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1.The Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the DST-IIEST Solar PV Hub in which state of India?

- A. Assam
- B. Odisha
- C. West Bengal
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Haryana

Sol.

- The Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh pokhriyal nishank inaugurated the DST-IIEST Solar PV Hub. The hub was inaugurated at Shibpur in Howrah District of West Bengal.
- The funds to develop the hub was allocated by the Department of Science and Technology. It is backed by the centre of excellence for green energy and sensor system located at the IEST. The concept of establishing the Solar PV hub mooted in 2018.
- It aims to have world-class research facility. It will act as a central node for dissemination of knowledge in the field of solar energy, research and development, fabrication, solar photovoltaics, solar PV module, testing of solar cells and Solar PV systems. The hub provides great boost for the eastern and North Eastern regions of India.
- Also, the hub will help to align the national and local Industries, startup, Research Institute under the Make in India initiative. This will help in smooth transition from fossil fuel energy to solar energy.

2.India Post has signed an agreement with which countries postal service for electronic exchange of data related to postal shipments?

- A. Germany
- B. England
- C. USA
- D. France
- E. Canada

Sol.

- India Post and US Postal Service signed agreement for electronic exchange of data related to postal shipments.
- Based on the agreement, the respective bodies will transmit and receive electronic data of international postal items before their arrival.
- This will help the customs to clear the postal items well in advance, that even before the shipment reaches the port.
- Also, it will improve the performance of postal services.
- In 2019, around 30% of small packets and letters transmitted by India Post were to USA. Also, 20% of outbound EMS was to US. Around 60% parcels received originated from the USA.

3.Who has authored the book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984"?

- A. Sarbpreet Singh
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Natasha Sharma
- E. Anand Neelakantan

Sol.

- Sarbpreet Singh has authored a book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984". The book recounts the Sikh massacre or anti-Sikh riots of 1984.
- The book narrates many stories of ordinary people, that capture the horrors and uncertainties of 1984 through the eyes of Sikhs around the world. The book is published by Penguin.
- The book is a fictionalised version of real happenings. It comprises 8 chapters.

4.Who has won the 2020 Portuguese Grand Prix, held at Algarve International Circuit, Portugal?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Charles Leclerc
- E. Daniel Ricciardo

Sol.

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 Portuguese Grand Prix, held at Algarve International Circuit, Portugal.
- This was the 12th round of the 2020 Formula One World Championship. This is Hamilton's 8th win of the season and 92nd career race victory.
- With this win, he has surpassed the record of 91 wins set by German great Michael Schumacher. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes- Finland) came second followed by Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) at the third spot.

5. Who will head 14-members panel constituted by the NITI Aayog to look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system?

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. V.K. Saraswat
- D. Ramesh Chand
- E. VK Paul

Sol.

- NITI Aayog has constituted a 14-member advisory committee to look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system.
- The panel will be headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar. The members of the committee include Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog and secretaries of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- The committee will examine the current system in terms of multidisciplinary, curriculum and other related issues at the level of graduates and postgraduates against the challenges of rapid urbanization.
- The committee will examine the urban planning education system in India and examine the availability, demand and supply of the qualified urban planners in India.

6. Which entity organized 'India Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)' in association with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)?

- A. FICCI
- B. University Grants Commission
- C. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- D. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- E. Confederation of Indian Industry

Sol.

- The 'India Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)' will be organised by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in association with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).
- This hackathon on the circular economy will be held on 7th and 8th Dec 2020.
- In the linear economy, raw natural resources are taken, transformed into products and get disposed off.
- Circular economy model aims to close the gap between the production and the natural ecosystems' cycles - on which humans ultimately depend upon.
- The hackathon will be based on four themes:
 - (a) Innovation in reducing packaging waste
 - (b) Innovation in food supply chains avoiding waste
 - (c) Creating opportunities for plastic waste reduction
 - (d) Recycling critical energy metals and e-waste.

7. Which of the following state government has secured first rank in loan disbursement under PM SVANidhi Scheme?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Orissa

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh Government has secured first rank in approving the highest number



of loans under centre's PM Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi scheme (SVANidhi Scheme)

- UP has been ranked first in all the categories like Applications, Sanctions and Disbursements of the loans under PM SVANidhi scheme.

8. Who has been elected as the President of Seychelles recently?

- A. James Mancham
- B. James Alix Michel
- C. Wavel Ramkalawan
- D. Danny Faure
- E. Vincent Meriton

Sol.

- Indian-origin Wavel Ramkalawan has been elected as the President of Seychelles defeating incumbent Danny Faure.
- He secured 54.9% of the total vote
- Seychelles has elected an opposition candidate as its President for the first time since 1977.
- Seychelles is an archipelago of 115 islands in the Indian Ocean, off East Africa.
- Capital: Victoria
- Currency: Seychellois rupee

9. What is India's rank in Ookla Speedtest Global Index that ranks nation on the basis of Global Mobile Internet Speed?

- A. 101
- B. 111
- C. 121
- D. 131
- E. 88

Sol.

- India has been ranked 131 in Ookla Speedtest Global Index, that ranks Global Mobile Internet Speed across the nations of the world
- India was ranked 121 in 2019 in this index
- South Korea has topped the list with an average mobile internet speed of 121.00 Mbps.

- Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Nepal ranked higher on the list at 102, 116, and 117 respectively.

10. Which country committed \$1.9 million to India to support informal sector workers, micro enterprises?

- A. Japan
- B. France
- C. USA
- D. United Kingdom
- E. Germany

Sol.

- * The US has committed USD 1.9 million to support vulnerable populations in India like informal sector workers whose livelihoods have been disrupted due to COVID-19.
- * The financial assistance from US Agency for International Development (USAID), extended generously by the American people to partners in India, will support efforts to rebuild local economies and improve the livelihoods of Indians who have been hit hardest by this pandemic.

11. Renowned personality Pushpa Bhave passed away in Mumbai following a prolonged illness, she was a veteran _____.

- A. Journalist
- B. Film Actress
- C. Social Activist
- D. Folk Singer
- E. Politician

Sol.

