition of his service to the families in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 (removing special status given to Jammu and Kashmir). K.J.S Dhillon had also launched 'Operation Maa' initiative in which Dhillon and his field commanders engaged in helping the children who joined terrorist groups.

23) Name the Indian Navy commodore, who was awarded with the Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) for his operational preparedness post the Pulwama terrorist attack?

1) Naik Naresh Kumar

2) Jyotin Raina

3) Naib Subedar Narender Singh

4) Bijendra Singh

5) Jyoti Lama

Answer – **2) Jyotin Raina**

Explanation:

Indian Navy's commodore Jyotin Raina was awarded the Nao Sena Medal (gallantry) for his operational preparedness post the Pulwama terrorist attack in February 2019. Raina is the current Fleet Operations Officer of the Navy's Western Fleet. At least 40 jawans of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were killed in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district on February 14, 2019 when a suicide bomber of the JeM (Jaish-e-Mohammed) terrorist group rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into their bus.

24) What was the theme of the International Customs Day (ICD) 2020 that is observed on January 26?

1) Theme – "Digital Customs: Progressive Engagement"

2) Theme – "Data Analysis for Effective Border Management"

3) Theme – "A secure business environment for economic development"

4) Theme – "Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet"

5) Theme – "SMART borders for seamless Trade, Travel and Transport"

Answer – **4) Theme – "Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet"**

Explanation:

International Customs Day (ICD) is celebrated on January 26 every year. The theme of International Customs Day 2020, "Customs fostering Sustainability for People, Prosperity and the Planet". The day celebrated to encourage and recognize the role of Customs officers in maintaining border security and

also focuses on the challenges that custom officers face in their jobs. ICD was celebrated to mark the anniversary of the formation of the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC).

25) What is the theme of the World Leprosy Day 2020, that is observed on January 30, 2020?

- 1) Theme – “Zero Disability”
- 2) Theme – “Ending Discrimination, Stigma & Prejudice”
- 3) Theme – “Leprosy isn’t what you think”
- 4) Theme – “Zero Disabilities in Girls and Boys”
- 5) Theme – “Treat in time and prevent disability”

Answer – **3) Theme – “Leprosy isn’t what you think”**

Explanation:

In India, World Leprosy Day is observed on Jan 30 every year to commemorate the death of Mahatma Gandhi who was assassinated on this day in 1948. Theme: “Leprosy isn’t what you think”. Leprosy, also known as Hansen’s disease is a highly contagious infection caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*.

26) On which date, World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) is observed officially for the first time to create awareness & also to control the diseases with motto “#BeatNTDs: For good. For all”?

- 1) January 29
- 2) January 30
- 3) January 28
- 4) January 27
- 5) January 26

Answer – **2) January 30**

Explanation:

On January 30, 2020 World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) was observed officially for the first time and to create awareness & also to control the diseases. NTDs are caused by pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa and helminths & are common in population developing regions of Asia, Africa & the Americas. NTDs are a group of ancient diseases that affects 1.6 billion people living in the poorest & marginalized communities worldwide. WHO (World Health Organization) estimates that the disease affects more than 149 countries. Motto: “#BeatNTDs: For good. For all”.

27) 72nd National Martyrs’ day/Shahid Divas is observed on?

- 1) January 26
- 2) January 27
- 3) January 29
- 4) January 30
- 5) January 31

Answer - **4) January 30**

Explanation:

The National Martyr’s Day is observed annually on January 30. The year 2020 marks the 72nd anniversary of the Martyr’s Day or Shahid Divas to pay homage to the freedom fighters who lost their lives for India’s Independence from British rule.

28) Which Union Minister Launched the Department of Personnel and Training’s ‘online certificate course’ on Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World?

- 1) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- 2) Smriti Zubin Irani
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Harshmat Kaur Badal
- 5) Jitendra Singh

Answer - 5) Jitendra Singh

Explanation:

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Minister of State (MoS) in Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Department of Personnel and Training's (DoPT) online certificate course on "Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World" at a function in New Delhi.

29) Nitin Gadkari Launched the Special edition of 'Khadi wrist Watches', which entity has designed the watch in collaboration with KVIC?

- 1) Fastrack
- 2) Rolex
- 3) Sonata
- 4) Titan
- 5) Casio

Answer - 4) Titan

Explanation:

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Minister of Shipping (MoS) and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari launched limited edition series Khadi wrist watches designed by Titan watches in collaboration with KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission), in New Delhi. Khadi has been used on the dial and strap of the watches for the first time ever.

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1) Who is the Chief General of Army?

