

75+ November CA Ques/Ans PDF for SSC & RRB NTPC Exam



1. Asia's First Solar Power-Enabled Textile Mill to come up in which state of India?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

Ans. D

Sol.

- Jai Bhawani women's cooperative textile mill which is set to come up at Parbhani, Maharashtra will be the first Textile Mill in Asia which will operate on Solar Power.
- The Textile Mill is spread across Thirty acres of land and will process cotton to cloth.
- Once Functional, the mill will provide jobs to many women in the district.
- Ginning, Pressing, Weaving and Spinning of cotton will be done in the mill itself.
- It is being set up at a cost of INR 100 Crores and will add momentum to the industrial sector in the district.
- Parbhani is the leading cotton producing district in Maharashtra. Majority of the farmers grow cotton as it is seen as a profitable investment.

2. What is the theme of the 12th BRICS summit that is to be hosted by Russia?

- A. "Global Stability, Shared Security and Inclusive Growth".
- B. "Global Security, Shared Vision and Innovative Growth".
- C. "Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth".
- D. "Global Security, Shared Vision and Inclusive Growth".

Ans. C

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to attend the 12th BRICS summit that is to be hosted by Russia.
- The summit is to be held under the theme "Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth".
- The BRICS members to participate in the meeting are China, India, Brazil, Russia and South Africa.

• The meeting was to be held at St Petersburg in July 2020. However, it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lastly Russia chaired the 7th BRICS summit.

- India is currently in the middle of Global Geopolitics. It is highly challenging for India to carve a middle path to balance its interests between Russia, US and China.
- The BRICS platform is the best opportunity for India to balance China-Russia axis.

3. The Madan Jeet Singh Prize is being awarded by UNESCO every year for the promotion of tolerance and nonviolence on which date?

- A. International Day for Tolerance
- B. International Day of Non-Violence
- C. 'International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists'
- D. United Nations Day

Ans. A

Sol.

- Every year, the International Day for Tolerance is celebrated on November 16 by the UNESCO and several other international organizations.
- The day is celebrated to increase awareness about importance of tolerance in the society.
- It also aims to increase awareness among people about the negative effects of intolerance.
- The Madan Jeet Singh Prize is being awarded by UNESCO every year for the promotion of tolerance and nonviolence.
- The prize is awarded on International Day for Tolerance.
- The winner of the prize is presented with prize money of hundred thousand USD.

4. Who won the Linz Open tennis single title for 2020?

- A. Aryna Sabalenka
- B. Serena Williams
- C. Elise Mertens
- D. Sofia Kenin

Ans. A

Sol.

- Aryna Sabalenka returned to the WTA's top 10 at the expense of Serena Williams after the Belarusian captured her eighth career title in Linz.
- The 22-year-old Sabalenka finished the season in style with a straight-sets victory over her doubles partner Elise Mertens in final in Austria.
- She traded places with Williams, who dropped one spot to 11th and hasn't played since pulling out of the French Open with an Achilles injury.
- Ashleigh Barty remains clear at the top despite skipping both the US and French Opens following the season's resumption after the coronavirus shutdown. Her last match was at the Qatar Open in February.

5. Who has authored the book titled "A Promised Land" ?

- A. Hillary Clinton
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Barack Hussein Obama
- D. Kamala Harris

Ans. C

Sol.

- A Promised Land is a memoir of former US president Barack Hussain Obama
- In the first of his two-part memoir he speaks at length about his interest in India, Mahatma Gandhi's life and his relationship with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh whom he calls a man of "uncommon wisdom and decency."
- Mr. Obama says he had developed a "warm and productive" relationship with Mr. Singh, describing their interactions in New Delhi on Mr. Obama's first visit there in November 2010.
- The former U.S. President writes that his first trip to India was in 2010 but that the place had always "held a special place in his imagination."

6. Who among the following has been conferred with Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award 2020 for his

outstanding contribution in the field of literary?

- A. Kiran Nagarkar
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Girish Karnad
- D. Namita Gokhale

Ans. B

Sol.

Ruskin Bond has been conferred with 11th Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award for 2020 to recognise his seventy years literary career.

Apart from this, lyricist Javed Akhtar has been named as the Poet Laureate of the Tata Literature Live! The Mumbai LitFest 2020.

Tata Literature Live!: It recognises exceptional work and outstanding contribution to writing and literature and poetry in India which has made a significant impact in the Indian literary field.

7. Which of the following states government has launched 'Secha Samadhan' app for farmers?

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Odisha
- D. Assam

Ans. C

Sol.

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched a 'Secha Samadhan' app to provide all types of irrigation-related services to farmers.

Farmers would receive all irrigation-related information from the Water Resources Department through the mobile application.

8. Which of the following states government has launched 'Project Air Care' through a public-private partnership?

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Assam
- D. Haryana

Ans. D

Sol.

Haryana CM Manohar Lal unveiled 'Project Air Care', under which 65 Wind Augmentation Purifying Units will be installed across Gurugram through a public-private partnership.

He also inaugurated a project for the beautification of the Gateway of Gurugram on the Mehrauli-Gurugram Road.

The Air Purifiers have been developed by CSIR-NEERI, IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Bombay.

9. Who has won the International Children's Peace Prize 2020 for his work to stop cyberbullying of teens?

- A. Peggy Duff
 - B. Sadat Rahman
 - C. Divina Maloum
 - D. Abraham Keita
- Ans. B

Sol.

A Bangladeshi teen Sadat Rahman has been awarded the International Children's Peace Prize 2020 for his work to stop cyberbullying of teens.

The award was given away by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai during a ceremony in the Netherlands.

The prize is given away by the international children's rights organization KidsRights.

The prize was launched by KidsRights during the 2005 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Rome.

10. The book titled "I Am No Messiah" is an autobiography of which Indian Actor?

- A. Salman Khan
 - B. Shah Rukh Khan
 - C. Sonu Sood
 - D. Akshay Kumar
- Ans. C

Sol.

Actor Sonu Sood, is often dubbed as the 'Messiah of migrants' for his philanthropic work during the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, is all set to pen his autobiography titled 'I Am No Messiah.'

The book will be co-authored by Meena Iyer.