- * Veteran social activist Pushpa Bhave (81-years) passed away in Mumbai following a prolonged illness.
- * She has been associated with the Rashtra Seva Dal and democratic movements since her student days.
- * She was also an academician and an intellectual, who fought for the rights of common citizens.
- * During the Emergency, she had offered her home as shelter to underground political workers.

12. Who has authored the book titled "On the Trail of Buddha: A Journey to the East"?

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Deepankar Aron
- C. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- D. Arundhati Roy
- E. Romila Thapar

Sol.

- The book titled "On the Trail of Buddha: A Journey to the East" by Deepankar Aron has been released by West Bengal governor Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- On the Trail of Buddha—A Journey to the East is a unique sojourn in search of the spiritual, philosophical, and cultural linkages that bind India to the East Asian civilisations.
- From the wandering monks of Asia to the temples and monasteries they visited; from the statues and frescoes in grottoes to those in the museums; from the diverse ethnicities of the people to their common gods and goddesses—the book explores the 'ancient India', beautifully preserved in the traditions, art, and architecture of China, as also in Mongolia, Korea and Japan, to where it spread from China.

13. The eighth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX-20 was conducted between India and which country?

- A. Singapore
- B. Spain
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. USA
- E. Japan

Sol.

- * India and Sri Lanka conducted a three-day military exercise "SLINEX" 2020.
- * The eighth edition of the exercise was held off coast of Trincomalee.
- * It was conducted in non-contact at-sea only format.
- * This strategy has been adopted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

* The drill included series of anti-air weapons firing, cross deck flying operations to fine tune high degree of inter-operability.

* Indian Navy deployed INS Kiltan and INS Kamorta, Chetak helicopters and Dornier maritime patrol aircrafts in the exercise.

* The Sri Lankan Navy was represented by SLN Ships Sayura and Gajabahu.

* Gajabahu is a training ship and Sayura is an offshore patrol vessel.

14. The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) test fired the naval version BRAHMOS missile from which naval base successfully?

- A. INS Dwarka
- B. INS Chennai
- C. INS Kalinga
- D. INS Kolkata
- E. INS Vishakhapatnam

Sol.

* The Defence Research Development Organization test fired the naval version BRAHMOS missile from INS Chennai successfully.

* The missile was test fired from an indigenously built stealth destroyer INS Chennai. The missile hit a target in Arabian Sea.

* BRAHMOS is a supersonic missile. It was jointly developed by India and Russia.

* The major classification of the missiles is Cruise Missiles and Ballistic Missiles.

15. Who has been elected as the President of the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA)?

- A. Rohan Jaitley
- B. Manish Sisodia
- C. Manoj Tiwari
- D. Vijay Goyal
- E. Gautam Gambhir

Sol.

* Advocate Rohan Jaitley, the son of late Union Minister Arun Jaitley, has been elected unopposed as the President of the



Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA).

* He was the single candidate left for the post, as the lone candidate who had filed his nomination against him withdrew his candidature.

* The 31-year-old lawyer is slated to remain in the post till June 30, 2021. Notably, late Arun Jaitley had also served as the president of DDCA between 1999 and 2013.

16. What is India's rank in the "Global Hunger Index 2020" prepared jointly by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide?

- A. 75th
- B. 86th
- C. 89th
- D. 94th
- E. 102nd

Sol.

* The Global Hunger Index 2020 was released, it is jointly prepared by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide.

* As per the report, India ranked 94th among 107 countries.

* According to the report India has the highest prevalence of wasted children under five years in the world, which reflects acute undernutrition.

* India's rank is lower than its neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (73), Bangladesh (75), Myanmar (78) and Pakistan (88).

17. What is the name that has been given to the India's premium cotton?

- A. Kalabari Cotton
- B. Kasturi Cotton
- C. Amritsari Cotton
- D. Malmali Cotton
- E. Hemavati Cotton

Sol.

• Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani launched the first ever Brand and Logo for Indian Cotton on Second World Cotton Day through video conferencing.

• Now India's premium cotton would be known as 'Kasturi Cotton' in the world cotton trade. The Kasturi Cotton brand will represent Whiteness, Brightness, Softness, Purity, Luster, Uniqueness and Indianness.

• India is the second largest cotton producer and the largest consumer of cotton in the world. It produces about six million tonnes of cotton every year which is about 23 per cent of the world cotton. She said, India produces about 51 per cent of the total organic cotton production of the world.

18. Who won the 2020 Junior Speed Online Chess Championship?

- A. Raunak Sadhwani
- B. Prithu Gupta
- C. Nihal Sarin
- D. NR Visakh
- E. Girish Koushik

Sol.

• Young Indian player Nihal Sarin emerged winner in the Chess.com's 2020 Junior Speed Online Chess Championship, beating Russia's world junior No. 6 Alexey Sarana 18-7 in the final.

• The title win earned the 16-year old Sarin \$ 8,766 and enabled him to qualify for the 2020 Speed Chess Championship Final which will feature the world's best players.

• Sarin had beaten American Andrew Tang, Australia's Anton Smirnov and Armenian Haik Martirosyan en route the title.

• Past winners of the Speed Chess Championship include Magnus Carlsen (2017) and Hikaru Nakamura (2018, 2019).

19. PM Narendra Modi launches physical distribution of property cards under which scheme?

- A. SAMPADA
- B. SAVNIDHI
- C. SVAMITVA
- D. SAMADHAN
- E. SWARAJYA

Sol.

- PM Narendra Modi launches physical distribution of property cards under 'SVAMITVA' scheme
- Under this scheme, beneficiaries of 'SVAMITVA Scheme' can use the property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits.
- SVAMITVA Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme on National Panchayat Day 24th April 2020. In the States, the Revenue Department /Land Records Department are the Nodal Department and shall carry out the scheme with the support of State Panchayati Raj Department.
- Survey of India shall work as the technology partner for implementation.
- The purpose of this scheme is to provide the 'record of rights' to village household owners in rural areas and issue property cards.