Answer - Manoj Mukund Naravane.

2) Darlipali Super Thermal Power Station is located in which state?

Answer - Odisha

Explanation:

Darlipali Super Thermal Power Station is located in Odisha. It was in news recently because the State-owned NTPC has launched the 800 mw unit of its Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project in Odisha. With this, the total installed capacity of NTPC and NTPC group has become 49,695 MW and 58,156 MW respectively.

3) Who is the Chairperson of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

Answer - Subhash Chandra Khuntia

4) Who is the Chief Election Commissioner of India?

Answer - Sunil Arora

5) Where is the headquarter of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) located?

Answer - Chennai, Tamil Nadu

6) Name the program launched by government of India to improve nutritional benefits to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children?

Answer - Poshan Abhiyaan

7) Who is the first Indian Origin Prime Minister of Ireland?

Answer - Leo Varadkar

Explanation:

Leo Varadkar is the first Indian Origin Prime Minister of Ireland. He was in news recently because he had visited Goa to celebrate New Year and he also visited Maharashtra to visit his ancestral village.

8) What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

Answer - **India's International Bank**

9) Who is the Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)?

Answer - **Henrietta Holsman Fore**

10) Where is the Headquarters of Mastercard located?

Answer - **New York, United States (U.S.)**

11) Name the Scheme launched by government of India to provide Rs.6000 to small and marginal farmers per year?

Answer - **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM – KISAN)**

12) Where is the Headquarters of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) located?

Answer – **Lausanne, Switzerland**

13) What is the Capital and Currency of North Macedonia?

Answer - **Capital- Skopje & Currency- Macedonian denar**

14) Who is the Managing Director of Export-Import (Exim) Bank?

Answer - **David Rasquinha**

15) Valmiki National park is located in which state?

Answer – **Bihar**

16) Mahadaya Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Answer – **Goa**

Explanation:

Mahadaya Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Goa. It was in news recently because the carcass of a tiger was found in Sanctuary. During the last tiger census, the presence of big cats was reported in the Mahadaya Wildlife Sanctuary, with experts claiming these were ones traveling from nearby Bhimgad and Hanshi-Dandeli sanctuaries.

17) Who is the President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

Answer - **Narinder Batra**

18) What is the tagline of Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)?

Answer - **Smart Way to Bank**

19) What is the Capital and Currency of Guinea-Bissau?

Answer - **Capital- Bissau Currency- West African CFA franc**

20) Where is the Headquarters of PayPal India located?

Answer - **Varthur, Karnataka**

21) Name the scheme launched by government of India that distributes over 36.13 crore LED bulbs across the country?

Answer – **Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA)**

Explanation:

Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) was launched under which over 36.13 crore LED bulbs were distributed across the country. Recently UJALA and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) of the central government completed five successful years of illuminating the country today. This has resulted in estimated energy savings of 46.92 billion kilowatt-hour per year.

22) Where is the headquarters of FIDE(International Chess Federation) located?

Answer - Lausanne, Switzerland

23) Who is the 1st Chief of Defence staff of India?

Answer - General Bipin Rawat

24) Who is the MD and CEO of National Stock Exchange(NSE)?

Answer - Vikram Limaye

25) Gorumara National Park is located in which state?

Answer - West Bengal

26) Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Anti Doping Agency (NADA)?

Answer - Navin Agarwal

27) What is the Capital and Currency of Croatia?

Answer - Capital- Zagreb & Currency- Croatian Kuna.

28) What is the tagline of State Bank of India(SBI)?

Answer - The banker to every Indian; With you- all the way; A bank of the common man; Pure banking, nothing else.

29) Who is the Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)?

Answer - Henrietta H. Fore

30) Hornbill festival is associated with which state?

Answer - Nagaland

31) Mishmi Tribe is associated with which state?

Answer - Arunachal Pradesh

32) Who is the Chief of the Naval Staff of India?

Answer - General Admiral Karambir Singh

33) What is the tagline of HDFC Bank?

Answer - We Understand Your World

34) Who is the founder & CEO of Paytm?

Answer - Vijay Shekhar Sharma

35) What is the Capital and Currency of Mauritius?

Answer - Capital- Port Louis & Currency- Mauritian rupee.

36) Biju Patnaik International Airport was in news recently , it is located in which state?

Answer - Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Explanation:

Biju Patnaik International Airport is located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. It was in news recently because it received International recognition for reducing the carbon emission along with 3 other Airports (Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport & Trivandrum International Airport).

37) Who is the Chairperson of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

Answer - **Subhash Chandra Khuntia**

38) What is the tagline of Yes bank?