Written in the first person, the book will reveal the emotional and often challenging journeys he undertook along with the people he rescued.

11. Nobel laureate Phillip Anderson passed away recently, he received Nobel prize in which subject?

- A. Chemistry
 - B. Medicine
 - C. Physics
 - D. Literature
- Ans. C

Sol.

Japanese astrophysicist Masatoshi Koshihara passed away. He was co-winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in physics for confirming the existence of elementary particles called neutrinos.

He devised the construction of giant underground chambers to detect neutrinos that stream from the sun.

Takaaki Kajita, won the Nobel Prize in physics in 2015 for research at the Super-Kamiokande facility that found neutrinos have mass.

12. Spaniard Father and priest Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ, passed away recently, he was a veteran author and columnist of which language?

- A. English
 - B. Hindi
 - C. Gujarati
 - D. Marathi
- Ans. C

Sol.

* Spaniard Father Carlos Gonzalez Valles SJ, a veteran Author and columnist, who was popularly known as Father Valles passed away at the age of 95 in Madrid, Spain. He was born on 4th November 1925 in Logroño, Spain.

* Father Valles, Jesuit priest and mathematician came to India in 1949 and settled in Gujarati.

* He taught mathematics in St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, Gujarati from 1960 to 1982.

* India honoured him with Indian citizenship

* He wrote a weekly column in the Gujarat Samachar's Sunday supplement.

* He translated various mathematical concepts into Gujarati and coined Gujarati terms for them.

* Along with his colleagues, he authored a series of mathematical textbooks in Gujarati.

* He used short sentences and conversational style writing and contributed to this new style Gujarati writing.

* He authored 14 books in Gujarati which includes, Sadachar, Vyakti Ghadtar, Lagnasagar, Gandhiji ne Navi Pedhi, Parvotsav, Murli, Atmkathana Tukda and Shabdlok.

13. World's longest serving prime minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa passed away recently, he was prime minister of which country?

A. UAE

B. Kuwait

C. Oman

D. Bahrain

Ans. D

Sol.

* Prince Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa, Prime Minister (PM) of Bahrain passed away at the age of 84 at Mayo Clinic hospital, United States.

* He is the World's Longest Serving PM. He has been serving as PM since 1971.

* He was born on November 24, 1935 in Jasra, Bahrain.

* He has played a vital role in the political and economic affairs of Bahrain for over 3 decades.

* He is the son of Bahrain's former ruler, Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who ruled from 1942 to 1961.

* He was appointed as prime minister by his brother Emir Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, in 1971.

14. The book titled 'Boskiyana' has been published by Radhakrishna Prakashan is on life of which Indian poet and lyricist?

A. Javed Akhtar

B. Kafi Azmi

C. Rahat Indori

D. Gulzar

Ans. D

Sol.

* 'Boskiyana', a new Hindi book on Gulzar, veteran Indian poet-lyricist has been published by Radhakrishna Prakashan.

* The book portrays the life of Gulzar through his films, poetry, philosophies, lifestyle, likes and dislikes. The 228-page book is edited by Yashwant Vyas.

* 'Boskiyana' is the name of the house of Gulzar in Mumbai.

* The book expresses the personality of Gulzar through detailed conversations and reveals his thoughts and vision of the world.

* It is a compilation of some of the most defining interviews and conversations of Gulzar from the last 30 years. Yashwant Vyas took 6 years to compile.

15. The Second World Health Expo is being held in which city of China?

A. Wuhan

B. Beijing

C. Shanghai

D. Kunming

Ans. A

Sol.

* The Second World Health Expo is being held in Hubei's Capital City, Wuhan in China from November 11-14, 2020.

* The World Health Expo will showcase the Latest Technology in Fitness Sports and the most realistically restored anti-epidemic Scenes.

* It will feature 12 different venues for audiences to experience the most frontier health technology.

16. Who has won the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Women's World Cup table tennis title in held in Weihai, China?

- A. Chen Meng
- B. Sun Yingsha
- C. Mima Ito
- D. Liu Shiwen

Ans. A

Sol.

* The world number one Chen Meng beat Chinese compatriot Sun Yingsha to win her maiden International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Women's World Cup table tennis title in held in Weihai, China.

* The 2020 ITTF Women's World Cup was the 24th edition of the ITTF-sanctioned event.

17. The International Bird Festival will be organized in which state in February 2021?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kerala

Ans. C

Sol.

* Dara Singh Chauhan, Uttar Pradesh Minister of Forest and Environment announced that the International Bird Festival will be organised in Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh (UP) in February 2021.

* He also informed that Gorakhpur is developing in the tourism and ecotourism sector and it is set to have a zoological park in 2021.

* The International bird festival will attract international level tourists for Gorakhpur lake and bird watching.

* The forest department of Uttar Pradesh has been instructed to materialize this bird festival.

18. Who has won the "Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020" ?

- A. Dr Tapas K. Kundu
- B. Dr Atul Kumar

C. Dr Satish Mishra

D. Dr Sanjay Batra

Ans. C

Sol.

* National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) (India) announced that Dr Satish Mishra the Principal Scientist of the Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology at Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Central Drug Research Institute (CSIR-CDRI), Lucknow has won the "Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020" for his research work on the life cycle of Malaria Parasite which involves two hosts and 3 invasive stages.

* The research was focused on "Secreted Protein with Altered Thrombospondin Repeat (SPATR) which is Essential for Asexual Blood Stages but not Required for Hepatocyte Invasion by the Malaria Parasite Plasmodium Berghei".

* The study was focused on the dispensability of SPATR in Plasmodium berghei sporozoite and its importance for the establishment of blood stage infection.

19. Famous sportsperson Satyajit Ghosh passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Football
- C. Hockey
- D. Volleyball

Ans. B

Sol.

* Satyajit Ghosh, former football player of India and Mohun Bagan passed away at the age of 62 at Bandel, West Bengal due to cardiac arrest. The defender represented India in the 1985 Nehru Cup.

* Satyajit Ghosh started his career with Railway FC in 1980.

* He later switched on to Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, an Indian professional multi-sport club, where he formed the core of their backline along with star Indian defender Subrata Bhattacharya.

* He played for Mohun Bagan from 1982 till 1986 and in 1988 till 1993.