20. Which state government has launched "Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana"?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Sol.

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister, Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched the "Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana" at the Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Auditorium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- The scheme is aimed at promoting self-employment of the youth and promoting the production of Green Energy.
- The targeted beneficiaries include youths and migrant workers, who returned home after leaving jobs in various parts of the country due to pandemic.

21. World Arthritis Day is observed globally every year on which date?

- A. 9th October
- B. 10th October
- C. 11th October

D. 12th October

E. 13th October

Sol.

- World Arthritis Day is observed globally on 12th October every year.
- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about arthritis, an inflammatory condition which causes pain and stiffness in joints which can worsen with age.
- This day was started by Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI) in 1996 in order to spread awareness about arthritis and encourage policymakers to help reduce the burden of arthritis.

22. The Blue Flag programme is operated under the auspices of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), its headquarter is located in _____.

- A. Paris, France
- B. Copenhagen, Denmark
- C. Berlin, Germany
- D. Brussels, Belgium
- E. London, Britain

Sol.

- As per the Environment Ministry the all eight beaches recommended by the Government has got the coveted International Blueflag Certification.
- The beaches which got International Blueflag Certification are Shivrajpur beach in Dwarka Gujarat, Ghoghla beach in Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden Beach in Odisha and Radhanagar beach in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- The iconic Blue Flag is one of the world's most recognised voluntary awards for beaches, marinas.
- The Blue Flag programme is operated under the auspices of the Foundation for Environmental Education, FEE and is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark.

23. According to a study published in the medical journal Lancet which country is



likely to become the third largest economy in the world by 2050?

- A. Russia
- B. Brazil
- C. India
- D. Indonesia
- E. Japan

Sol.

- India is likely to overtake Japan as the third largest economy in the world by 2050 and continue in that position till 2100, according to a study published in the medical journal Lancet.
- The study constructed scenarios for GDP using the working age population of countries. It also assessed potential economic and geopolitical effects of future demographic shifts.
- The study based 2017 as the reference when India was the seventh largest economy in the world, and forecast that India will emerge as the fourth largest economy by 2030 behind USA, China, Japan and by 2050 it will go onto the third spot and retain it till 2100.

24. Who won the women's 2020 French Open Single Title?

- A. Sofia Kenin
- B. Iga Swiatek
- C. Naomi Osaka
- D. Serena Williams
- E. Simona Halep

Sol.

- Polish teenager Iga Swiatek won her country's first-ever Grand Slam singles title.
- She defeated American fourth seed Sofia Kenin 6-4, 6-1 to become the youngest women's French Open champion since 1992.
- The 19-year-old Swiatek, at 54 the lowest-ranked woman to capture the Roland Garros title in the modern era, is the ninth first-time Major champion in the past 14 Grand Slams.

- Swiatek is the youngest women's French Open winner since Monica Seles 28 years ago.
- Swiatek was only the second Polish woman to reach a Grand Slam final in the Open era after Agnieszka Radwanska at Wimbledon in 2012.

25. The Union Cabinet approved signing of an agreement with which country that is aimed at enhancing cooperation in emerging technologies, protection of critical infrastructure, cyberspace and to mitigate threats to communication networks?

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. Israel
- D. France
- E. USA

Sol.

- The Union Cabinet approved signing of an agreement with Japan that is aimed at enhancing cooperation in emerging technologies, protection of critical infrastructure, cyberspace and to mitigate threats to communication networks.
- The approval to the pact by the cabinet comes in the midst of growing concerns over cyberattacks from China, particularly after India banned over 100 mobile apps with Chinese links.

26. Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan passed away recently, he was the president of which political party?

- A. Rashtriya Janta Dal
- B. Lok Janshakti Party
- C. Rashtriya Lok Samta Party
- D. Hindustani Awam Morcha
- E.

None of the above/more than one of the above

Sol.

- Union minister of consumer affairs, food and public distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan passed away. He was born on 5 July 1946.
- He was also the president of the Lok Janshakti Party, eight-time Lok Sabha member and current Rajya Sabha MP.
- Ram Vilas Paswan started his political career as a member of Samyukta Socialist Party and was elected to the Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1969.
- Later, Paswan joined Lok Dal upon its formation in 1974 and became its general secretary.
- He opposed the emergency and was arrested during the period.
- He entered the Lok Sabha in 1977, as a Janata Party member from Hajipur constituency, was chosen again 1980, 1989, 1996 and 1998, 1999, 2004, and 2014.

27. Who will be conferred the prestigious Sarala Puraskar for his poetry work 'Setebelaku Nathiba'?

- A. Ranjit Kumar Nag
- B. Shyamsundar Pattanaik
- C. Nityanand Nayak
- D. Satrughna Pandav
- E. Jagannatha Prasad Das

Sol.

- Noted Odia poet, Nityanand Nayak will be conferred the prestigious Sarala Puraskar for his poetry work 'Setebelaku Nathiba', published in 2017.
- The poet will be felicitated with a cash award of ₹ 5 lakh and a citation.
- Two other eminent personalities from the State – Ranjit Kumar Nag and Shyamsundar Pattanaik – will be felicitated for their contribution to fields of music and art respectively.
- While Nag will be awarded the Ila Panda Sangeet Samman, Pattanaik would be felicitated with Ila Panda Chitrakala Samman.
- The awards comprise a cash award of ₹ 1,50,000 and a citation.

28. Who has been awarded with the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2020?

- A. Abiy Ahmed
- B. Louise Glück
- C. Olga Tokarczuk
- D. Peter Handke
- E. Kazuo Ishiguro

Sol.

- The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2020 is awarded to the American poet Louise Glück "for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal".
- The Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by The Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
- The American poet Louise Glück was born in 1943 in New York and lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Apart from her writing, she is a professor of English at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. She made her debut in 1968 with Firstborn and was soon acclaimed as one of the most prominent poets in American contemporary literature.
- She has received several prestigious awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize (1993) and the National Book Award (2014).

29. Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah resigned from the post of Prime Minister of which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Iraq
- C. Kuwait
- D. Oman
- E. Saudi Arabia

Sol.

- The Kuwaiti government, headed by Prime Minister (PM) Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah submitted its resignation to Emir Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah in anticipation of the upcoming general elections that are due to be held in November 2020.
- He took charge as the PM in 2019.

- He started his career in 1978, joining the ministry of foreign affairs, where he worked at various capacities, including being a member of Kuwait's permanent mission to the United Nations (1983-1989).

30. Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year on which date?

- A. 4th October
- B. 5th October
- C. 6th October
- D. 7th October
- E. 8th October

Sol.

- Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year by the Indian Air Force on 8th of October. This year Indian Air Force celebrated its 88th anniversary.
- Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932 by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force.
- The name was changed to Indian Air Force in 1950.

31. Renowned personality Vishal Anand has passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Film Actor
- B. Journalist
- C. Folk singer
- D. Music Director
- E. Politician

Sol.

- Veteran Bollywood actor, Vishal Anand has passed away. He came to fame with 1976 super-hit song and film 'Chalte Chalte'.
- His real name was Bhishmam Kohli. He has appeared in 11 Hindi films during his acting careers like Hindustan Ki Kasam and Taxi Driver.
- Apart from acting, Anand had also directed and produced a few films, including Chalte Chalte.

32. Which group of persons won the Chemistry Nobel Prize 2020?

- A. Roger Penrose and Reinhard Genzel
- B. Harvey J. Alter and Michael Houghton
- C. Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna
- D. Charles M. Rice and Andrea Ghez
- E. None of these

Sol.

- The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna "for the development of a method for genome editing".
- The Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

33. Cricketer Najeed Tarakai passed away recently he held from which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. UAE
- D. Afghanistan
- E. Sri Lanka

Sol.

- Afghanistan right-handed batsman, **Najeed Tarakai** passed away in a road accident.
- He played 12 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) for Afghanistan, after making his international debut in the 2014 T20 World Cup.
- He played his only one-day international against Ireland in 2017.

34. Who has authored the kid's book titled "The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids"?

- A. Anand Neelakantan
- B. Subhadra Sen Gupta
- C. Paro Anand
- D. Sudha Murthy
- E. Natasha Sharma

Sol.

- The author of Baahubali series, Anand Neelakantan has authored his first kid's book titled "The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids", published by



Puffins Publishers Private Limited under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

- The book narrates the story of the asura twins Kundakka and Mandakka who hate to go to school, troublesome Bhasma and per pig Nakura, brothers Atapi and Vatapi and others.
- This book introduces the Indian Puranas to the kids who are indulged in electronic gadgets.
- The illustrations of the book are made by Subhadeep Roy and Shiladitya Bose.

35. Who launched the coffee-table book titled "Babu – The Unforgettable"?

- A. Arvind Kejriwal
- B. Manish Shisodia
- C. Sanjay Singh
- D. Anil Bajjal
- E. Sonia Gandhi

Sol.

- On the occasion of the 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia has launched the coffee-table book titled "Babu – The Unforgettable" over the virtual event.
- This virtual event was organised by the Delhi Archives & Department of Art, Culture and Language, Government of Delhi.
- The department also organised a webinar on "Footprints of Gandhi Ji in Delhi".
- The book "Bapu – The Unforgettable" will make the readers think and provide a glimpse of the ideology and philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The book also holds several untouched aspects of history, rare photographs, epigraphs and other details about Delhi.

36. The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) signed an MoU with organization to convert educational materials into Indian Sign Language?

- A. CBSE
- B. ICSE
- C. NCERT
- D. IGNOU

E. NIOS

Sol.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center (ISLRTC) and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to make educational materials accessible for hearing impaired children, informed the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The conversion of all education material in sign language will strengthen the concept of equal opportunity for everyone irrespective of their physical inability,".
- The signing of MoU between ISLRTC and NCERT was attended by Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Union Cabinet Minister for Education amongst other members of the NCERT, ISLRTC, and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

37. Which group of persons won the Physics Nobel Prize 2020?

- A. James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz
- B. Arthur Askin, Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland
- C. Roger Penrose, Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez
- D. James P., Alison and Tasuku Honjo
- E. Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice

Sol.

- Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to Roger Penrose, Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez for black hole research.
- The Prize in Physics 2020 was divided, one half awarded to Roger Penrose for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity.
- The other half jointly to Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the centre of our galaxy.

- The Nobel Prize in Physics is awarded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

38. Which country is all set to send the world's first mining robot named 'asteroid mining robot' into space by November 2020 to identify and extract resources?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. China
- E. India

Sol.

- An IEEE Spectrum report, the Beijing-based company is set to send the world's first mining robot named 'asteroid mining robot' into space by November 2020 to identify and extract resources.
- The mining robot will be launched into space by a Chinese Long March series rocket.
- The 30-gram spacecraft, NEO-1, is likely to be launched as a secondary payload on a Chinese Long March rocket.
- This company also has another mission, Yuanwang-1 ('Look up-1'), nicknamed 'Little Hubble', which is to be launched by late 2021 or early 2022.

39. Which state government has launched an action plan to support agriculture and animal husbandry under its "Aatmanirbhar" programme?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Goa
- D. Karnataka
- E. Telangana

Sol.

- The Goa government released an action plan to support agriculture and animal husbandry under its "Aatmanirbhar" programme.
- The government has announced a series of initiatives under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampoorna Goa programme'

(ABSGP) including promoting dairy and poultry farming.

- It talks about checking 'menace' of wild animals and cattle at agriculture fields.
- To help farmers, crop insurance and fencing will be availed. Horticulture cultivation, procurement of agricultural equipment, and sustainable harvesting of medical plants will also be assisted with it.

40. Which of the following constitutional bodies has constituted the Ravi Chopra Committee to look into the to assess the environmental violations in the Chardham road project?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highway
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- D. NITI Aayog
- E. Finance Commission

Sol.