Answer - **Experience our Expertise**

39) Chandoli National Park is located in which state?

Answer - **Maharashtra**

40) Who is the Chairman and Managing Director of Konkan Railway?

Answer - **Shri. Sanjay Gupta**

41) When did India joined as an association member of the International Energy Agency (IEA)?

Answer - **March, 2017**

42) Begumpet Airport is located in which city?

Answer - **Hyderabad, Telangana**

43) Who is the chairperson of the Financial Stability Development Council?

Answer - **Union Minister of Finance (MoF) of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**

44) What is the State Animal of Uttar Pradesh?

Answer - **Barasingha (also known as Swampdeer)**

45) Where is the Headquarters of International Energy Agency (IEA) located?

Answer - **Paris, France**

46) Howrah bridge (Rabindra Setu) is in news recently, it is located in which state?

Answer - **West Bengal**

Explanation:

Howrah bridge (Rabindra Setu) is located in West Bengal. This is in news recently because the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the sound and light show at the iconic Howrah Bridge installed at Millenium Park on the banks of the river Ganga. This 2.5-minute show is a project of Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT)'s 150th anniversary celebrations.

47) Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary located in which state?

Answer - **Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Andhra Pradesh. This is in news recently because the annual bird census has been commenced in the Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary and surrounding wetlands in the Godavari mangroves on the east coast in Andhra Pradesh. The census aims at the documentation of migratory and resident birds so that a better management plan of the complex ecosystem supporting the waterbird species can be prepared.

48) Taal Volcano that erupts recently is located in which country?

Answer – **Philippines**

Explanation:

Taal Volcano in the Philippines has sent an eruption plume a kilometer above the crater, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. The agency says Taal is showing a "fast escalation" in volcanic activity.

49) Kaziranga National Park is seen in news recently, it is located in which state?

Answer – **Assam**

Explanation:

Kaziranga National Park is located in Assam. It is seen in news recently because officials of the Kaziranga National Park and avian specialists conducted the second wetland bird count on January 9-10. The teams counted a total of 19,225 birds belonging to 96 species under 80 families. The first waterfowl census in 2018 had yielded 10,412 birds covering 80 families from 21 families.

50) Who is the Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL)?

Answer - **Kapil Wadhavan**

51) Where is the headquarter of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) located?

Answer - **Munich, Germany**

52) Who is the Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?

Answer - **Jim Bridenstine**

53) How many Deputy Governors are there in Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

Answer – **4 (Michael Debabrata Patra, N S Vishwanathan, B P Kanungo and M K Jain)**

54) Who is the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of Indian Army?

Answer - **General Manoj Mukund Naravane**

55) How many member countries are there in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

Answer – **8 (China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India & Pakistan)**

56) Who is the foreign Minister of Denmark?

Answer – **Jeppe Sebastian Kofod**

Explanation:

Jeppe Sebastian Kofod is the foreign Minister of Denmark. He visited India to participate in 5th edition of the Raisina Dialogue 2020. He met Minister of External Affairs (MEA) of India Shri S. Jaishankar and held discussions on 'Green Strategic Partnership' between the two countries.

57) Which country has operationalised the world's largest radio telescope, "Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope" (FAST) recently?

Answer – **China**

Explanation:

China operationalised the world's largest radio telescope with a diameter of half-a-kilometre. The "Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope" (FAST) is a single-dish telescope and is located in southwest China's Guiyang city, the capital of Guizhou province. The telescope has a receiving area of around 30 football fields.

58) Who is the Managing Director of World Bank(WB)?

Answer - Anshula Khant

59) Where is the Headquarters of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) located?

Answer - Gland, Switzerland

60) Who is the chairman of Observer Research Foundation (ORF)?

Answer - Sunjoy Joshi

61) Which organization has formed a Joint Venture, Hindustan Urvarak & Rasayan Limited (HURL)?

Answer - Coal India Limited (CIL), NTPC Limited (NTPC) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd (FCIL) & Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFCL).

62) Who is the President of Guatemala?

Answer - Alejandro Giammattei

Explanation:

Alejandro Giammattei sworn in as the President of Guatemala. He won the 2019 election and assumed office on January 14, 2020.

63) Bandhavgarh National Park is located in which state?

Answer - Madhya Pradesh

64) Who is the Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army (IA)?

Answer - President Ram Nath Kovind

65) Who is the MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

Answer - Dilip Asbe

66) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) is located in which state?

Answer - Kochi, Kerala

67) What is the Capital and Currency of Jamaica?

Answer - Capital- Kingston & Currency- Jamaican dollar

68) Who is the chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

Answer - Dr G Satheesh Reddy

69) Where is the Headquarters of World Economic Forum(WEF) located?