* His career was cut short with Mohun Bagan in 1986 due to his injuries.

20. Who has authored the book titled 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) written in Marathi language released by Bhagat Singh Koshyari, governor of Maharashtra?

- A. Chinmay Tumber
- B. Sasindran Kallinkeel
- C. Rajendra Darda
- D. Ajay Kumar Parida

Ans. C

Sol.

* Bhagat Singh Koshyari, governor of Maharashtra released the Marathi language book 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda, former Maharashtra Minister of Education at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

* The book is a compilation of selected Facebook posts of Rajendra Darda that pertains to a range of issues written over the last four years.

* The book contains the experiences of the author's world travel. This will give the readers the same joy of world travel.

* The interspersing of the Marathi write-ups with Hindi couplets by the author has further enriched the book.

* The book attempts to break the invisible wall created among people due to CoronaVirus pandemic and connect to the readers.

21. Which film becomes the only Indian entry at Tokyo Film Festival?

- A. Chutney
- B. Budh
- C. Karkhanisanchi Waar
- D. Natkhat

Ans. C

Sol.

• Marathi film, Karkhanisanchi Waari (Ashes on a Road Trip), the 149-minute film tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of Pune.

• The movie was directed by Mangesh Joshi. The movie will have its world premiere at the 33rd Tokyo International

Film Festival. It is the only Indian entry at the festival.

22. Who has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2020 for his novel Moustache?

- A. Subhash Chandran
- B. S Hareesh
- C. Raju Raphel
- D. Malayattoor Ramakrishnan

Ans. B

Sol.

• Malayalam author, S Hareesh has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2020 for his novel Moustache.

• It has been translated into English by Jayasree Kalathil & published by HarperCollins India.

• The JCB Prize for Literature is regarded as the richest literary prize in India.

• As per the norm, the Malayalam author will receive a Rs 25 lakh cash prize and the translator will receive an additional Rs 10 lakh.

23. Who has won the Paris Master 2020 title in tennis?

- A. Daniil Medvedev
- B. Alexander Zverev
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Dominic Thiem

Ans. A

Sol.

• Russian, Daniil Medvedev has won Paris Master 2020 title in tennis when he beat Alexander Zverev 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in Paris. He became the fourth Russian to capture the Rolex Paris Masters title.

• The World No. 5 earned his first service break at 4-4 in the second set and charged to the title from that point by winning eight of the final nine games. Medvedev joins countrymen Marat Safin, Nikolay Davydenko and Karen Khachanov on the Paris honour roll.

24. Which organization has developed fire detection and suppression system for passenger buses that can detect fire in buses in less than 30 seconds?

- A. ISRO
- B. IISc
- C. IIT, Madras
- D. DRDO

Ans. D

Sol.

- The DRDO has developed fire detection and suppression system for passenger buses. The technology can detect fire in buses in less than 30 seconds.
- Also, it can extinguish the fire in 60 Seconds.
- The technology was developed by the Delhi based Centre for fire explosive and environment safety of DRDO. The fire detection and suppression system consist of a water tank of 80 litres of capacity, network of tubing with 16 atomizers and 6.8 kilograms of Nitrogen cylinder. The nitrogen cylinder installed is pressurized to 200 bar.
- The system has an aerosol generator with which the fire suppression can be achieved within 5 seconds. The system has been developed as a defence spin off Technology.
- Though, there is fire threat in all vehicles, the system has been specially developed for sleeper coaches and school buses.

25. Renowned personality Sanchaman Limboo passed away recently, he was former chief minister of which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Manipur

Ans. B

Sol.

- Sanchaman Limboo, Former Chief Minister(CM) of Sikkim passed away at the age of 73 due to prolonged illness at the Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial (STNM) Hospital, a state run hospital in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- He was born on January 15, 1947 in West Sikkim district, Sikkim.
- Sanchaman Limboo, a member of Sikkim Sangram Parishad Party was the fourth

Chief Minister of Sikkim who served from 17th June 1994 to 12th December 1994.

- He formed the congress government in 1994, following the merger of Sikkim Sangram Parishad Party with Indian National Congress.
- The central act of other backward classes was implemented in Sikkim during his term as CM.
- The Mandal Commission reports in Sikkim was also implemented during his stint as CM.

26. Who has been appointed as the first-ever Indian-origin minister of New Zealand by the country's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern?

- A. Priyanka Radhakrishnan
- B. Kanwaljeet Singh Bakshi
- C. Dr Parmjeet Parmar
- D. Mahesh Bindra

Ans. A

Sol.

- Priyanka Radhakrishnan (41) was appointed as the first-ever Indian-origin minister of New Zealand by the country's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.
- She was appointed as the Minister for the Community & Voluntary Sector and Minister for Diversity, Inclusion & Ethnic Communities.
- She was elected first as a Member of Parliament belonging to the Labour Party in September 2017.
- In 2019, she was appointed the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Ethnic Communities.

27. Who has won the Formula One Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix at Imola in Italy?

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won the Formula One Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix at

Imola in Italy. The second prize was won by another Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas.

- A Red Bull driver, Daniel Ricciardo, won the third prize. Mercedes won the 2020 constructors' championship.

28. The Ministry of AYUSH will set up "Strategic Policy and Facilitation Bureau" with which entity to facilitate systematic growth of AYUSH sector?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Medical Commission
- C. Invest India
- D. Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Ministry of AYUSH and Invest India will set up "Strategic Policy and Facilitation Bureau" to facilitate systematic growth of AYUSH sector.
- The Bureau will help to make AYUSH systems future ready. It will support in making initiatives under the ministry to its full potential. Also, it will help to initiate the growth and investment of the AYUSH sector.
- Invest India and the Ministry of AYUSH will collaborate to define short- and long-term targets. Also, it will deploy trained experts to implement and execute the plans of the ministry.
- Invest India is the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of India. It was set up as non-profit organization under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP). It also serves Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, State Government of India.

29. Which country chaired the recently held BRICS Business Forum to increase trade and investment among the member countries of BRICS?

- A. China
- B. South Africa
- C. India

D. Russia

Ans. D

Sol.