- * The Ravi Chopra Committee was appointed the country's apex court, the Supreme Court.
- * The SC appointed the HPC to oversee the dream project of Prime Minister Narendra Modi worth Rs 12000 Crore which aims to widen 889kms of road linking Chardham shrines.
- * The Committee has alleged that the Chardham road project has violated court order.
- * The Supreme Court had ruled that width of roads constructed under Chardham project shall be 5.5 metres. This was ruled based on the recommendation of Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) for mountain roads.
- * To the contrary, the GoI had sanctioned road width of 10-12 metres.
- * The MoRTH has allowed the 700 km road project to continue with 10-metre width. This according to the Committee is a contravention of the SC.
- * The project aims to provide connectivity to the four Hindu pilgrimages such as Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.

41. Who has won the 10m air pistol event in the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship (IOSC)?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Yashaswini Singh Deswal
- C. Anjum Moudgil
- D. Rahi Sarnobat
- E. Tejaswini Sawant

Sol.

- Indian Olympic quota winner Yashaswini Singh Deswal won the 10m air pistol event in the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship (IOSC).
- The second place was grabbed by Ahmed Nabil of Egypt while his compatriot Yehya Shams took the third place. Sylvia Steiner, an Olympic quota winner for Austria, settled for the fourth place.

42. Who has been bestowed with lifetime achievement award by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC)?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Azim Premji
- C. Rahul Bajaj
- D. Pallonji Mistry
- E. Sunil Bharti Mittal

Sol.

- The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) has bestowed a lifetime achievement award to Indian business icon Ratan Tata at a closed-door meeting, owing to ongoing pandemic.
- Tata, who grew the revenues for India's largest conglomerate 'The Tata Group' to nearly USD 100 billion by 2011-12, remains an influential industrialist, philanthropist and humanitarian to the day.

43. Which IIT has launched a telemedicine system 'iMediX' to help patients receive assistance from doctors without having to go to hospitals or clinics?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Kharagpur
- C. IIT Delhi

- D. IIT Bombay
- E. IIT Delhi

Sol.

- IIT Kharagpur researchers have launched a telemedicine system 'iMediX' to help patients receive assistance from doctors without having to go to hospitals or clinics.
- 'iMediX' allows patients to request for consultation by choosing a department of a hospital, entering their complaints and uploading necessary medical records. The hospital then processes the request and assigns a doctor.
- The system iMediX which is accessible by any standard internet browser and also from a mobile device, has been developed by researchers at IIT Kharagpur's Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

44. Yuddh Pradushan Ke Virudh campaign has been launched by which state?

- A. Haryana
- B. Karnataka
- C. Delhi
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Maharashtra

Sol.

- * Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched a mega anti-air pollution campaign 'Yudh Pradushan ke Virudh', saying polluted air can be life threatening in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- * Under the campaign separate detailed plans have been prepared for each of the 13 pollution hotspots identified in the city.
- * The chief minister said one of the major reasons for high levels of pollution in Delhi and nearby areas is stubble burning.
- * As part of the campaign, the state will be using a technology developed by Pusa Agriculture Institute to curb the menace of stubble burning.

45. Who won the 2020 Nobel Prize Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine?

- A. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino
B. James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz
C. Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice
D. William Kaelin, Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza
E. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino

Sol.

- * The 2020 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice "for the discovery of Hepatitis C virus," the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet announced in Stockholm, Sweden.
- * The trio's work helped explain a major source of blood-borne hepatitis that couldn't be explained by the hepatitis A and B viruses.

46. What is the strike range indigenously developed nuclear capable hypersonic missile 'Shaurya' test fired recently?

- A. 500 km
B. 800 km
C. 1000 km
D. 1500 km
E. 2000 km

Sol.

- * India successfully test fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable hypersonic missile 'Shaurya' with a strike range of around 1,000 km from a test range in Odisha.
- * The surface-to-surface tactical missile, which is the land variant of India's K-15 missile, has a strike range of 700 km to 1000 km and is capable of carrying payloads of 200 kg to 1000 kg.
- * It is 10 metres long, 74 cm in diameter and weighs 6.2 tonnes. Its two stages use solid propellants.

47. Which becomes the first airport of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) which is entirely solar-powered?

- A. Puducherry airport
B. Goa International Airport
C. Biju Patnaik International Airport
D. Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport, Amritsar
E. Cochin International Airport

Sol.

- * The **Puducherry airport** has become the first airport of the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** which is entirely solar-powered.
- * The **500KWp** ground-mounted solar power plant was commissioned on 2nd October 2020.
- * The approx cost of the plant is Rs 2.8 crore.
- * With becoming absolutely power-neutral, the Puducherry airport will be able to meet its entire power requirement through the solar power plant.

48. The red cherry pepper chilli "Dalle Khursani" of which state has earned the geographical indication (GI) tag from the Union department of Industry promotion and internal trade?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Karnataka
C. Rajasthan
D. Sikkim
E. Maharashtra

Sol.

- * The red cherry pepper chilli of Sikkim which is locally known as the "Dalle Khursani" has earned the geographical indication (GI) tag from the Union department of Industry promotion and internal trade.
- * Notably, it is considered as one of the hottest chillies in the world. Dalle Khursani fetches as much as Rs 480 per kg in the local market today.

* Dalle Khursani has been included in the GI Registry of the Government of India on the basis of an application filed by the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (Neramac) on behalf of Sikkim.

* It is to be mentioned that the largest manufacturer of Dalle Khursani products is the state government-owned Sikkim Supreme.

49. Which of the following nation became 3rd Arab Nation to normalise relations with Israel?

- A. UAE
- B. Libya
- C. Sudan
- D. Algeria
- E. Oman

Sol.

- Sudan has become 3rd Arab nation to normalise relations with Israel, after US removed Sudan from its State Sponsor of Terrorism list.
- The new agreement between Sudan and Israel will establish economic and trade links, with an initial focus on agriculture
- United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain were the other Arab nations to establish formal ties with Israel.
- Capital of Sudan: Khartoum

50. The United States approved the potential sale of three weapon systems, as well as missiles and artillery to which country?

