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- C. HDFC Bank
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- A. MTNL
- B. Airtel
- C. Idea Cellular
- D. BSNL
- E. Jio

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- A. SIDBI
- B. EXIM Bank
- C. NABARD
- D. National Housing Bank
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- B. ECGC
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- A. Gramin Bhandar Grih
- B. Gram storage scheme
- C. Rural storage scheme
- D. Village Storage Scheme
- E. Annagar Yojna

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- A. Rohini Mohan
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- B. Oman
- C. Iraq
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- E. None of these

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- B. Mahendra Goyal
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- E. K K Singhal

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- A. SBI
- B. Salesforce
- C. Amazon
- D. TCS
- E. HSBC

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- A. Hirdesh Kumar
- B. Sunil Joshi
- C. Sunil Arora
- D. LaxmiKant Rao
- E. Sanjay Misra

129. Who has been appointed as Chairperson of NCLAT?

- A. Deepa Krishan
- B. Bansilal Bhat
- C. Bikki Raveendra Babu
- D. Vijai Pratap Singh
- E. R.P. Nagrath

130. Who has been appointed as head of special cell created by Ministry of External Affairs to coordinate issues related to coronavirus?

- A. Dammu Ravi
- B. Santosh Kumar
- C. Sameer Misra
- D. Amit Mahantana
- E. Shivraj Kumar

131. Which of the following foundation has had set up the first hospital of India that will operate exclusively to treat Corona Virus patients?

- A. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- B. Reliance Foundation
- C. Google.org
- D. Amazon charity
- E. Tata Trusts

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- A. MyLab
- B. Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Ltd
- C. Aster DM Healthcare Ltd
- D. Dr. Lal Pathlabs Ltd
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- A. end of 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022

- D. 2023
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- B. Anita Nair
- C. Ruchika Tomar
- D. Kiran Desai
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• The World Bank will provide USD 80 million (about Rs 600 crore) loan to improve water management practices and increase agricultural productivity in selected gram panchayats or village councils in Himachal Pradesh

63. Ans. C.

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Small Finance Banks in the Private Sector. Now payments banks willing to convert themselves into small finance banks (SFBs) can apply for such a licence only after 5 years of operations.

• The licensing window will be open on-tap. In the guideline, the RBI has double the minimum capital for setting up an SFB to ₹200 crores.

• For primary (urban) co-operative banks (UCBs), non-banking financial companies, micro-financial institutions (MFIs), local regional bank/payment banks which wish to become SFBs the minimum required capital condition of Rs 200 crore will not be applicable.

• But the UCBs want to become SFB will require net worth ₹100 crores, which will have to be increased to ₹200 crores

within five years from the date of commencement of business.

64. Ans. C.

• Life Insurance in its modern form came to India from England in the year 1818. Oriental Life Insurance Company started by Europeans in Calcutta was the first life insurance company on Indian Soil.

• All the insurance companies established during that period were brought up with the purpose of looking after the needs of the European community and Indian natives were not being insured by these companies.

65. Ans. E.

• Indian Navy, in collaboration with **Indian Coast Guard**, Cochin Port Trust and all other concerned stakeholders, conducted a large-scale anti-hijacking exercise code-named Apharan off the Port of Kochi.

66. Ans. A.

• World champion shuttler P.V. Sindhu won the ESPN's 'Female Sportsperson of the Year' award for a third consecutive time

• Young shooter Saurabh Chaudhary bagged the 'Male Sportsperson of the Year'

• Sprinter Dutee Chand became the first winners of the 'Courage' award for being inspirational both on and off the field.

• Wrestler Deepak Punia's won ESPN's 'Emerging Sportsperson of the Year' award.

• Koneru Humpy won the award for the 'Comeback of the Year'

• Pullela Gopichand, chief national badminton coach, claimed the 'Coach of the Year' award

• Manu Bhaker-Saurabh Chaudhary grabbed the 'Team of the Year' honour.'

67. Ans. C.

• Final exercise of the National level Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2020) was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard in the sea at Vasco, South Goa district.

68. Ans. C.

Credit default swaps offer protection against the non-payment of unsecured corporate or sovereign debt. A typical

CDS contract features one counterparty agreeing to "sell" protection to another. The "protected" party pays a fee each year in exchange for a guarantee that if a bond goes into default, the seller of protection will provide compensation.

69. Ans. B.

* Adani Capital Private Ltd has acquired Essel Finance's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) loan business. Adani Capital has secured a loan book of around Rs 145 crore through the acquisition.

* After the acquisition, Adani Capital Private Ltd is targeting to gradually expand its geographic presence in central and east India.

* Adani Capital Private Ltd is the non-banking financial company (NBFC) arm of Adani Group.

70. Ans. A.

• Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** celebrated the traditional harvest festival "**Phool Dei**". The festival also showcases the inner bonding between the communities who all are residing in the hills.

