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1. Which country passed a bill to boost nuclear activity, after the assassination of its nuclear physicist?

- [A] Iran
- [B] North Korea
- [C] Libya
- [D] Chile

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Correct Answer: A [Iran]

Notes:

The Parliament of Iran has passed a bill, called as “The strategic measure for the removal of sanctions”.

It aims to uplift the country’s nuclear activities, following the assassination of Iranian nuclear physicist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. The scientist, who died of gun men attack, was the head of the Iranian Defense Ministry’s innovation center.

2. Which country has proposed a new security bill that intends to protect Police officers from online violence?

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] USA
- [D] France

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Correct Answer: D [France]

Notes:

The France’s new security bill makes it an offence to show the face or identity of any Police Officer on duty with the aim of damaging the officer’s integrity. The offence would make the convict liable of one-year imprisonment.

This proposed amendment is protested by many people in France and is seen a curtail of press freedom. It is feared by many that this law would increase police brutality on civilians.

3. The Supreme court has upheld that GST shall be imposed on which type of goods, referring as 'Actionable claims'?

- [A] Lottery
- [B] Medicine
- [C] Vaccine
- [D] Two-wheelers

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Correct Answer: A [Lottery]

Notes:

The Supreme court on Thursday upheld that the Goods and Service Tax (GST) shall be imposed on the sale of lotteries, betting and gambling.

The Bench also highlighted that the GST Act, 2017 defines the goods to include 'actionable claims' and included only three categories of such claims namely lottery, betting and gambling, to levy GST. Actionable claim is the claim for a debt related to any benefit from unpossessed movable property and for which relief can be claimed in civil court.

4. Lesser florican birds, tagged in which Indian state, has flown to Telangana recently?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Rajasthan

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Correct Answer: B [Gujarat]

Notes:

One of the two lesser florican birds that was tagged by the Gujarat forest department has flown all the way to the state of Telangana.

The bird was tagged at the Blackbuck National Park (BBNP), Velavadar, in Bhavnagar. This has confirmed a research finding that lesser florican birds migrate to peninsular India from the western part of India after their breeding season.

5. India has signed a MoU with which country in the field of intellectual property cooperation?

- [A] UK
- [B] Switzerland
- [C] USA
- [D] Canada

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Correct Answer: C [USA]

Notes:

India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) recently with the United States of America (USA) to increase intellectual property cooperation between the two nations.

The agreement has been signed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) – India and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

6. Roshni Nadar is the Chairperson of which company?

- [A] Infosys
- [B] HCL Technologies
- [C] Biocon
- [D] Syngene

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Correct Answer: B [HCL Technologies]

Notes:

The Chairperson of HCL Technologies Roshni Nadar is listed to be wealthiest woman of India in the year 2020.

The list of 100 leading Wealthy Women in India has been recently released by Kotak Wealth Hurun. Out of the 100 women, 31 self-made women on the list. Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar Shaw has been ranked second in the list.

7. Indian Navy has engaged in a Passage Exercise with which country's Navy?

[A] China

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Japan

[D] Russia

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Correct Answer: D [Russia]

Notes:

The Indian Navy and Russia Navy have engaged in a 2-day passage exercise – PASSEX. The exercise is carried out in East Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

The objective of the exercise is to enhance the interoperability between the two Navies and exchange the best Maritime practices between the two countries.

8. Where will the 6th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020 take place?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Mumbai

[C] Bangalore

[D] Virtual Mode

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Correct Answer: D [Virtual Mode]

Notes:

The 6th edition of IISF – India International Science Festival 202 will be held from 22nd to 25th December.

This year's IISF would take place in a virtual mode. IISF is an annual event jointly organised by various science & technology related Ministries and Departments in association with Vijnana Bharati.

9. The “Go for Zero” policy, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

[A] United Kingdom

[B] New Zealand

[C] Australia

[D] Germany

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Australia]

Notes:

“Go for zero” is a policy proposal released by Grattan Institute, a non-profit think tank that advises the government.