Answer - Geneva, Switzerland

70) Mathikettan Shola National Park is located in which state?

Answer - Kerala

71) Ranthambore National Park is located in which state?

Answer-Rajasthan

Explanation:

Ranthambore National Park is located in Rajasthan. The park was seen in news recently because the male tiger named Dollar or Zalim or T-25, who became famous for rearing two orphaned cubs was found dead in this National Park.

72) Who is the MD & CEO of Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Ltd?

Answer - **Vikas Seth**

73) Where is the headquarters of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) located?

Answer - **Geneva, Switzerland**

74) Who is the chairman of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)?

Answer - **Padan Kumar Borthakur**

75) Where is the headquarters of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) located?

Answer - **Edinburgh, UK (United Kingdom)**

76) Ravi Kumar Dahiya is seen in news recently, he belonged to which sport?

Answer - **Wrestling**

Explanation:

Ravi Kumar Dahiya belongs to Wrestling. He was in news recently because he won gold medal in the 61kg freestyle in 1st UWW (United World Wrestling) Matteo Pellicone Rome Ranking Series 2020.

77) Who was recently appointed as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

Answer - **Michael Debabrata Patra**

78) Name the Chairman & MD of United India Insurance Company Ltd (UIIC)?

Answer - **Girish Radhakrishnan**

79) Where is the Headquarters of Group of 77 (G77)?

Answer - **Geneva, Switzerland**

80) Who is the Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI)?

Answer - **Shri S N Meshram**

81) Name the life insurance scheme that was launched by government of India in May 2015?

Answer - **Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)**

82) What is the Capital and Currency of Lebanon?

Answer - **Capital- Beirut & Currency- Lebanese Pound**

83) Where is the headquarters of SoftBank?

Answer - **Tokyo, Japan**

84) Who is the chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)?

Answer - **Sanjiv Singh**

85) Where is the headquarters of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) located?

Answer – Hyderabad, Telangana

86) Who is the first Chief Election Commissioner of India?

Answer – Sukumar Sen

Explanation:

Sukumar Sen was the first Chief Election Commissioner of India. He was in news recently because the Election Commission hosted the first Sukumar Sen Memorial Lecture on 23rd January, 2020. Former President Pranab Mukherjee delivered the first of the Lectures.

87) International Cricket Council (ICC) provisionally suspended Yousef Abdulrahim Al Balushi, he belonged to which country?

Answer – Oman

Explanation:

Oman cricketer Yousef Abdulrahim Al Balushi provisionally suspended by the ICC with immediate effect following four breaches of the ICC's Anti-Corruption Code during the 2019 ICC men's T20 World Cup Qualifiers held in the United Arab Emirates.

88) Dattu Baban Bhokanal was in news recently, he is associated with which sport?

Answer – Rowing

Explanation:

Dattu Baban Bhokanal is associated with Rowing. He was in news recently because Rowing Federation of India (RFI) has lifted the 2 year ban on him. Earlier Asian Games gold medallist rower and Olympian Dattu Baban Bhokanal was banned for two-years on April 30, 2019.

89) Name the integrating and interactive platform that is launched to address the common man's grievances?

Answer - PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation)

90) Where is the headquarters of International Labor Organization (ILO) located?

Answer - Geneva, Switzerland

91) Name the world's first patented heterogeneous catalytic process that will convert multiple feed stocks into hydrocarbon liquid fuels, gas, carbon and water?

Answer – Polycrack

Explanation:

Polycrack is the world's first patented heterogeneous catalytic process which converts multiple feed stocks into hydrocarbon liquid fuels, gas, carbon and water. This was in news recently because the East Coast Railway has commissioned the government's first waste-to-energy plant which will turn ewaste and plastic into light diesel oil in 24 hours.

92) Where was the world's largest solar park, Pavagada Solar Park located?

Answer – Karnataka

Explanation:

Pavagada Solar Park, the world's largest solar power park is located in Karnataka. This was seen in news recently because it becomes operational. It will generate 2050MW of clean energy. The park is located on land leased from farmers, utilising the drought-hit area & adding to farmers' income.

93) Coronavirus, a new respiratory virus was 1st detected in which city?

Answer – Wuhan, China

Explanation:

Coronavirus, a new respiratory virus was 1st detected in Wuhan, China. Around 80 persons were died. Across China there have been 2,744 confirmed cases, of which 1,423 cases were in Hubei.

94) How many member countries are in Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) association?