- A. South Korea
- B. Taiwan
- C. Vietnam
- D. Cambodia
- E. Philippines

Sol.

- The United States approved the potential sale of three weapon systems to Taiwan, as well as missiles and artillery. The three weapon systems could have a total cost of USD 1.8 billion.

- The United States also approved 11 truck-based rocket launchers created by Lockheed Martin Corp called a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System for an approximately cost of USD 436.1m.
- It also approved 135 AGM-84H Standoff Land Attack Missile Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) Missiles & associated instruments created Boeing, for an estimated cost of USD 1.008bn, and six MS-110 Recce external sensor pods made by Collins Aerospace for jets, at an approximate value of USD 367.2ml.

51. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has consented a national coaching camp for which sports?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Loan Tennis
- C. Badminton
- D. Cricket
- E. Hockey

Sol.

- The SAI stands for Sports Authority of India. It has consented a national coaching camp for table tennis. It will be held from 28 October – 8 December 2020.
- The National Coaching camp has been allowed at an estimated cost of Rs 18 lakh (plus air travel and medical expenses).
- The Table Tennis Federation of India has organized the camp at the Delhi Public School Sonapat
- The camp consists of 11 players (5 male, 6 female) and four support staff.

52. Who has been selected as the chairman of the Gupkar alliance to fight for the restoration of full statehood and special constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Mebooba Mufti
- B. Farooq Abdullah
- C. Umar Abdullah
- D. M.Y. Tarigami
- E. Sajjad Gani Lone

Sol.

- Seven mainstream parties of Jammu and Kashmir on October 24 gave formal shape to their recently cobbled alliance for the restoration of Article 370, electing National Conference's Farooq Abdullah as its chairman and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti as vice-chairperson and asserted that theirs was "not an anti-national" grouping.
- Veteran CPM leader M.Y. Tarigami was elected the convenor while Lok Sabha member from South Kashmir Hasnain Masoodi will be the coordinator of the conglomerate known as Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD).

53. Which country has announced 'no mask, no service' policy?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Iran
- E. Sri Lanka

Sol.

- The Bangladesh government has decided that no service will be provided to people who don't wear masks.
- The cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina decided that no one will be allowed to enter offices without the mask.
- It decided that all offices must install notice boards saying 'no mask, no service' in order to control the spread of COVID 19 virus in the country.

54. World famous UNESCO Heritage site, Nazca lines is located in which country?

- A. Ecuador
- B. Peru
- C. Argentina
- D. Brazil
- E. Chili

Sol.

- The Peruvian archaeologists have uncovered a 37 metre long cat on the

famous Nazca lines of Peru. It is a world known UNESCO Heritage site.

- The Nazca lines consist of hundreds of gigantic geoglyphs that date back more than 2000 years.
- The newly discovered cat Geoglyph is older than the ones discovered earlier.
- The cat figure was 37 metres long and dates from the Paracas Era 500 BC to 200 AD.
- The Geoglyphs in the region are still intact mainly due to the dry climate of the region.

55. Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and MSMEs, Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for India's first Multi-modal Logistic Park (MMLP) in which state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Assam
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Maharashtra

Sol.

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) virtually laid the foundation stone for India's first Multi-modal Logistic Park (MMLP) at Jogighopa in Assam. Rs 693.97 crore park will provide direct air, road, rail and waterways connectivity to the people.
- The park will be developed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana of the Government of India.
- It is being created by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL), owned by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH).

56. Which e-wallet in partnership with various credit card issuers will introduce 2 million co-branded credit cards for consumers in India in the next 12-18 months?

- A. Amazon Pay
- B. Mobikwik
- C. PhonePe

- D. Paytm
E. Google Pay

Sol.

- Paytm in partnership with various credit card issuers will introduce 2 million co-branded credit cards for consumers in India in the next 12–18 months.
- The company had digitised the entire credit card experience on Paytm app, in order to include a digital application process and help customers track issuance of their new credit card.
- The users can choose a convenient time to collect the documents on the app.
- Paytm has also announced that it is building the new 'Next Generation Credit Cards' will have diverse one-touch services, including changing security pin number, updating address, blocking card in the event of fraud prevention, issuing duplicate card and viewing outstanding credit limit.

57. Under whose chairmanship the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC) to set up Data Culture through Data Democratization in the Indian securities market?

- A. Madhabi Puri Buch
B. Ananta Barua
C. Madan Bhimarao Lokur
D. G Mahalingam
E. SK Mohanty

Sol.

- In an effort to set up Data Culture through Data Democratization in the Indian securities market, The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC), Standing Committee.
- The committee is headed by Madhabi Puri Buch, Whole Time Member, SEBI and has CEOs of stock exchanges and depositories, representatives of various stakeholders and senior officials of SEBI as members.

- The committee will recommend appropriate policy for accessing securities market data, identify segment wise data perimeters, data needs and gaps, recommend data privacy and data access regulations applicable to market data, etc.
- MDAC is part of the initiatives of SEBI to make the shareable data on the Indian securities market, available for the researchers, policy makers and general public, and to improve the quality of such data.

58. According to the State of Global Air 2020 (SOGA 2020) report released by the US-based Health Effects Institute and Global Burden of Disease (GBD) which country recorded the highest annual average PM 2.5 concentration exposure in the world in 2019?

- A. Japan
B. Germany
C. USA
D. India
E. China

Sol.

- India recorded the highest annual average PM 2.5 concentration exposure in the world last year, according to the State of Global Air 2020 (SOGA 2020) report.
- India was followed by Nepal, Niger, Qatar and Nigeria in high PM 2.5 exposures.
- This means people in India are exposed to the highest PM 2.5 concentrations globally.
- India has been recording an increase in PM 2.5 pollution since 2010 contrary to Centre's claims that annual air pollution levels in the country are coming down.
- Out of the 20 most populous countries, 14 have recorded a gradual improvement in air quality but India, Bangladesh, Niger, Pakistan and Japan are among those that have recorded a modest increase in air pollution levels.
- SOGA, released by US-based Health Effects Institute and Global Burden of Disease (GBD), uses both data from ground

monitors and satellite to make their assessments.