- The BRICS Business Forum was held recently through video conferencing. The BRICS Business council held the forum.
- The council was formed in 2013 summit in Durban. Since its establishment, the primary task of BRICS Business council is to increase trade and investment among the member countries of BRICS.
- Russia chaired the meet as it is currently holding the rotating leadership of BRICS. Around 90 speakers from the member countries participated at the forum.
- One of the main tasks of the council is to update the Strategy for Economic Partnership of BRICS.
- The plan focuses on business-to-business engagements to create transactions and explore investment opportunities among member countries.

30. Which state government has launched a special 10-day campaign to identify people suffering from tuberculosis (TB) in the state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Haryana

Ans. B

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a special 10-day campaign to identify people suffering from tuberculosis (TB) in the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged to make India TB-free by 2025.
- Under the door-to-door campaign, which will end on November 11, health workers will reach out to 81 lakh people, identify those suffering from TB, screen them and help them avail treatment at no cost.

31. John Magufuli has been re-elected as the president of which country?

- A. Tanzania
- B. Somalia

C. Kenya
D. Ethiopia

Ans. A

Sol.

- Tanzania's president, John Magufuli, has won re-election.
- Magufuli received 12.5m votes in Wednesday's presidential ballot, while his main challenger, Tundu Lissu of the Chadema party, received 1.9m votes, the commission said.
- Magufuli has been seeking a second five-year term and promised voters that he would boost the economy by completing ambitious infrastructure projects started in his first term.

32. Which company has won the sponsor title of the BCCI's 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge?

A. MPL
B. VI
C. Jio
D. Airtel

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Jio as the Title Sponsor of the 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge.
- The partnership will also have the support of Reliance Foundation Education and Sports For All (RF ESA).
- This is a historic partnership, as for the first time a sponsor has signed with BCCI exclusively for the women's matches.
- The Jio Women's T20 Challenge to be played from 4th November to 9th November will be held in Sharjah.
- Three teams are Velocity, Supernovas and Trailblazers will play each other once to decide the finalists on November 9, a day before the IPL final.

33. World's 1st scientoon book titled "Bye Bye Corona" is authored by who among the following?

A. Pradeep Srivastava
B. Manjari Mishra

C. Ajay Kumar Parida
D. Suman Sahai

Ans. A

Sol.

- World's 1st scientoon book entitled "Bye Bye Corona", was released by Anandiben Patel, Governor, Uttar Pradesh.
- The book was written by 'scientoonist' Dr Pradeep Srivastava, former Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.
- It is further planned to make a 3D version of the book. The book has been published by Vigyan Prasara.

34. Once completed world's longest immersed tunnel, Fehmarnbelt Tunnel will link which two countries?

A. Norway and Sweden
B. Denmark and Germany
C. The Netherlands and Belgium
D. France and England

Ans. B

Sol.

- After more than a decade of planning, work has begun on the world's longest immersed tunnel. Descending up to 40 meters beneath the Baltic Sea, Fehmarnbelt Tunnel will link Denmark and Germany, slashing journey times when it opens in 2029.
- The tunnel, which will be 18 kilometers (11.1 miles) long, is one of Europe's largest infrastructure projects, with a construction budget of over €7 billion (\$8.2 billion).

35. Mesut Yilmaz passed away recently, he was veteran politician and former prime minister of which country?

A. Turkey
B. Israel
C. Cyprus
D. Yemen

Ans. A

Sol.

- Veteran Politician and former prime minister of Turkey, Mesut Yilmaz has passed away.

- He was the Chief of the now-defunctional centre-right Motherland Party or ANAP from 1991 to 2002.
- He served as prime minister of Turkey three times in the 1990s.
- His first two prime-ministerial terms lasted for just one month, in 1991 and then in 1996, while the third term was from June 1997 to January 1999.

36.The Indian Oil Corporation Research and Development Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institution to develop biomass gasification-based Hydrogen Generation Technology to produce Fuel Cell Grade Hydrogen at an affordable price?

- A. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
 - B. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
 - C. Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi
 - D. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- Ans. A

Sol.

- The IISc and the Indian Oil Corporation Research and Development Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop biomass gasification-based Hydrogen Generation Technology to produce Fuel Cell Grade Hydrogen at an affordable price.
- The technology being envisaged under the programme will provide clean energy option to address the challenge of biomass waste.
- The technology is to be demonstrated at the Indian Oil Research and Development Centre at Faridabad. The hydrogen generated from this demonstration plant is to be used to power fuel cell buses of bigger projects of Indian Oil.
- Biomass Gasification is a process that converts biomass to hydrogen and other products without combustion.
- This is done with the help of steam, heat and oxygen. This technology was developed by IISc. The technology first produces hydrogen rich synthetic gas from

biomass. It then separates hydrogen from the synthetic gas.

37.The government of India is to set up fourteen more aerodromes in the country to develop sea plane tourism in the country, the project will be implemented jointly by ____.

- A. Spice Jet and Airport Authority of India
 - B. Air India and Airport Authority of India
 - C. The Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airport Authority of India
 - D. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Airport Authority of India
- Ans. C

Sol.

- The Ministry of Shipping recently announced that the government of India is to set up fourteen more aerodromes in the country to develop sea plane tourism in the country.
- Recently, PM Modi inaugurated the seaplane service between Statue of Unity in Kevadia and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.
- The 14 aerodromes are being planned under UDAN scheme. The Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airport Authority of India are to implement the project jointly.
- The potential identified locations include Guwahati riverfront, Tehri Dam in Uttarakhand, Umrangso reservoir in Assam, Erai Dam in Maharashtra, Prakasam Barrage in Andhra Pradesh, Khindsi Dam in Maharashtra, Minicoy and Kavaratti in Lakshadweep, Havelock, Long, Neil and Hutbay islands in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shatrunjaya and Dharoi in Gujarat.
- The inclusion of seaplanes to connect water aerodromes were started under Phase 3 of UDAN scheme.

38.Which state government has granted 100% motor vehicle tax exemption for Electric Vehicles?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka

D. Andhra Pradesh

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tamil Nadu Government has notified 100 per cent motor vehicle tax exemption for battery-operated vehicles (Electric Vehicles).
- The State Government's order says after careful examination it has decided to grant 100 per cent tax exemption for all battery-operated transport and non-transport vehicles.
- The State has been taking various initiatives to boost the EV system in the state.
- Tamil Nadu is planning to set up the country's first park exclusively for the electric vehicle production eco-system. The state is targeting investments of about Rs 50,000 crore in the EV segment and has announced a series of incentives to attract investments in this space.

