

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS FEBRUARY 2021**

**1. Which country's new rules on drones, permit them to fly over people and at night in the country?**

- [A] China
- [B] Russia
- [C] United States
- [D] South Korea

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Correct Answer: C [United States]

Notes:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the United States has recently issued new guidelines on Drones also called as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

As per the rules, small drones will be allowed to fly over people and at night in the United States. The Drone manufacturers and operators require a Remote ID, under the new rules. This will increase security by identification of the UAVs from the ground.

**2. India's highest meteorological centre has been inaugurated in which state/UT?**

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Ladakh
- [C] Himachal Pradesh
- [D] Uttarakhand

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Correct Answer: B [Ladakh]

Notes:

Union Earth Sciences Minister Harsh Vardhan has recently inaugurated the country's highest meteorological centre in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The centre located above 3500 metres, would provide localised weather forecasts and early warning for Leh and Kargil districts of the Union Territory as well as various tourist places.

**3. Estonia, which was seen in the news recently, is a country in which continent?**

- [A] South America
- [B] Europe
- [C] Asia
- [D] Africa

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Correct Answer: B [Europe]

Notes:

Estonia is a country in Northern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Finland. Recently the Union Cabinet of India approved the proposal of the Ministry of External Affairs to open three new missions.

In 2021, three new missions of India would be opened in Estonia (Europe), Paraguay (South America) and the Dominican Republic (North America). This move would strengthen political relations and promote growth of bilateral trade and investment.

**4. The Ministry of Electronics and IT is set to impact assessment of which mobile application?**

- [A] My FASTag
- [B] UMANG
- [C] DigiLocker
- [D] Arogya Setu

11. Britain has recently ended taxation on which product?

- [A] Mobile Phones
- [B] Sanitary Products
- [C] Laptops
- [D] Paracetamol tablets

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Correct Answer: B [Sanitary Products]

Notes:

Britain became the latest nation that has eliminated taxation on women's sanitary products. These taxes were called "tampon tax" has been completely abolished in the country.

This decision was earlier announced in the country's annual budget by its Treasury chief, but has been implemented only now, when Britain has left the European Union.

**5. Zhong Shanshan, who replaced Mukesh Ambani as Asia's richest person, is from which country?**

[A] Singapore

[B] China

[C] Japan

[D] Thailand

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Correct Answer: B [China]

Notes:

As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Zhong Shanshan's net worth rose to USD 70.9 billion making him the richest man in Asia above both Mukesh Ambani and China's Jack Ma.

Zhong Shanshan is the founder of 'Nongfu Spring', the largest beverage company in China. He is also the owner of the Chinese pharmaceutical giant 'Wantai'.

**6. Which Indian armed force has created a first-of-its kind 'Human rights cell'?**

[A] Indian Navy

[B] Indian Army

[C] Indian Coast Guard

[D] Indian Air Force

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Correct Answer: B [Indian Army]

Notes:

The Indian Army has created a new human rights cell for the first time in the history. Its aims is to provide more transparency and probity in its functioning in disturbed areas like Jammu and Kashmir and the northeast.

Major General Gautam Chauhan has taken charge as the first additional Director General (human rights) and will report directly to the Army vice-chief.

**7. Which organisation is to provide USD 100 million to improve power distribution in Bengaluru?**

- [A] AIIB
- [B] World Bank
- [C] ADB
- [D] IMF

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Correct Answer: C [ADB]

Notes:

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to provide a USD 100 million loan to upgrade the power distribution system in Bengaluru city.

Another USD 90 million loan will also be provided to the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company. The project also includes laying over 2500 km of fibre optical cables and moving distribution lines underground.

**8. What is the name of the webinar serried launched by the Commerce Ministry, along with NPC and QCI?**

- [A] Atmanirbhar Industries
- [B] Udyog Marathon
- [C] MSME Marathon

[D] Self-Reliance Series

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Correct Answer: B [Udyog Marathon]

Notes:

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is organizing 'Udyog Manthan', in association with Quality Council of India, National Productivity Council, and major Industry bodies

It is a series of sector-specific webinars to promote the quality and productivity in Indian Industries. The webinar marathon focussing on both manufacturing and services is being held from January 4, 2021 to March 2, 2021.