59. Which country will not be a participant in the Malabar exercise that is to be conducted in November 2020?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Singapore
- E. Australia

Sol.

- The Government of India announced that the Australian Navy will join the Malabar exercise that is to be conducted in November 2020.
- This means that all the four Quad countries are to participate in the exercise.
- The countries to participate in the exercise are Japan, India and US.
- In the process of seeking international cooperation in maritime security domain, India had sought Australia to participate in the exercise. The exercise is to be held in "non-contact at sea" format.
- The Malabar Exercise was initially held between the Indian and US Navy. The exercise began in 1992. Japan joined the exercise and became a permanent member in 2015. In 2018, India rejected the participation of Australia in the exercise. This was done to avoid posturing the exercise as a military group against China.

60. India successfully test fired which Anti-Tank Missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization?

- A. RUDRAM
- B. Shaurya
- C. SANT
- D. Rustom
- E. Nirbhay

Sol.

- India successfully test fired the Stand-Off Anti-Tank Missile called SANT.
- It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization

for the Indian Air Force. The missile was test fired at the Chandipur test range.

- The missile has both lock-on before launch and lock-on after launch capabilities.
- SANT missile is a variant of Nag missile. The other variants of Nag missile are Helina (or Dhruvastra) and MP-ATGM. SANT is an upgraded version of HELINA. It was successfully tested in Pokhran in November 2018. This upgraded version of the Nag Missile has a nose-mounted active radar homing seeker with an extended range of 15 to 20 km.
- HELINA is usually referred to as upgraded SANT.

61. According to the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020 which state attracted the highest number of domestic tourists in the country in 2019?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Kerala

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh attracted the highest number of domestic tourists in the country in 2019 with a share of 23.1 per cent travellers visiting the state.
- According to the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020, 53,58,55,162 domestic tourists visited the state in 2019.
- The state bagged the third spot in terms of the arrival of foreign tourists. As many as 47,45,181 foreign tourists visited UP in the same year.

62. With which entity the NITI Aayog has set up a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) that will work on addressing societal challenges around areas like agriculture and healthcare through digital innovation?

- A. Google
- B. Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- C. Microsoft



- D. Intel
E. IBM

Sol.

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) and the NITI Aayog have set up a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) that will work on addressing societal challenges around areas like agriculture and healthcare through digital innovation.
- The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center is the first AWS CIC in India, and the first such centre that has been set up at a national level.
- It has such centres across countries like Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, South Korea, and the US, including one in partnership with the University of British Columbia.

63. Which commodity exchange has launched futures trading in real-time Base Metals Index 'METLDEX'?

- A. Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)
B. National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
C. Indian Commodity Exchange Limited (ICEX)
D. Ace Derivatives and Commodity Exchange (ACE)
E. None of these

Sol.

- Leading commodity bourse MCX has launched futures trading in real-time Base Metals Index 'METLDEX'.
- The Base Metals Index will track real-time performance of a basket of MCX Base Metal (near month) futures that includes zinc, copper, nickel, lead, and aluminium.
- Index trading will facilitate instant portfolio diversification and encourage passive, thematic elements in portfolios.
- The Index will soon emerge as a new real time barometer for Indian metal industry.

64. What is the theme of the World Habitat Day celebrated every year on 5th October?

- A. Frontier Technologies as an Innovative Tool to Transform Waste to Wealth
B. Municipal Solid Waste Management
C. Housing for All-A better Urban Future
D. Housing Policies: Affordable Housing
E. Housing at the Centre

Sol.

- Every year, the World Habitat Day is celebrated on October 5.
- The day is celebrated to remind the people that they have all power and responsibility to shape the future of towns and cities.
- The first Monday of every year is being celebrated as World Habitat Day. This was designated by the United Nations.
- The first World Habitat Day was celebrated in 1986.
- This year the day is celebrated under theme "Housing for All-A better Urban Future"

65. Luis Arce has been elected as the President which country?

- A. Benin
B. Bolivia
C. Peru
D. Argentina
E. Tunisia

Sol.

- Luis Arce has been chosen as the President-elect of Bolivia, after winning a landslide victory in the 2020 Bolivian general election.
- He captured 55.1% of the total votes. Arce will take the charge of the office on 8 November 2020. He would succeed Jeanine Anez, who is serving as the interim President of Bolivia.
- The 57-year-old, Luis is a member of the political party Movement Toward Socialism.
- Previously, Arce served as Minister of Economy and Public Finance from 2006 to 2017 and in 2019 under the President Evo Morales.



66. Which of the following lakes will have temporary shelters for migratory birds?

- A. Sambhar
- B. Chilika
- C. Pulicat
- D. Vembanad
- E. Puskar

Sol.

- The Rajasthan government will build temporary shelters for migratory birds near the famous Sambhar Lake before this year's winter season, when a large number of avian guests from the cold northern regions of Central Asia are expected to arrive at the country's largest inland saline water body.
- More than 20,000 migratory birds had died due to avian botulism in the lake last year.

67. Which of the following e-wallet company announced to launch 'mini app' store for Indian developers?

- A. PhonePe
- B. Amazon Pay
- C. Paytm
- D. Mobikwik
- E. Zest Money

Sol.

- Dialling things up a notch in the fight against Google, Paytm has announced the launch of its "mini app" store to "support Indian developers" in taking their products to the masses.
- The mini apps are a custom-built mobile website that give users app-like experience without having to download them.
- Paytm will add a new section on its main application wherein these mini apps will be listed and can be accessed by Paytm app users.