As a part of the policy, the Australian Government introduced several measures with the goal of eventually reaching zero new cases and not just to flatten the curve. As a result, the country passed three weeks without any local transmission of Covid-19.

10. Who is the first Indian Army Chief to visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia?

[A] M M Naravane

[B] Bipin Rawat

[C] V K Singh

[D] Ajit Doval

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Correct Answer: A [M M Naravane]

Notes:

India's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Manoj Mukund Naravane has undertaken a "historic" six-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia.

This is first such visit by the Indian Army Chief to the two Gulf countries. This visit aims to strengthen the strategic and defence cooperation between the two countries. Saudi Arabia is India's fourth-largest trading partner.

11. Which Ministry has issued advisory guideline to private satellite channels on online gaming and betting?

- [A] Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- [D] Ministry of Information Technology

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Information and Broadcasting]

Notes:

The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently issued an advisory to all the private satellite channels to ensure that no advertisements that promote prohibited activities are telecasted.

The advisory mentioned that advertisements on online gaming, betting and fantasy sports were misleading and are inconsistent with the Ministry's Advertising Code.

12. Hampi Chariot is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, located in which state?

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

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Correct Answer: C [Karnataka]

Notes:

The famous stone chariot in front of the Vijaya Vittala Temple in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hampi, has been covered by a protective ring by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

This chariot is among three famous stone chariots in India while the other two are in Konark, Odisha, and Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu. Hampi chariot, was built during the dynasty of Vijayanagara rulers who ruled from 14th to 17th century CE.

13. Change – 5 lunar mission is undertaken by which country?

- [A] USA
- [B] Japan
- [C] China
- [D] India

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [China]

Notes:

The Change – 5 is China's ambitious lunar project, under which a capsule has recently collected lunar soil samples and has docked successfully with a space craft that is orbiting the moon.

The capsule transferred the lunar samples to the orbiting space craft which would return to the earth.

14. Which country topped the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)?

- [A] United Kingdom
- [B] Norway
- [C] Sweden
- [D] Denmark

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Correct Answer: C [Sweden]

Notes:

The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) has been released by Germanwatch and NewClimate Institute together with the Climate Action Network (CAN International).

India came one rank down from ninth in 2019, to tenth position this year. No country bagged the first three ranks. The fourth rank is presented to Sweden, followed by the UK and Denmark. The index assesses the performances of 57 countries and European Union in four categories.

15. Which country has proposed to charge fee from Facebook and Google for news content?

- [A] India
- [B] Canada
- [C] France
- [D] Australia

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: D [Australia]

Notes:

The government of Australia has proposed to charge fee from Facebook and Google's media outlets, for news content.

This move has been proposed for protecting independent journalism in the country.

These big tech firms have to pay to local publishers and broadcasters for their content that appears on the firm's platforms.

16. 'Art of Life' methodology, which was seen in news recently, is associated with which state?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Punjab

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Correct Answer: C [Rajasthan]

Notes:

The Rajasthan state Tourism department has tied up with UNESCO and implementing a project by adopting 'Art of Life' methodology.

Around 10 cultural tourism hubs are being created in Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, and Barmer districts. The project aims to connect the performing artists and handicraft artists with the admirers of the art and culture.

17. When is the International Anti-Corruption Day observed every year?

[A] December 7

[B] December 9

[C] December 11

[D] December 13

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Correct Answer: B [December 9]

Notes:

Every year, December 9 is observed as the International Anti-Corruption Day. The day is observed since 2003 after the United Nations passed a resolution in this regard. The theme for this year's day is 'United Against Corruption'. '.

This year's theme gives a special focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and states that corruption as one of the biggest obstacles in achieving it.

18. Which Indian organisation has successfully demonstrated Quantum communication?

[A] HAL

[B] ISRO

[C] DRDO

[D] NHPC

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [DRDO]

Notes:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently made a successful demonstration of Quantum communications between two of its labs.