**9. Which organisation has issued a Statement on Climate of India during 2020?**

[A] India Meteorological Department

[B] Ministry of Earth Sciences

[C] Indian Institute of Tropical Studies

[D] DRDO

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [India Meteorological Department]

Notes:

The Climate Research and Services (CRS) of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has released a Statement on Climate of India during 2020.

As per the statement, the annual mean land surface air temperature over India was above normal during the year 2020. The year 2020 was also named the eighth warmest year on record.

**10. Due to sudden surge in price of local rice, which country has started to import rice from India, after a decade?**

[A] USA

[B] Canada

- [C] Japan
- [D] Vietnam

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Correct Answer: D [Vietnam]

Notes:

The world's 3rd largest rice exporter – Vietnam has started buying the grain from India, due to sudden surge in price of local rice.

The price rise of the grain has been the highest in 9 years in Vietnam. It is said that Indian rice is attractive in price and the huge price difference is making exports from India possible.

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**12. 'Thai Poosam' is a religious festival celebrated in which Indian state?**

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Karnataka

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Correct Answer: B [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

People of Tamil Nadu celebrate the 'Thai Poosam' festival, which is dedicated for the worship of the Tamil God Lord Muruga.

After the devotees requested to declare the day as a public holiday, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami issued an order for the same. It is also celebrated in some parts of Kerala and in other countries like Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius and Indonesia.

**13. The employees of which MNC has recently formed a Union in the United States?**

[A] Microsoft

[B] Tesla

[C] Google

[D] Apple

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Correct Answer: C [Google]

Notes:

Over 200 Google engineers and other employees have recently formed a Union in the United States, which is seen as a rare move in the Silicon Valley.

After the increasing demands by Google employees for policy changes on pay, harassment and ethics, the "Alphabet Workers Union" has been formed. It is affiliated with the US-based leading union, the 'Communications Workers of America'.

**14. The first Khelo India Sports school of the North-East India, is situated in which city?**

[A] Shillong

[B] Imphal

[C] Guwahati

[D] Gangtok

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [Shillong]

Notes:

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju has recently launched the Assam Rifles Public School in Shillong.

This school has become the first Khelo India Sports school of the North-East India. At present, nine Sports Schools have been approved across the country. The schools aim to integrate sports with education with the Government bearing the expenses of the athletes of the school.

**15. As per the World Bank's GEP report, what is the estimated GDP growth rate in the fiscal year 2021-22?**

[A] 1.2%

[B] 2.3%

[C] 3.4%

[D] 5.4%

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Correct Answer: D [5.4%]

Notes:

The World Bank recently released its flagship Global Economic Prospects (GEP) report. As per the report, the global economic output is projected to grow by 4% in 2021.

World Bank also estimated that Indian economy would grow at 5.4% in fiscal year 2021-22 and by 5.2% in the following year 2022-23. Earlier, the World Bank had forecasted a contraction of 9.6% in fiscal 2020-21.

**16. The Indian Government has set up a control room to control the spread of Bird Flu in which state/UT?**

[A] Kerala

[B] Delhi

[C] Rajasthan



[D] Madhya Pradesh

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Correct Answer: B [Delhi]

Notes:

The Central Government has set up a control room in the national capital, amidst the spread of the bird flu or avian flu viruses across the country in four states.

The control room aims to monitor the situation and record the preventive and control measures undertaken by the state authorities, on a daily basis.

**17. India recently signed an MoU with which country regarding the partnership in “Specified Skilled Worker”?**

[A] Singapore

[B] UAE

[C] Japan

[D] Saudi Arabia

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Japan]

Notes:

The Indian Government has approved the memorandum of cooperation on a framework for partnership related to “Specified Skilled Worker” between India and Japan.