68. Who inaugurated the virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian Researchers and Academicians namely "Vaishvik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit 2020"?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Ravishankar Prasad
- D. Prakash Javadekar
- E. Rajnath Singh

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian Researchers and Academicians namely "Vaishvik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit 2020" via video conferencing which will continue till October 31, 2020.
- During the summit he encouraged indigenous vaccine production.
- The aim of the summit is to bring Indian origin experts in academic institutes and R&D organizations across the world on a single platform to debate upon collaboration mechanisms to strengthen academic and S&T (science & technology) base in India for global development.
- It is organized by 200 academic institutes and S&T departments, led by Principal Scientific Advisor, Krishnaswamy VijayRaghavan.

69. Which country has joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to become its 190th member?

- A. Cyprus
- B. Jamaica
- C. South Sudan
- D. Angola
- E. Andorra

Sol.

- Andorra has joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to become its 190th member.
- Andorra is a microstate situated between France and Spain. However, it is the largest microstate in Europe.
- IMF's Membership allows the Andorran government to benefit from IMF policy advice, especially as the country tackles the crisis caused by COVID-19 and can now receive an annual review or "health check"

of its economy by the IMF, tap technical assistance, and access IMF lending if needed.

70. Which of the following ministries has launched 'e-Dharti Geo Portal'?

- A. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- E. Ministry of External Affairs

Sol.

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched 'e-Dharti Geo Portal' to integrate legacy drawings such as maps and lease plans in the management information system and make its geographic information system (GIS)-enabled.
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister: Hardeep Singh Puri

71. Which tech giant has collaborated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to impart digital skills to more than one lakh underserved women in India over the next 10 months?

- A. IBM
- B. Microsoft
- C. Intel
- D. Infosys
- E. Google

Sol.

- Microsoft has collaborated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to impart digital skills to more than one lakh underserved women in India over the next 10 months.
- As part of the collaboration, more than 70 hours of course content will be made available free of cost, covering topics such as digital literacy, enhancing employability, nano entrepreneurship, and communication skills.
- This initiative is an extension of Microsoft's partnership with NSDC to

provide digital skills to over 1 lakh youth in the country.

72. Who has won the 2020 Eifel Grand Prix, held at the Nürburgring in Nürburg, Germany?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Daniel Ricciardo
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Kimi Raikkonen
- E. Rubens Barichello

Sol.

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 Eifel Grand Prix, held at the Nürburgring in Nürburg, Germany.
- This is Hamilton's 7th win of the season and 91st career race victory, which was till now achieved only by Michael Schumacher.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second followed by Daniel Ricciardo (Renault, Australia) at third position.
- The race was the eleventh race in 2020 Formula One World Championship and the first running in the history of the Eifel Grand Prix.

73. Who won the men's 2020 French Open Single Title?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Dominic Thiem
- D. Roger Federer
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Sol.

- Rafael Nadal beats Novak Djokovic to win the men's 2020 French Open Title.
- This is his 13th French Open men's singles title and 20th Grand Slam title.
- The Spaniard defeated Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 in 2 hours and 41 minutes at Court Philippe-Chatrier in Paris.
- In 2018, Federer became the first men's player to win 20 Grand Slams in singles when he defeated Marin Cilic in the final of the Australian Open.
- The 34-year-old Nadal won the first title in 2005.



74. Which digital wallet has partnered with Uber technology to integrate the digital payment platform as a payment option on the ride-hailing service app?

- A. Google Pay
- B. Amazon Pay
- C. Paytm
- D. Mobikwik
- E. PhonePe

Sol.

- Amazon Pay and Uber technology announced a partnership that will integrate the digital payment platform as a payment option on the ride-hailing service app.
- This partnership with Uber will allow customers to complete their transaction in a contactless manner, especially during the pandemic.
- The strategic association will also focus on providing users one-click payment experience with cashback offers to drive adoption and further strengthen the digital payments ecosystem.

75. Who has written the book titled "The Khalistan Conspiracy"?

- A. GBS Sidhu
- B. Alok Joshi
- C. Rajinder Khanna
- D. Anil Dhasmana
- E. Samant Goel

Sol.

- A former intelligence officer with the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), GBS Sidhu has written the book titled "The Khalistan Conspiracy".
- The book published by HarperCollins will be released on October 24.
- The contents of this book revolve around a two-phased, top-secret operation, which he named "Operation Bhindranwale-Khalistan". It was initiated and managed by some senior and influential Congress leaders operating from the prime minister's residential office at 1 Akbar Road, New Delhi.

76. Which team has won the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020?

- A. Miami Heat
- B. Milwaukee Bucks
- C. Los Angeles Lakers
- D. Toronto Raptors
- E. Chicago Bulls

Sol.

- The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Miami Heat to win the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020.
- This is the 17th NBA title win for LA Lakers and also their first since 2010, after late Kobe Bryant's fifth and final title a decade ago.
- LeBron James of the Lakers' was named the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the fourth time in his career.
- With this, he became the first player in league history to be named Finals MVP with three different franchises.

77. Which state government has launched a mobile app "Kisan Rath" that connects more than 10,000 farmers, 50 farmer-producer organizations and 1,000 verified agricultural traders on its interface?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Assam
- E. Gujarat

Sol.

- Assam government has launched a mobile app "Kisan Rath". App connects more than 10,000 farmers, 50 farmer-producer organizations and 1,000 verified agricultural traders on its interface.
- The app has been customized by National Informatics Centre (NIC) Assam to suit the requirements of the state.
- It is available in 3 languages- Assamese, Hindi and English.
- PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Fasal Bima Yojana, KCC etc., have

strengthened agricultural ecosystem in the country and made agriculture a dignified calling.

78. Which of the following state has been recently included under ESI Scheme for the first time?

- A. Nagaland
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Orissa

Sol.

- Centre has extended Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme for the first time to Arunachal Pradesh with effect from 1st November 2020.
- It will be applicable to all the factories located in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh employing 10 or more persons, along with other benefits
- ESI Scheme has been implemented in 568 districts in all the States and Union Territories, except Lakshdweep.



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