Answer – **8 Members**

Explanation:

There were 8 member countries in the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) association. They are as follows, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan & Srilanka .

95) Where is the headquarters of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) located?

Answer - **Washington, D.C., United States(US)**

96) Bandhavgarh National Park is located in which state?

Answer - **Madhya Pradesh**

97) How many Deputy Governors are there in Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?

Answer – **4**

Explanation:

There are 4 Deputy Governors of Reserve Bank of India(RBI). They are BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra.

98) Who is the President of France?

Answer - **Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron.**

99) Where is the headquarters of Qualcomm?

Answer - **California, United States (US)**

100) Name the India's first anti-satellite missile test (A-SAT) mission?

Answer – **Mission Shakthi**

Explanation:

Mission Shakthi is the India's 1st anti-satellite missile test (A-SAT) mission. It was launched by Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) in March 2019. This was seen in news recently because Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) Weapon System was displayed at Rajpath in the Republic Day parade .

101) Raja Bhoj Airport is located in which state?

Answer - **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

Raja Bhoj Airport is located in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. It was in news recently because the Madhya Pradesh's first air cargo terminal in Bhopal's Raja Bhoj Airport will begin operations by the end of January.

102) Where is the Headquarters of World Customs Organization (WCO) located?

Answer - **Brussels, Belgium**

103) Grammy Awards was seen in news recently, it is associated with which field?

Answer – **Music**

104) Name the Asia's 1st stock exchange?

Answer - **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**

105) Name the 3rd Highest civilian Award of India?

Answer - **Padma Bhushan**

106) Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple is located in which state?

Answer – **New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple is located in New Delhi, Delhi. It was in news recently because the Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro visited the Akshardham Temple in New Delhi during his visit to India.

107) Where is the Headquarters of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) located?

Answer - **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

108) Paradip Port is located in which state?

Answer – **Odisha**

Explanation:

Paradip Port is located in Odisha. It was in news recently because the inter-ministerial panel has approved a Ministry of Shipping proposal for deepening and optimisation of inner harbour facilities.

109) What is the Capital and Currency of Brazil?

Answer - **Capital- Brasilia & Currency- Brazilian real**

110) Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

Answer – **Maharashtra**

111) Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary & Gahiramatha Marine Sanctuary located in Which state?

Answer – **Odisha**

Explanation:

Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary & Gahiramatha Marine Sanctuary is located in Odisha. It was in news recently because the annual dolphin census was held in the sanctuaries recently.

112) Where is the headquarters of International Boxing Association (AIBA) located?

Answer - **Lausanne, Switzerland**

113) What is the capital and Currency of Qatar?

Answer - **Capital- Doha & Currency- Qatari riyal.**

114) Where is the headquarters of Vakrangee Limited located?

Answer - **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

115) Who is the chairperson of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NCTA)?

Answer - **Prakash Keshav Javadekar**

116) Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) is located in which state?

Answer – **New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) is located in New Delhi, Delhi. It was seen in news recently because the 'Women with Wheels' cab service was started at this Airport. The service was initiated by 'Sakha cabs' for the safety of women.

117) David Beckham was seen in news recently, he is associated with which sport?

Answer – **Cycling**

Explanation:

David Beckham is associated with Cycling. He was seen in news recently because Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked about David Beckham, the 17-year-old cyclist from Andaman, who recently won a gold medal at Youth Games in Guwahati in 200m sprint event in cycling during his 'Mann Ki Baat' address. David got the name as his maternal uncle was a big fan of former England footballer David Beckham. David started cycling in 2017.

118) Indian freedom fighter, Lala Lajpat Rai belonged to which state?

Answer – **Punjab**

Explanation:

Lala Lajpat Rai belonged to Punjab. He was born on January 28, 1865, in Monga district of Punjab. He was seen in news recently because his 155th birthday was celebrated recently. He was influenced by the Arya Samaj and helped to spread it all over the country. He was popularly known as Punjab Kesari. He was one third of the Lal Bal Pal triumvirate.

119) Who is the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

Answer - **Sangita Reddy**

120) Where is the Headquarters of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) located?

Answer - **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

121) Where is the headquarters of International World Games Association (IWGA) located?

Answer - **Lausanne, Switzerland**

122) Who is the Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Tata AIG General Insurance Company?

Answer - **Neelesh Garg**

123) Who is the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Google?

Answer - **Sundar Pichai**

124) What is the tagline of Indian Bank?

Answer - **Taking Banking Technology to the Common Man, Your own bank, Your Tech-friendly bank**

125) Where is the headquarters of RailTel Corporation of India located?

Answer - **Gurugram, Haryana**

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