As per the agreement, the skilled Indian workers, who have qualified the skill test and Japanese language test, will be granted a new status of residence of ‘Specified Skilled Worker’ by the Government of Japan. They will work in fourteen specified sectors in Japan.

**18. The Oxford University has developed a survey of which animals using satellite imagery and artificial intelligence (AI)?**

[A] African Elephants

[B] Pandas

[C] Sloths

[D] Mountain Gorillas

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [African Elephants]

Notes:

An international team of researchers led by the University of Oxford has developed a new method to survey the African Elephants.

In the paper published in a leading academic journal, the survey uses satellite imagery and artificial intelligence (AI). A satellite captures over 5,000 square kilometres of imagery, from space, which can eliminate double counting.

**19. Who is the head of the panel for conserving Ladakh's land and culture?**

[A] Amit Shah

[B] G Kishan Reddy

[C] Rao Inderjit Singh

[D] Jitendra Singh

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Correct Answer: B [G Kishan Reddy]

Notes:

The Government of India has decided to form a committee to protect the language, culture and land of Ladakh.

The Committee will be headed by the Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy. It will also include elected representatives from Ladakh, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, central government, and the Ladakh administration.

**20. Which country has claimed that the Equalisation Levy in India as discriminatory?**

[A] China

[B] United States

[C] Brazil

[D] France

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [United States]

Notes:

The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has termed India's Equalisation Levy on e-commerce companies as 'discriminatory'.

The Equalisation Levy or the Digital Service Tax is locally called as the Google Tax. The USTR also said that the Digital Service Tax burdens US commerce and hence it is actionable under Section 301 (of Trade Act, 1974).

**21. Where is the headquarters of the 'National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO)' located?**

[A] Mumbai

[B] Delhi

[C] Hyderabad

[D] Kolkata

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Delhi]

Notes:

The National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) organised its first ever Red Ribbon club Quiz Competition.

NACO was established in 1992 as a division of Health Ministry. Headquartered in New Delhi, it is implementing the 'Adolescence Education Programme' in schools, in association with NCERT. It has also established 12,500 Red Ribbon Clubs (RRCs) to create awareness among the college youth.

**22. The UN and its partners are seeking USD 1.3 billion, for which country affected by war?**

[A] Syria

[B] Iraq

[C] Afghanistan

[D] Palestine

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Correct Answer: C [Afghanistan]

Notes:

The UN and its humanitarian partners in Afghanistan are seeking USD 1.3 billion to assist over 16 million people, affected by war.

Six years ago, only 2.3 million people were targeted for assistance, which has now increased 6 times. The people are in need of life-saving assistance after decades of conflict, natural disasters and the prevalent Covid-10 pandemic.

**23. India has decided to set up one-million-dollar facility for academic collaboration with countries of which region?**

[A] Europe

[B] South America

[C] Arab

[D] Asia

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Arab]

Notes:

India has decided to establish a one-million-dollar facility for academic collaboration with the Arab World. This was decided at the 3rd Senior Officials Meeting of the Arab-India Cooperation Forum.

The meeting was held in a virtual format. The proposal for establishing the facility for academic collaboration is expected to have far reaching impact on contacts between India and Middle east.

**24. Which state celebrates 'Thiruvalluvar Dhinam (Day)' to honour the famous philosopher-poet Thiruvalluvar?**

[A] Tamil Nadu

- [B] Kerala
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

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Correct Answer: A [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

Tamil Nadu celebrates Thiruvalluvar Dhinam (Day) to honour the famous Philosopher-Poet Thiruvalluvar.

The poet's epic literary work named 'Thirukkural', comprises of 1330 kurals (couplets) on ethics, politics and love. It has been translated into many international and Indian languages. The day is celebrated on the second day of the Tamil month 'Thai'.