The communication was made using Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) technology which is a highly secure way to share encryption keys. In this method, the encryption keys are communicated in the form of qubits in a fibre optic cable, which is highly secure.

19. India Workplace Equality Index has been launched in India by which organisation?

[A] Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

[B] UNESCO

[C] Keshav Suri Foundation

[D] Biocon Foundation

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Keshav Suri Foundation]

Notes:

The India Workplace Equality Index has been launched in India by Keshav Suri Foundation in association with Pride Circle, Stonewall UK and FICCI.

This is the 1st benchmarking tool for employers to measure their progress on LGBT and their inclusiveness in work place. It was introduced in the United Kingdom in the year 2005.

20. National poet 'Subramaniya Bharati' is a famous poet of which Indian state?

[A] Kerala

[B] Tamil Nadu

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

National poet Mahakavi 'Subramaniya Bharati' is a famous poet from the southern state of Tamil Nadu. He was an Indian independence activist, journalist and a pioneer in Tamil Literature.

International Bharati Festival is organized by the Vanavil Culture Centre in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, to honour the poet. His 138th birth anniversary was observed on December 11, 2020. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated and presented the Bharati Award to the writer Seeni Viswanathan.

21. What amount of expenditure has been approved by the Union Cabinet for wage subsidy via EPFO?

- [A] Rs.10,500 crore
- [B] Rs.15,800 crore
- [C] Rs.22,810 crore
- [D] Rs.30,000 crore

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Correct Answer: C [Rs.22,810 crore]

Notes:

The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved an expenditure of Rs.22,810 crore, for providing a wage subsidy through the employee's provident fund organization (EPFO).

This is a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana. This move is set to incentivize creation of new job opportunities during the Covid recovery phase of the economy.

22. Which campaign of India has been recently appreciated by the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- [A] Fitness Ka Dose Aadha Ghanta Roz
- [B] Fit Hai to Hit Hai
- [C] Khelo India
- [D] Run India Run

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [Fitness Ka Dose Aadha Ghanta Roz]

Notes:

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently appreciated India's initiative of 'Fitness Ka Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz'.

The campaign, which aims to promote physical activity, was launched as part of the nation-wide Fit India Movement. It urges all Indians to follow at least 30 minutes of fitness activities every day. This is on the lines with the WHO fitness campaign.

23. In which state, the Malaria causing parasite 'Plasmodium Ovale' has been detected?

[A] Kerala

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Bihar

[D] Himachal Pradesh

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [Kerala]

Notes:

Plasmodium Ovale, a malaria causing parasite has been detected in the state of Kerala. This has been detected in a soldier who had come from Sudan.

Malaria is caused by plasmodium parasites, that are transmitted to humans by bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. There are five parasite species that cause malaria and two among them – Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax are the greatest threats.

24. What is the name of the new platform to be launched by Maharashtra, to distribute assistive devices?

[A] MahaSharad

[B] Maha Assist

[C] Maha Sena

[D] Maha Ambition

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [MahaSharad]

Notes:

The state of Maharashtra is set to launch an ambitious scheme for distribution of assistive devices to persons with disabilities.

Named as Maharashtra System for Health and Rehabilitation Assistance or 'MahaSharad', the Digital Platform is named after the NCP chief Sharad Pawar. The platform, which aims to lakhs of people, will be available by March 2021.

25. Which company, incubated by the Kerala Start up Mission has won awards at an international contest conducted by Huawei?

[A] Modern Technologies

[B] Riafy Technologies

[C] Hind Solutions

[D] WiFi Technologies

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Riafy Technologies]

Notes:

A start-up company incubated by the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) – Riafy Technologies has been conferred with four awards at a contest conducted by the smartphone manufacturer Huawei.

The firm was formed seven years ago and emerged as a winner under the best app and the most popular app categories of the contest. It has become the only Indian firm to be in the list of winners.