39. Which organization in association with "the Vaccine Confidence Project" of the University of London launched "Team Halo" to counter misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines?

- A. World Health Organization
- B. United Nations
- C. National Medical Commission
- D. UNICEF

Ans. B

Sol.

- The United Nations along with "the Vaccine Confidence Project" of the University of London launched "Team Halo".
- More than 100 scientists from different parts of the world have come together under the project.
- Team Halo aims to tackle misinformation on the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Under the initiative, the scientists will create social-media friendly videos on COVID-19 vaccine science based on their personal experiences.

- Also, Team Halo will act as a communication platform for the scientists working on COVID-19 vaccines.

40. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Financepeer, Google incubated education fee financing company?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. KL Rahul
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. Rohit Sharma

Ans. D

Sol.

- Rohit Sharma, India's leading cricketer, signed with Financepeer, Google incubated education fee financing company, as its brand ambassador.
- Rohit Sharma will be supporting Financepeer to transform the education sector and introduce innovation across the various segments of education.
- This collaboration between Rohit Sharma and Financepeer will increase the reach of tech and Fintech platforms of Financepeer among the Indian parents and schools.
- As a part of this collaboration Rohit Sharma will participate in the digital activities of Financepeer.
- Financepeer is the forerunner in the Educational fee financing segment in India, which aims to enable quality education accessible and affordable to all.
- The business model of Financepeer ensures seamless access to education and operations of schools.
- Financepeer offers fee financing solutions, insurance cover and digital learning platforms, and provides a complete educational requirement of parents and students.

41. Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFBL)?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Poonam Yadav
- C. Mithali Raj
- D. Harmanpreet Kaur

Ans. A

Sol.

- India's leading women cricketer Smriti Mandhana has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Equitas Small Finance Bank.
- Mandhana will feature in promoting Equitas Small Finance Bank's new product aimed at women called Eva.
- 'Eva' is a unique savings account which tries to address the well-being of Indian women in every aspect such as Health, Wealth and Prosperity as per the Bank.
- With Smriti Mandhana as a Brand Ambassador, Brand Equitas is set to bring women together through powerful conversations around shared experiences of struggle & success resulting in growth and prosperity.
- Mandhana will begin appearing on behalf of Equitas Small Finance Bank across all media platforms shortly.

42. India's first solar-powered miniature train launched in which state of India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

Ans. A

Sol.

- The first solar energy driven train was launched in Kerala by CM Pinarayi Vijayan on November 2, 2020.
- The train is first of its kind in the country.
- The train, which would be an attraction for children especially, was part of a string of projects totally worth Rs 60 crore taken up to elevate the facilities at the panoramic destination to international standards.

43. Which new initiative has been launched the Indian Railways to provide safety and security to women passengers during their train journeys?

- A. Rakhwali
- B. Meri Saheli
- C. Meri Suraksha
- D. Yatara Sathi

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Indian Railways has introduced a new initiative called "Meri Saheli" to provide safety and security to women passengers during their train journeys.
- The Meri Saheli initiative has been launched by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways.
- A team of lady officer and staff have been formed under the new initiative, which will visit all passenger coaches of the train including ladies coaches, to identify women passengers.
- The team will note down their journey details like coach number and seat number, especially if a lady is travelling alone on the train.

44. The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired an air-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from which fighter jet?

- A. Dassault Rafale
- B. Mirage 2000
- C. Sukhoi 30 MKI
- D. MiG-21

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired an air-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter aircraft in the Bay of Bengal.
- The aircraft took off from an airbase in Punjab & reached the Bay of Bengal after mid-air refuelling.
- The missile successfully hit a sinking ship in the Bay of Bengal, with deadly accuracy.
- This test was the longest range BrahMos strike that was undertaken by the Sukhoi 30 MKI platform.
- This missile was developed by DRDO, the air-launched version of nuclear-capable BrahMos has a strike range of 300 km with the capability to hit targets at sea or land in all weather conditions.

45. Who has been selected for 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2020', the highest literary prize of Kerala?

- A. M Mukundan
- B. Paul Zacharia
- C. K Satchindanandan
- D. C Radhakrishnan

Ans. B

Sol.

- Noted Malayalam writer, Paul Zacharia has been selected for this year's Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the Kerala government's highest literary honour.
- Zacharia was chosen for his contribution to Malayalam literature during the past five decades.
- A five-member jury, headed by Kerala Sahitya Akademi President Vyshakhan, selected him for the award. 'Salam America', 'Oridath', 'Aarkkariyam', 'Bhaskara patelarum ente jeevithavum' are among his various literary works. Zacharia also won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award in 1979 and the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award in 2004.

46. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT)?

- A. Gurdeep Singh
- B. Sushil Kumar Singhal
- C. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- D. Rajiv Jalota

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer, Rajiv Jalota has been appointed as the chairman of Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT).
- The appointment committee of the Union cabinet issued the order for the central deputation.
- The post of MbPT chairman was vacant after former chairman Sanjay Bhatia retired on July 31 and was appointed as Lokayukta of Maharashtra.
- Jalota, who is the first Goods and Services Tax (GST) commissioner of Maharashtra, is currently the additional chief secretary in the higher and technical education department of the state government.

- He first served as sales tax commissioner and then as GST commissioner from January 2015 to January 2020.

47. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI)?

- A. Rajiv Jalota
- B. PVG Menon
- C. Michel Irani
- D. Gurdeep Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI), an organization setup to provide a skilled workforce for the Electronics industry, announced the appointment of PVG Menon as its chief executive officer.
- Prior to taking up this role, Menon was the President & CEO of VANN Consulting and has over three decades of experience in the development, marketing and management of technology.

48. The foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for vegetables Protected Cultivation has been laid down in which state of India?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Chief Minister of Assam, Sabananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for vegetables Protected Cultivation in Khetri in the outskirts of Guwahati, Assam.
- The centre will provide exposure to the latest Israeli technologies to the farmers of the state. It will help them in maximising their production.
- The centre is to provide a major boost to agricultural and horticultural production in Assam.
- The aim is to double farmers' income in the region through infusion of technology

in agribusiness, agriculture and food processing.