**25. Which Ministry has permitted to classify expenditure made on "Covid-19 vaccination awareness" under CSR?**

- [A] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of Health
- [D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs

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Correct Answer: D [Ministry of Corporate Affairs]

Notes:

The Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs has announced that the funds spent on awareness programmes and campaigns on Covid-19 vaccination drive, to be classified as Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity.

CSR activities have been defined and listed in the 7th schedule of the Companies Act, 2013

**26. Which company has manufactured India's first driverless metro cars?**

- [A] HAL

- [B] BMEL
- [C] DRDO
- [D] Alstrom

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Correct Answer: B [BMEL]

Notes:

India's first state of the art driverless metro cars have been manufactured by BMEL Limited. It has been manufactured at its manufacturing facility at Bangalore and was unveiled by the Union Defence Minister. The unit is made up of stainless-steel body that has a carrying capacity of 2280 passengers.

BMEL has obtained orders for manufacture of 576 such cars for Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)'s MRS1 project.

**27. India has signed a MoU with Japan recently, in which field?**

- [A] Air Travel
- [B] Defence
- [C] Information and Communication Technology
- [D] Metro Rail Manufacturing

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Correct Answer: C [Information and Communication Technology]

Notes:

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As per the terms of MoU, both the countries will enhance cooperation in 5G technologies, telecom security, submarine optical fibre cable system to islands, spectrum management, smart cities etc.

**28. What is the term "Bojjannakonda" that is seen in news recently?**

- [A] Buddhist heritage site

- [B] Crude oil well
- [C] Kannada Literary work
- [D] Type of weapon used in 1857 revolt

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [Buddhist heritage site]

Notes:

“Bojjannakonda” is a Buddhist rock-cut cave situated near a village Sankaram near Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. The sites are said to date between 4th and 9th Century A.D, when Buddhism is the majority religion of Sankaram village.

Recently, annual Bouddha Mela was celebrated in the Buddhist heritage site, which is generally celebrated a day after Sankranti festival.

**29. What is the name of Traditional kite flying festival celebrated in Bangladesh?**

- [A] Shakti
- [B] Shakrain
- [C] Srushti
- [D] Patang

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Correct Answer: B [Shakrain]

Notes:

The traditional kite flying festival of Bangladesh Shakrain was celebrated in several parts of Dhaka on Thursday.

This is a centuries old tradition that is celebrated on the last day of Bengali month of Paush. On this occasion, people engage themselves in kite flying and fireworks among many other recent additions like ‘DJ Party’.

**30. Bhadravati Rapid Action Force (RAF) unit, which was making news recently, is the first such unit of which state?**

- [A] Telangana

[B] Karnataka

[C] Kerala

[D] Odisha

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Correct Answer: B [Karnataka]

Notes:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for establishing a unit of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) at Bhadravati, Shivamogga district in the state of Karnataka.

RAF is the specialised wing of the Central Reserve Police Force. This unit will be the first battalion of CRPF in the state and the State government has provided 50.29 acres of land for the purpose, to the CRPF. He also inaugurated various farmer-friendly projects in Bagalkot, Karnataka.

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**32. Which country has imposed sanctions against Iran, China and UAE for doing business with “Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines”?**



- [A] UK
- [B] USA
- [C] Australia
- [D] Qatar

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [USA]

Notes:

The United States of America (USA) has recently imposed sanctions on companies belonging to Iran, China and United Arab Emirates.

These sanctions are imposed for doing business with Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines and on three other Iranian entities dealing with conventional arms proliferation.

33. Nazhat Shameem Khan, who has been elected as the President of UN Human Rights Council, belongs to which country?

- [A] India
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Fiji
- [D] Nepal

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**34. What is the name of the awareness campaign organised by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)?**

- [A] Utkarsh
- [B] Utsaah
- [C] Saksham
- [D] Sanskrith

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**35. Who is the Chairperson of the Start-up Advisory Council, constituted recently?**

- [A] NITI Aayog CEO
- [B] Prime Minister
- [C] Commerce and Industry Minister
- [D] ISRO Chairperson

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Correct Answer: C [Commerce and Industry Minister]

Notes:

The Start-up Advisory Council was notified in January 2020, which aims to advise the Government to nurture innovation and start-ups in the country. It is chaired by the Commerce and Industry Minister.