26. Which pharma company has developed India's first mRNA vaccine?

[A] Gennova Biopharmaceuticals

[B] Serum Institute

[C] Cipla Pharma

[D] Ranbaxy

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Correct Answer: A [Gennova Biopharmaceuticals]

Notes:

Gennova Biopharmaceuticals has developed India's first Covid-19 vaccine candidate based on mRNA. It has recently received approval from drug regulators of the country for entrusting it to clinical trials.

HGCO19 is the name of the mRNA vaccine candidate developed by the Pune based institution, using the seed grant received under Ind-CEPI mission of the department of biotechnology of the Union Ministry of science and technology.

27. When is the International Day of Neutrality observed every year?

[A] December 10

[B] December 11

[C] December 12

[D] December 13

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [December 12]

Notes:

Every year December 12th is observed as the International Day of Neutrality by the United Nations. Neutrality is defined as abstention of a state from all participation in a war and maintaining impartiality.

A resolution in this regard was adopted by the United Nations in the year 2017, which was introduced by Turkmenistan.

28. When is the 'National Energy Conservation Day' observed in India?

[A] December 14

[B] December 15

[C] December 16

[D] December 17

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: A [December 14]

Notes:

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), a statutory body under the Union Ministry of Power celebrates December 14 as the National Energy Conservation Day.

The Day is being celebrated every year since 1991, to exhibit India's steps taken towards energy conservation. BEE spreads awareness amongst the people about energy efficiency and the need to shift to sustainable energy sources.

29. Roddam Narasimha, who passed away recently, was a prominent personality in which field?

[A] Politics

[B] Music

[C] Aerospace

[D] Literature

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Aerospace]

Notes:

Veteran aerospace scientist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Roddam Narasimha has recently passed away at the age of 87.

He served at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), teaching Aerospace Engineering from 1962 to 1999. He also served as the director of the National Aerospace Laboratories. He was conferred with the Padma Vibhushan award in 2013.

30. The North East Power Project, NERPSIP which was seen in the news recently, is implemented by which organisation?

[A] REC

[B] POWERGRID

[C] NTPC

[D] ONGC

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [POWERGRID]

Notes:

The North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project (NERPSIP) was approved in 2014 as a Central Sector Scheme and is being funded with the assistance of World Bank fund.

It is being implemented through POWERGRID, a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Power in association with six beneficiary North Eastern States namely, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Tripura. The Union Cabinet has approved the Revised Cost Estimate of the scheme at Rs 6700 crore.

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32. What type of vessel is the Indian Coast Guard ship ‘Sujeet’?

[A] Frigate vessel

[B] Corvette vessel

[C] Off shore patrol vessel

[D] Aircraft Carrier

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Off shore patrol vessel]

Notes:

The Indian Coast Guard ship 'Sujeet' has been launched and commissioned to the Indian Coast Guard at Goa recently. It is second in series of 105 meter off-shore patrol vessels. It has been designed and built by the Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

The ship is equipped with integrated platform management system, integrated bridge system, power management system and high power external fire-fighting technologies.

33. The economic report named "Ecowrap" is released by which organization?

[A] World Bank

[B] NITI Aayog

[C] IMF

[D] State Bank of India

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: D [State Bank of India]

Notes:

The State Bank of India in its recent Ecowrap report has lowered India's GDP contraction for FY 21 from earlier 10.9% to 7.4%.

The report states that it would take nearly 7 quarters from Q4 for the current financial year, to reach the pre-COVID output and growth levels.

34. Which global institution is to provide USD 1000 mn loan to India, to support MGNREG Scheme?

[A] ADB

[B] AIIB

[C] NDB

[D] IMF

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [NDB]

Notes:

The Government of India and New Development Bank today signed a loan agreement for USD 1000 million.

The loan aims to provide support to Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan through MGNREG Scheme. This is expected to facilitate economic activity and employment generation to stimulate rural demand, which will in turn help the recovery of economy, hit by Covid-19.