• Phool Dei is celebrated on the first day of **Chaitra or in mid-March (according to Gregorian calendar)**.

71. Ans. E.

• Yes Bank to be excluded from Nifty 50
• Troubled private lender Yes Bank will be dropped from benchmark index Nifty 50, banking index Nifty bank and other Nifty indices from March 19.

72. Ans. B.

• Padma Shri Jadav Payeng, the Forest Man of India will be conferred with the prestigious Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award in New Delhi.

• The award is instituted by My Home India for his consistent efforts in creating a real man-made forest through massive reforestation.

73. Ans. D.

• Cabinet gives nod for FDI policy on civil aviation; NRIs can acquire up to 100% equity in Air India.

• The Cabinet approved Foreign Direct Investment, FDI policy on civil aviation

74. Ans. A.

* The four-day civil aviation business exhibition and air show, Wings India 2020 will kickstart in Hyderabad.

* The biennial event being organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) along with Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India at the Begumpet airport.

75. Ans. B.

• Sachin Bansal (Flipkart co-founder and former CEO) has acquired DHFL General Insurance from Kapil Wadhawan-led Wadhawan Group Capital (WGC) for around Rs 100 crore.

• WGC is the parent company of debt-laden Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL) and this deal is seen as a distress sale.

• Now, Bansal has entered insurance business, and the investment is also seen as part of his strategy to enter into financial services industry.

76. Ans. A.

• The board recommended aligning the financial year of RBI, currently July-June, with the government's fiscal year (April-March) from the year 2020-21.

• The meeting reviewed the current economic situation, global and domestic challenges and various areas of operations of the Reserve Bank.

• The meeting was addressed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. She was accompanied by Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur, Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar and Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan, among other senior officials.

77. Ans. B.

• The Municipal Bonds Development Committee will be headed by Shri Sujit Prasad, Executive Director, SEBI.

• The committee will give recommendations on policy matters pertaining to development of municipal debt securities market.

• The members of the committee include representatives from ministry, Municipal Corporation, lawyers, professionals and market practitioners.

78. Ans. B.

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- Prashant Kumar has been appointed as Chief Executive and Managing Director of the Yes Bank. Kumar was earlier appointed as the YES Bank administrator. Sunil Mehta, former non-executive chairman of Punjab National Bank, has been appointed as non-executive chairman of YES Bank.

- Mahesh Krishnamurthy will serve as a non-executive director of the bank, while Atul Bheda as a non-executive director. The investor bank, State Bank of India, will nominate two officers as directors.

79. Ans. A.

- Actor Manoj Kumar has been felicitated by the World Book of Records, London with the WBR Golden Era of Bollywood honour for being a legendary actor and for his contribution to Indian cinema

80. Ans. C.

- Final exercise of the National level Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2020) was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard in the sea at Vasco, South Goa district.

81. Ans. D.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Uttar Pradesh-based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB).

82. Ans. E.

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** will establish a Massive **Human Space Flight Center** in the **Challakere** in **Chitradurga** district of **Karnataka**.

- For this ISRO has proposed **2,700 crores** of the infrastructure plan to construct the facility that will become operational in three years.

83. Ans. A.

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched a new plan 'Micro Bachat'.

- This is the first time it has introduced a micro insurance plan, providing coverage of up to Rs 2 lakh.

- It is a regular premium, non-linked, participating endowment plan, offering a combination of protection and savings.

84. Ans. A.

- The Gujarat government has announced to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children

Innovation Center (VSCIC) in Gandhinagar.

- Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) will identify, nurture and promote children's innovation in the state.

85. Ans. B.

On 3rd January, 2020 General Qasem Soleimani was killed by a U.S drone's airstrike ordered by U.S president Donald Trump.

- He was commander in chief of Iran's elite Quds force.

- He served at the rank of Major General.

- He also led 41st Tharallah division of Kermen.

- The United States had alleged that he was supporting various militias in Iraq and Syria, and was creating a war like situation in Syria and Iraq by expanding the presence of pro-Iranian militant groups in those regions.

- U.S president Donald Trump had alleged that he was the mastermind behind the attack on US embassy in Baghdad one week ago, wherein protesters clashed with U.S forces.

- Gen. Qasem Soleimani was considered second most powerful person in Iran after Iran's Supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei.

86. Ans. D.

- The Fifteenth Finance Commission will set up a panel to address issues related to fiscal policy for both the Centre and the States

- Commission had also constituted a group on defence and internal security, whose mandate will be 'to examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence and internal security ought to be set up, and if so, how such a mechanism could be operationalised

- This group will be chaired by Mr. Singh with A.N. Jha, Member, Fifteenth Finance Commission as well as Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance as members

87. Ans. B.

- Securities and Exchange Board of India has doubled the minimum investment

limit for clients of Portfolio Management Services to Rs 50 lakh.