49. Renowned cricket allrounder Shane Robert Watson announced retirement from all forms of Cricket, for which country did he played?

- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. New Zealand
- D. England

Ans. B

Sol.

* Former Australian All Rounder Shane Robert Watson announced retirement from all forms of Cricket at the age of 39.

* He had already announced retirement from International Cricket in 2015 but was playing Franchise-based Cricket tournaments such as Indian Premier League (IPL), Pakistan Super League (PSL).

* He is a right-handed batsman and a right-handed fast medium bowler.

* He made his debut for the Australian cricket team in 2002, playing his first One Day International against South Africa.

* Watson has played 59 Tests, 190 One Day Internationals (ODIs), and 58 Twenty20 Internationals (T20I), scoring 3731 runs and picked up 75 wickets in Tests, 5757 runs and 168 wickets in ODIs and 1462 runs & 48 wickets in T20Is.

* He was part of the World cup winning Australian Team in both 2007 and 2015 World cups.

50. Alassane Ouattara has been elected as the president of which country for a consecutive third term?

- A. Djibouti
- B. Senegal
- C. Ivory Coast
- D. Eritrea

Ans. C

Sol.

* Alassane Ouattara, President of Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) won the 3rd term as the President with her landslide victory in

the 2020 Ivory Coast Election securing 94.27% of the vote.

* The 2020 Ivory Coast Election held on 31st October 2020 was boycotted by the two opposition figures – former President Henri Konan Bedie and ex-Prime Minister Pascal Affi N'Guessan and their supporters.

* The total voter turnout was around 53.90% and the opposition claimed that only 10% Ivorians took part in the election.

* The main opposition candidates Henri Konan Bedie and Pascal Affi N'Guessan got 1% and 2% votes respectively and Kouadio Konan Bertin the 4th candidate got 2% of the total turnout votes.

* The results of the election are yet to be validated by the Constitutional Council of the country which will declare the winners after hearing the challenges or complaints of irregularities.

51. Who has been elected as the 30th President of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) for a three-year term of 2020-2023?

- A. Muhammad Sanjrani
- B. Duarte Pacheco
- C. Akmal Saidov
- D. Salma Ataullahjan

Ans. B

Sol.

* Duarte Pacheco, Portugal Parliamentarian was elected as the 30th President of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) for a three-year term of 2020-2023.

* He succeeds Gabriela Cuevas Barron, a Mexican Parliamentarian.

* The Presidential Election was conducted over the virtual platform during the 206th Session of the Governing Council of IPU, which was conducted as a virtual session.

* Around 400 parliamentarians from 140 member Parliaments registered their vote during the 24-hour window.

* More than 40% of the voting members were women parliamentarians and 27% of them were under 45.

52. Who will be the chairman of the of the committee constituted by the Ministry of

Information and Broadcasting to review "Guidelines on Television Rating Agencies in India"?

- A. PD Vaghela
- B. RS Sharma
- C. Amit Khare
- D. Shashi S Vempati

Ans. D

Sol.

* On the back of the on-going TRP scam, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting decided to constitute a committee to review "Guidelines on Television Rating Agencies in India".

* Headed by Shashi S Vempati, CEO, Prasar Bharti, the committee will examine the different aspects of television rating systems in India and carry out any changes, if necessary.

* The committee will submit its report within two months from the issue of the notice.

* The present guidelines issued by the MIB on television rating agencies in India were notified after deliberations by the Parliamentary Committee, Committee on Television Rating Points (TRP) constituted by the MIB and recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai).

53. CARAT is a joint Naval Exercise conducted between which two countries?

- A. Australia and Bangladesh
- B. USA and Bangladesh
- C. India and Sri Lanka
- D. Australia and Japan

Ans. B

Sol.

* Bangladesh and United States held a joint Naval Exercise CARAT. CARAT is Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training. The exercise was held at Chittagong.

* Historically, the exercise involves people-to-people interactions, variety of professional exchanges, community relations project, Subject Matter Expert exchanges and social events. Due to COVID-19, the exercise was held virtually.

54. Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture, Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility in which state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

* Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture, Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility at Guruvayur, in Kerala.

* The facility has been constructed under the project "Development of Guruvayur, Kerala" under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, at the cost of Rs. 11.57 Crores.

* The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) were launched by the Ministry of Tourism in the year 2014-15.

* The objective of PRASHAD scheme is integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.

55. Defence Research Development Organization test fired the advanced version of Pinaka successfully. Pinaka is a _____.

- A. Rocket system
- B. Radar System
- C. Missile System
- D. Drone System

Ans. A

Sol.

* The enhanced version of PINAKA rocket system was successfully flight tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

* This enhanced version of the Pinaka rocket would replace the existing Pinaka Mk-I rockets. While Mk-1 had a range of 40 km, the new variant can hit a target 45 to 60 km away.

* The design and development of Pinaka were done by DRDO laboratories based in Pune, namely Armament Research and Development Establishment, ARDE and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, HEMRL.

56. Chief Justice of India, Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Mumbai
- D. Nagpur

Ans. D

Sol.

- Chief Justice of India, Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Maharashtra's Nagpur.
- Nyay Kaushal will facilitate e-filing of cases in Supreme Court, any High court and district courts across the country.

57. The 14th Asian Film Awards (AFA14) held in _____.

- A. Singapore
- B. Hongkong
- C. Jakarta
- D. Busan

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA) announced the winners of the 14th Asian Film Awards (AFA14) held at Busan, South Korea.
- Karsh Kale and the Salvage Audio Collective won the Best Original Music Award 2020 for the film Gully Boy directed by Zoya Akhtar.
- Yang Ik-Joon, South Korean Actor and Director presented the Award.
- The film Gully Boy starring Ranveer Singh as the budding rappers who achieve his dream with his music about his life on the streets of Mumbai.

- The Salvage Audio Collective is a group of 6 musicians and music producers from Mumbai.

58. For which film Karsh Kale and the Salvage Audio Collective won the Best Original Music Award 2020 in 14th Asian Film Awards (AFA14)?