35. Where is the “Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)” head quartered?

[A] Delhi

[B] Paris

[C] Washington

[D] Tokyo

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Paris]

Notes:

The US Federal Reserve has recently joined the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening the Financial System (NGFS).

NGFS is an international group of central banks of various countries, that has a special focus on climate change risks. It is headquartered at Paris, France.

36. Which country offered official recognition to Yogasana as a competitive sport?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Myanmar

[C] Singapore

[D] India

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: D [India]

Notes:

The Government of India has recently offered official recognition to Yoga as a competitive sport, as a push to make it a part of the Olympic Games.

Recently, India established the National Yogasana Sport Federation of India (NYSFI) for the development of yoga as a competitive sport. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of AYUSH are collaborating in this regard. Sporting Leagues and Competitions are being planned.

37. The government of which country has rescued 300 students abducted by the Boko Haram terrorist group?

[A] Kenya

[B] Albania

[C] Nigeria

[D] Zimbabwe

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Nigeria]

Notes:

The Government of Nigeria has recently rescued over 300 boys who were abducted by the Boko Haram terrorist.

The students of Government Science Secondary School were kidnapped by the terrorist groups and were successfully freed by the country's security forces. The government stated that the kidnappings were done against "western education".

38. The Liberation Day of which Indian state/UT is observed on December 19?

[A] Assam

[B] Goa

[C] Sikkim

[D] West Bengal

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Goa]

Notes:

Goa Liberation Day is observed on December 19 every year in India to mark the day on which the Indian armed forces freed Goa in 1961.

When India gained independence in 19547, Goa was under the Portuguese rule. After unsuccessful negotiations, the then Indian Prime Minister ordered for a military operation. The Armed Forces conducted 'Operation Vijay' from December 18, 1961, and freed Goa.

39. What is the name of the automobile fuel that has 20% ethanol and 80% gasoline?

[A] Aviation Turbine Fuel

[B] Petrol

[C] Bio Petrol

[D] E20 Fuel

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: D [E20 Fuel]

Notes:

The Government of India has recently proposed to adopt E20 fuel in Indian automobiles. The E20 fuel is a blend of 20% ethanol and 80% gasoline.

This move is aimed at reducing the vehicular emissions at the same time, bring down the crude oil import cost of the country.

40. What is India's rank in the Human Freedom Index 2020?

[A] 53

[B] 100

[C] 111

[D] 160

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [111]

Notes:

The Human Freedom Index 2020 is released by the Cato Institute in the United States and Fraser Institute in Canada, which measures the state of Human Freedom in the world.

Out of 162 countries that were ranked in the index, India has been placed at 111st Rank. India was ranked 110 in terms of personal freedom and 105 on economic freedom. An overall score of 6.43 out of 10 was given to India, with the global average score being 6.93.

41. A fungal disease named 'Mucormycosis' is registered in Covid-19 patients of which state?

[A] Kerala

[B] Gujarat

[C] Bihar

[D] Assam

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Gujarat]

Notes:

Some Covid-19 patients in the state of Gujarat were affected by Mucormycosis, a rare fungal infection.

In response to that, the state Government issued an advisory about the risk of contraction. Mucormycosis is caused by a group of molds called mucormycetes. It infects people with a weak immune system and existing illness. It is said to have a mortality rate of 50%.

42. Who is the Head of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, which was seen in the news recently?

[A] M M Kuttu

[B] A K Sikri

[C] Ranjan Gogoi

[D] Karnan

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Correct Answer: A [M M Kutty]

Notes:

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, headed by former chief secretary of Delhi M M Kutty, recently directed switching over of all industries in Delhi and NCR to Piped Natural Gas (PNG).

As per the Commission, the industrial sector is one of the major contributors to air pollution in the region. The Commission issued directions to IndraPrastha Gas Ltd in this regard.