The Centre has recently nominated 28 non-official members for the Start-up Advisory Council notified last year, including the founders of top start-up firms in the country including Byju's, Urban Company, Snapdeal and Ola Cabs.

**36. Which state amended Lokayukta bill to make retired High Court Judges also eligible for the post of Lokayukta?**

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Goa
- [C] Odisha
- [D] West Bengal

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Correct Answer: B [Goa]

Notes:

The Goa state Cabinet recently cleared the Goa Lokayukta (Amendment) Bill to make retired High Court Judges also eligible for the post of Lokayukta.

After Justice PK Mishra retired in September last year, the position remained vacant. As per the Lokayukta law, only a retired Supreme Court Judge or a retired Chief Justice of a High Court are eligible for the post.

**37. What is the name of the military exercise that would involve assets of Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard?**

- [A] Exercise Himvijay
- [B] Exercise Kavach
- [C] Exercise Kapil
- [D] Exercise Darshan

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Correct Answer: B [Exercise Kavach]

Notes:

‘Exercise Kavach’ is a large and joint military exercise that would involve technical, electronic and human intelligence and assets of the Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Indian Coast Guard.

This exercise is conducted under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), which is the only Joint Forces Command of the country.

**38. The socio-economic survey report of which state / UT has been released recently?**

- [A] Jammu and Kashmir
- [B] Delhi
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Madhya Pradesh

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Delhi]

Notes:

The report of socio-economic survey of Delhi, conducted between November 2018 and November 2019 has been finalized and released recently.

As per the report, 10% of children aged between 6 and 17 are either school drop outs or have never attended formal schooling on account of financial disabilities.

**39. Namrup, which was recently making news for its Urea Plant, is located in which state?**

- [A] Assam
- [B] Chhattisgarh
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Uttarakhand

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [Assam]

Notes:

Namrup is a town located in the southeastern part of Assam state. Recently a meeting was held by the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers regarding the upcoming urea plant at Namrup.

The 12.7 lakh MMTPA capacity project is to be implemented jointly by the National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), Oil India Limited (OIL), Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF), Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) and Assam government.

**40. Hawk-I platform, which was making news recently, is owned by which organisation?**

- [A] DRDO
- [B] BHEL
- [C] HAL
- [D] Ordnance Factory Board

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [HAL]

Notes:

The Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW) has been indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation's research centre Imarat.

Recently, the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) successfully test fired a Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW) from a Hawk-I aircraft, off the coast of Odisha. HAL deploys its Hawk-I platform for certification of systems and weapons.

**41. Col Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir, who was conferred the Padma Shri award, belongs to which country?**

- [A] India
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Bangladesh

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: D [Bangladesh]

Notes:

Lt. Col. (Retd.) Quazi Sajjad Ali Zahir and musicologist Sanjida Khatun, who belong to Bangladesh have been conferred with India's Padma Shri award for the year 2021.

This is seen as a soft diplomatic move of the country. These awards were announced on the eve of Republic Day. This year, 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri awards have been conferred.

**42. DRDO's Integrated weapons system design centre has been inaugurated in which city?**

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Kochi

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Hyderabad]

Notes:

The DRDO's Integrated weapons system design centre has been inaugurated by the Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex – Hyderabad.

This centre would set an all-new platform for enhanced design – development for surface to air missile (SAM) systems and ballistic missile defence (BMD) systems.

**43. As per the International Monetary Fund, which is the only key country that would record a double-digit growth in FY22?**

- [A] China
- [B] India
- [C] United States
- [D] Germany

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Correct Answer: B [India]

Notes:

The International Monetary Fund released its latest World Economic Outlook Update recently. As per the report, Indian economy would grow 11.5 per cent in FY22. It has revised the earlier forecast of 8.8 per cent growth.