- A. Gully Boy
- B. Choked
- C. Soundtrack
- D. Dum Maro Dum

Ans. A

Sol.

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59. Who has authored the book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy"?

- A. Chakravarthi Rangarajan
- B. Raghuram Rajan
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Tamal Bandyopadhyay

Ans. D

Sol.

- Tamal Bandyopadhyay has authored a book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy" and will be released on November 09, 2020.
- This book, published by Roli Books, provides an understanding of the challenges and economic potential of India.

- The book "Pandemonium" accounts how many promoters had swapped equity with debt while the managements of the banks were finding a way to protect their balance sheets until the intervention of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) against their bad loans.

60. Which state government has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth around Rs 35,000 crore with 15 companies to develop state as data and logistics hub in India?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

Ans. C

Sol.

- The state government of Maharashtra has inked Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth around Rs 35,000 crore with 15 companies to develop state as data and logistics hub in western India.

- The MoU was signed by 10 Indian and 5 global companies at the 'Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0' investor meet in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The event was attended by the state's Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Bal Thackeray.

- The MoUs were signed with the state-run Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) in the presence of Industries Minister Subhash Desai and Minister of State (MoS) for Industries Aditi Tatkare.

- These include seven agreements for setting up data centres, five for logistics and one each in the gas & fuel, chemicals, and electronics sectors.

- The MoUs will also help in encouraging economic activities that are affected due to COVID-19 pandemic.

61. Which country's central bank governor chaired the 40th Meeting of the SAARCFINANCE Governors' Group was held virtually?

- A. India
- B. Nepal

C. Bangladesh

D. Pakistan

Ans. A

Sol.

- * The 40th Meeting of the SAARCFINANCE Governors' Group was held virtually, under the Chairmanship of Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, RBI.

- * The meeting was attended by the Governors from SAARC central banks. During the meeting, Mr Das also inaugurated the SAARCFINANCE Sync, a closed user group secure communication network.

- * The group took stock of the macroeconomic situation in the SAARC region; discussed the current SAARCFINANCE initiatives; and the way ahead.

- * The Governors reaffirmed their commitment to continued co-operation and sharing of central bank experiences.

- * SAARCFINANCE is a network of central bank governors and finance secretaries of the SAARC region.

- * The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the current chair of SAARCFINANCE.

62. Which country become the only country to formally pull out of the Paris climate accord since it was adopted in 2015?

- A. India
- B. Israel
- C. Japan
- D. USA

Ans. D

Sol.

- * The United States has officially withdrawn from the Paris climate accord on 04 November 2020.

- * With this, the US has now become the only country to formally pull out of the deal since it was adopted in 2015.

- * The landmark Paris climate agreement was signed in 2015 to protect the planet from the worsening impacts of the climate crisis.

- * As per the rules of the agreement, a country cannot officially leave before one

full year of notifying the UN of its intent to withdraw.

* The United States notified the United Nations of its withdrawal on November 4, 2019.

63. Who chaired the Global Investor Roundtable Conference in which twenty of the world largest Sovereign Wealth Funds and pension?

- A. Prakash Javadekar
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

Ans. C

Sol.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Global Investor Roundtable Conference.

* The conference witnessed the participation of twenty of the world largest Sovereign Wealth Funds and pension.

* These participants owned total assets of more than 6 billion USD.

* The main focus of discussion at the conference was about the vision of GoI in becoming a 5 trillion USD economy.

* The conference was organised by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund and Ministry of Finance. It provided a common platform for the decision makers and investors from Financial Market Regulators and Government of India.

* The investors from major economic regions of the world such as Europe, US, Japan, Australia, Singapore and the Middle East participated in the conference.

64. The Katakey Panel was set up by which of the following to probe the blowout, subsequent fire at an Oil India Limited (OIL) well at Baghjan in Assam which submitted its report recently?

- A. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Guwahati High Court
- D. National Green Tribunal

Ans. D

Sol.

* A major fire broke out at Baghjan oil well of Oil India Limited. The fire couldn't be put off till date. A Snubbing Unit from Canada is being brought to put off the fire.

* The Katakey Panel was set up by National Green Tribunal to provide a report about the accident. BP Katakey is a retired Guwahati High Court Judge.

* According to the panel, OIL did not have the required consent to establish, operate and carry out drilling and testing of hydrocarbons. The panel also reported that the well was deficient in planning and supervising critical operation at the well site.

* The panel recommended to take legal action against the officials of OIL for violating the following

* Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

* Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989

* Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

65. Who represented India in the first India-Nordic-Baltic Conclave held virtually?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. S Jai Shankar

Ans. D

Sol.

* The first India-Nordic-Baltic Conclave was held virtually. India was represented by External Affairs Minister S Jai Shankar.

* The Conclave was jointly hosted by Ministry of External Affairs and Confederation of Indian Industry. The Conclave focused on clean technologies and renewable energies, Artificial Intelligence, supply chain logistics and block chain led transformation.

* The Nordic Baltic Eight includes Estonia, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Iceland, Norway, Lithuania and Sweden.

* The Baltic States are Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. These three countries are

located in the Baltic sea and are fast growing economies.

66. India holds fifth joint working group on coal with which country where the countries discussed on Indian Coal Policy reforms, commercial mining of coal in India and coking coal exploration?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. Indonesia
- D. Malaysia

Ans. C

Sol.

* The India-Indonesia fifth joint working group on coal was held. The meeting of the working group was held through video conference.

* During the meeting, the countries discussed on Indian Coal Policy reforms, commercial mining of coal in India and coking coal exploration.

* India is currently looking for opportunities to import more coal from Indonesia. This is because the coal prices in world market is declining at rapid rate. The plan is to replace coal imports destinies with Indonesia and not increase coal imports.

* India is to increase its coal imports from Indonesia because, the Indonesian coal prices have fallen greatly in September 2020 due to the pandemic. The prices have been declining since March 2020.

* Indonesia is the third largest coal producer in the world. The Indonesian coal accounted to 40% of world coal exports.

67. Tata Technologies has signed an agreement with which state government to modernise 150 state-run ITIs?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Telangana

Ans. A

Sol.

* Tata Technologies has signed an agreement with Karnataka government to

modernise 150 state-run ITIs with an outlay of Rs 4,600 crore.