43. Veteran Leader Motilal Vora, who recently passed away, was the Chief Minister of which state?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Gujarat

[C] Madhya Pradesh

[D] Bihar

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Madhya Pradesh]

Notes:

Veteran Congress leader and former Governor of Uttar Pradesh Motilal Vohra recently passed away at the age of 93.

He also served as the 13th Madhya Pradesh Chief minister in 1989 and a Rajya Sabha member from Chhattisgarh from 2002 to 2020.

44. As per the researchers of US- NIH, the tiny antibodies from which animal, is said to work against the coronavirus?

[A] Lemur

[B] Sloth

[C] Llama

[D] Mule

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Llama]

Notes:

As per the researchers at the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), tiny antibodies, or “nanobodies” from a Llama named ‘Cormac’ works against the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

The researchers suggest that at least one of these nanobodies (called NIH-CoVnb-112) can prevent infections and detect virus particles by grabbing the SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins.

45. What is the new limit of Foreign Direct Investment in the DTH service, as of December 2020?

[A] 20%

[B] 49%

[C] 74%

[D] 100%

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: D [100%]

Notes:

The Union Cabinet has recently approved 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in Direct-to-Home (DTH) broadcasting services.

The Cabinet also approved revised guidelines for DTH services, similar to those of Commerce Ministry and increased the licence period to 20 years, from the present scenario of 10 years.

46. What is the name of the portal and application launched for booking Government holiday homes and event venues?

[A] E-Venue

- [B] E-Sampada
- [C] E-Yojana
- [D] E-Programme

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [E-Sampada]

Notes:

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched E-Sampada, a new web portal and mobile application.

The new application provides a single window for all the services including allotment for Government residential accommodations, space allotment to government and booking of holiday home rooms.

47. Which Indian player has been appointed as the Chief selector of the national men's cricket team?

- [A] Harbhajan Singh
- [B] V V S Lakshman
- [C] Chetan Sharma
- [D] Mohammad Kaif

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: C [Chetan Sharma]

Notes:

Former India pacer Chetan Sharma has been appointed Chief selector of the national men's cricket team.

The Cricket Advisory Committee also selected two more members to the All-India Senior Selection Committee. The CAC will review the candidates after one year and make recommendations to the BCCI.

48. The Jal Jeevan Mission and the DPIIT have launched an Innovation challenge to develop which product?

- [A] Low-cost RO Filter
- [B] Portable Water-testing device
- [C] Water based sanitizer
- [D] Water Purifier

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Portable Water-testing device]

Notes:

The Jal Jeevan Mission and the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade have launched an Innovation challenge to develop Portable devices for water testing.

The challenge aims to develop a cost-effective solution that can be used at the household level to test the drinking water quality instantly. All individuals, Start-ups, MSMEs and corporates can participate in the challenge, under which the selected innovations will be hand-held for support.

49. Which Indian state has won the Digital India Awards for innovative steps in e-governance during pandemic?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Kerala

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Bihar]

Notes:

The Bihar Government took an initiative to transfer financial assistance directly to the accounts of beneficiaries during the COVID-19 pandemic, through its 'Bihar Sahayata Mobile App'.

For this step, the Chief Minister Secretariat, Disaster Management Department and National Informatics Centre (NIC) of the state have jointly been chosen as winners in the 'Pandemic category' Digital India Awards 2020 of the Central Government.

50. Indian Navy concluded the two-day naval passage exercise PASSEX in the South China Sea, with which country?

[A] Thailand

[B] Vietnam

[C] Myanmar

[D] Laos

Hide Answer

Correct Answer: B [Vietnam]

Notes:

The Navies of India and Vietnam has concluded the two-day naval passage exercise PASSEX in the South China Sea.

This exercise has been organised as part of efforts to boost maritime cooperation between the two countries. Indian Navy Ship (INS) Kiltan reached Vietnam under Mission Sagar-III with Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) stores for flood-affected people of Central Vietnam.