As per the IMF, India would be the only key country to record a double-digit growth and reclaim the status of the fastest-growing major economy of the world.

**44. What is the name of the virtual intelligence tool recently launched, which can help in Government's policy decisions?**

- [A] Apna
- [B] Tejas
- [C] Surya
- [D] Vishnu

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Correct Answer: B [Tejas]

Notes:

Minister of Electronics and IT and Communications has recently launched virtual intelligence tool Tejas.

The tool can extract critical information for policy decisions thereby improving efficiency in government services. The Minister also launched a virtual portal to access routine office applications called 'Work from Anywhere' portal and 'e-Auction India'.

**45. Govind Ballabh Pant, who was seen in the news recently, was the first Chief Minister of which state?**

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Gujarat

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Correct Answer: B [Uttar Pradesh]

Notes:

Freedom fighter and late former Union home minister Govind Ballabh Pant's statue was relocated from the Parliament complex, as the construction for the new building commenced.

The statue was later unveiled in New Delhi's Pandit Pant Marg. He was also the first Chief Minister of the state of Uttar Pradesh, from 1950 to 1954. He was also awarded with the highest honour of India, the Bharat Ratna.

**46. Where is the headquarters of the World Customs Organization (WCO) located?**

- [A] Rome
- [B] Paris
- [C] Brussels
- [D] Berlin

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Correct Answer: C [Brussels]

Notes:

The International Customs Day is celebrated every year on January 26 across the world, led by the World Customs Organization (WCO). It is headquartered at Brussels, Belgium.

It was earlier called as the Customs Cooperation Council (CCC). The Day has been celebrated since 1983. This year the theme is 'Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain'.

**47. National Non-communicable Disease Monitoring Survey (NNMS), which was released recently, was conducted during which year?**

[A] 2019-20

[B] 2018-19

[C] 2017-18

[D] 2016-17

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [2017-18]

Notes:

The Union Health Ministry released the National Non-communicable Disease Monitoring Survey (NNMS).

In the survey conducted during 2017-18, it was revealed that two in five adults in India have three or more risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCD). The Health Minister also launched a framework on use of telemedicine for cancer, diabetes, heart diseases and stroke in India.

**48. “Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020” has been released by which organisation?**

[A] UNEP

[B] UNESCO

[C] World Bank

[D] UNFCCC

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [UNEP]

Notes:

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recently released a report titled – Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020 – Status Review. The report provides an overview of climate change litigation and its trends globally.

As per the report, the number of climate litigation cases around the world has almost doubled in the last three years.



**49. Which Indian company has emerged as the 5th strongest brand, as per the Brand Finance's Global 500 ranking?**

- [A] Reliance Jio
- [B] Infosys
- [C] TCS
- [D] Indian Oil

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Correct Answer: A [Reliance Jio]

Notes:

As per the Brand Finance's Global 500 ranking, India's Reliance Jio owned by Mukesh Ambani has emerged as the fifth strongest brand globally. The list is topped by WeChat followed by Ferrari and Russian Bank Sber. Coco Cola is ranked 4th in the chart.

Reliance Jio has achieved this fete, despite being founded only a few years ago in 2016.

**50. 'Amrut Mahotsav', which was seen in the news recently, is the celebration of which event?**

- [A] 125th birth anniversary of Netaji
- [B] 75th year of India's Independence
- [C] 50th year of 1971 War
- [D] 50th year of Kargil War

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Correct Answer: B [75th year of India's Independence]

Notes:

The Budget Session of Parliament recently began with the address of President Ram Nath Kovind to the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament.

During the address, the President mentioned that the 'Amrut Mahotsav' will be observed in the country from this year, to mark commencement of the celebrations towards the 75th year of India's Independence.

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Correct Answer: B [UMANG]

Notes:

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity) is to select an agency that will do an impact assessment of the UMANG application.

UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) app was launched in 2017. It aimed to provide over 2000 government services on a single platform. The Government wants to analyse why some citizens are not using the application.