* The project cost includes investment from the state govt and also from the consortium of 20 companies led by Tata Technologies.

* The project is expected to bring qualitative improvements in the field of industrial training and education to create an enhanced learning environment for training youth.

68. Which state's tourism has been bestowed the coveted 'Highly Commended' Award by World Travel Mart London?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Rajasthan

Ans. B

Sol.

* Kerala Tourism has been bestowed the coveted 'Highly Commended' Award by World Travel Mart London.

* Kerala tourism was recognised for its remarkable activities aimed at promoting Responsible Tourism (RT) during the challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic.

* Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission received this recognition in the category of 'Meaningful Connections.'

* This is the 5th International Award for the Responsible Tourism Mission since its formation in 2017.

69. Which organization in partnership with American India Foundation, Dell Technologies and University of Mumbai has launched "Project Future Ready" to equip students with career skills?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- C. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- D. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

Ans. C

Sol.

* The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in partnership with American India Foundation, Dell Technologies and University of Mumbai has launched "Project Future Ready" to equip students with career skills.

* The project is set to impact over 1 lakh students in Mumbai and Delhi-NCR, of which 60 per cent are females.

* The project aims to provide skills development for these students through career mentoring, leveraging online skilling platforms and providing market aligned skills training for employability and inculcating entrepreneurial mind-set.

70. According to a recent report of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which state has been ranked amongst the top five states of the country which provide employment under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka

Ans. A

Sol.

- According to a recent report of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Uttar Pradesh (UP) has been ranked amongst the top five states of the country which provide employment under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during Covid-19 pandemic.

- The top 5 ranks have been taken by Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.

- UP has secured the place ahead of Karnataka, Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Telangana in the list of top 10 states.

- UP Government has successfully managed the return of 40 Lakh Migrants from all over the country and provided them employment opportunities also.

- UP Government did a skill mapping of about 20 Lakh Migrant labourers/workers

to enable them to get jobs as per their skill set.

- UP signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with various industries for generation of 11 Lakh jobs within a year.

- The UP Government has set up a new MSME unit to facilitate distribution of loans to Entrepreneurs.

- A new portal 'Sathi' was launched by the Government to help entrepreneurs to set up new units.

71. According to "Interstate Migrant Policy Index" (IMPEX) released by the 'India Migration Now' which state at the top in integrating migrant workers?

- A. Kerala
- B. Goa
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Mumbai based research non-profit India Migration Now has recently released "Interstate Migrant Policy Index" (IMPEX). The index measures integration of interstate migrants.

- The average IMPEX score of India is 37 out of 100. According to the index, the states of Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have been most successful in integrating migrant workers. On the other hand, Delhi has the least Interstate Migrant Policy Index.

- The index helps India to evolve policy for 455 million internal migrants. According to Census 2011, there are 455 million internal migrants in the country.

72. Who chaired Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting that approved 29 projects leveraging investment of Rs 443 crores?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Narendra Singh Tomar
- D. Narendra Modi

Ans. C

Sol.

- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar chaired Inter-Ministerial Approval Committee meeting.
- The committee approved 29 projects leveraging investment of Rs 443 crores.
- Under the Scheme of Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition, Rs 189 crores were allocated. Rs 15 crores was allocated to the BFL scheme. BFL is creation of Backward and Forward Linkages. BFL is a part of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana.
- The projects are to generate 15,000 employment and will benefit more than 2 lakh farmers.
- These projects are to be implemented in ten states such as Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Kerala, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Nagaland.

73.A pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi was released by which country in their language meaning 'My understanding about Gandhi'?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bhutan
- D. Nepal

Ans. D

Sol.

* Bidhya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal released a pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi in Nepali language, titled 'Maile Bujheko Gandhi'(the Gandhi as I understood or 'My understanding about Gandhi')at a special function in Shital Niwas, Kathmandu in the presence of Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Ambassador of India to Nepal.

* The book was published by the Embassy of India along with B. P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation.

* The special anthology was released to celebrate the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of Indian Nation and also to mark the culmination of the two years long celebrations of '150 years of Mahatma'

74.Who has been appointed as the administrator of the crisis-ridden Laxmi Vilas Bank by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A. T. N. Manoharan
- B. Prashant Kumar
- C. RA Sankara Narayanan
- D. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra

Ans. A

Sol.

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) placed cash-strapped Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) under a moratorium for a period of one month and restricted withdrawals at Rs 25,000 for depositors, owing to a serious deterioration in the lender's financial position.

• The RBI has also drafted a scheme of amalgamation for LVB with DBS Bank of India and aims to complete the merger process before moratorium period ends.

• The proposed amalgamation will provide stability and better prospects to LVB's depositors, customers and employees.

• As per the moratorium order, LVB will not, without RBI's permission, "make, in the aggregate, payment to a depositor of a sum exceeding Rs 25,000 lying to his credit, in any savings, current or any other deposit account, by whatever name called.

• The RBI has announced supersession of the Board of Directors of Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

• RBI has also appointed T. N. Manoharan, former Non-Executive Chairman of Canara Bank as the administrator of the crisis-ridden bank.

75.Who has been awarded ATP Tour No. 1 trophy for finishing as the top-ranked player for the sixth time in his career?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

• Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic has given the ATP Tour No. 1 trophy on 15

November 2020, for finishing 2020 as the year-end No. 1 (world number one).

- With this, he has become the only second player in tennis history, after Pete Sampras, to receive the trophy sixth time.
- Earlier Djokovic had finished as world number one in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018. Before this, only Pete Sampras has managed to finish six years on top of the rankings which he did between 1993 and 1998.

76. Which ministry gave its nod for the creation of the first ever "National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW)" with an expected outlay of Rs 650 crore?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. Ministry of Finance

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Ministry of Finance gave its nod for the creation of the first ever "National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW)" with an expected outlay of Rs 650 crore. In this regard, Ministry of Labour & Employment has envisaged development of NDUW seeded with Aadhaar.
- This project will include migrant workers also and the benefits to be provided through this database will encourage them to enroll on the website.
- Common Service Centre (CSC) can be used in this process.
- This decision has been taken after the problems faced by migrant labourers in COVID-19 pandemic.

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