- Currently, the minimum ticket size for investing in PMS is Rs 25 lakh.
- The market regulator also increased the net worth requirement for PMS to Rs 5 crore from Rs 2 crore earlier, giving the existing portfolio managers 36 months to meet the enhanced requirement.
- The regulator has set a deadline of 31 days for listed companies to disclose to the stock exchanges with respect to default.

88. Ans. B.

- Directed by Bong Joon-ho 'Parasite' won the Best best picture award at the 92nd Academy Awards 2020.
- Filmmaker Bong Joon-ho also won in the international feature and original screenplay categories, as well as best director.
- These awards are presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to honour the excellence in cinematic achievements of 2018 in 24 different categories.
- The Academy Awards were presented for the first time on May 16, 1929, at a private function at Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

89. Ans. D.

- Incumbent President [Ashraf Ghani](#) has been declared the winner of [Afghanistan's](#) presidential election for 2nd term.
- The American won 13 majors and 82 LPGA Tour titles to sit second on the all-time women's major list behind countrywoman Patty Berg (15), who died in 2006.

90. Ans. B.

- Fifth Edition of Joint Military Exercise between Indian Army and United Kingdom(UK) Army AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 will be conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom(UK) from February (13 to 26) 2020.
- 120 Army Individuals each from Indian and United Kingdom Armies will participate in this Exercise and the Next Edition will be conducted in India, vice-versa.
- The Main Aim of this Exercise is to conduct Joint Training Operations with

High number of Soldiers and also giving Special Importance on Counter Terrorists operation in Urban and Semi Urban Areas.

91. Ans. D.

* Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced that it has approved to sign & ratify the extradition treaty between India and Belgium, which will enable the countries to surrender any person found in its territory who is accused of or convicted in an extraditable offence in the territory of the other party.

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92. Ans. D.

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98. Ans. A.

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will start Swavalamban Express on June 5 this year for new entrepreneurs.

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121. Ans. A.

* **Arfa Khanum Sherwani** of "The Wire" and Bengaluru-based freelancer **Rohini Mohan** have been jointly awarded **Chameli Devi Jain Award** for outstanding woman journalist.

* Sherwani was chosen for her reporting from **conflict situations in Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh** and Mohan's reportage on the NRC exercise in Assam set a new benchmark for investigative journalism.

122. Ans. C.

• Iraq president Barham Salih has appointed Adnan al-Zurfi as Prime Minister (PM) of Iraq.

• He will succeed Mohammed Allawi, the 1st politician named by the president as PM-designate who withdrew his candidacy for the post.

123. Ans. A.

• Mastercard named Michael Miebach as its new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

• He will replace Ajaypal Singh Banga, who assumes charge as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors.

• Miebach currently serving as the Chief Product Officer (CPO) in Mastercard and will become the President from March 1, 2020.

• He will also assume charge as CEO and a member of the Board of Directors from January 1, 2021.

124. Ans. B.

• Pekka Lundmark took over Rajeev Suri as the president and CEO of Nokia.

• Rajeev Suri has been working in Nokia since last 25 years.

• Lundmark was working as the President and CEO of Fortum, a leading energy company based in Espoo, Finland.

125. Ans. D.

• Togo's President Faure Gnassingbé has won re-election for 4th term, according to preliminary results from the electoral commission.

• Gnassingbe has led the country of eight million people since taking over in 2005 following the death of his father Gnassingbe Eyadema, who ruled with an iron fist for 38 years.

126. Ans. D.

• Ravinder Singh Dhillon has taken over as the Director (Projects) in Power Finance Corporation.

• He was serving as an Executive Director in PFC. Dhillon has more than 34 years of experience in various areas of the power sector.

127. Ans. B.

• Arundhati Bhattacharya named Salesforce India Chairperson and CEO.

• Salesforce announced that Arundhati Bhattacharya will join the company on 20 April 2020 as chairperson and CEO, Salesforce India, to lead the company's growth and expansion across the market

128. Ans. A.

* The Election Commission of India has appointed Hirdesh Kumar as the new Chief Electoral Officer of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

* He will replace Shailendra Kumar with effect from the date he assumes charge.

129. Ans. B.

• The government has appointed Justice Bansi Lal Bhat as the officiating chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT).

• NCLAT Chairperson Justice Sudhansu Jyoti Mukhopadhyaya has retired.

130. Ans. A.

• The Ministry of External Affairs to ensure the safety of Indians abroad has set up a special cell to coordinate the issues related with the response to the pandemic that has claimed more than 5,000 lives worldwide.

• Additional Secretary Dammu Ravi has been appointed as the point person for coordinating the response to COVID-19.

131. Ans. B.

* The Reliance Group of Companies in collaboration with Brihanmumbai Municipal corporation has set up a COVID-19 Centre at the Seven Hills Hospital in Mumbai.

* The centre is completely supported by Reliance Foundation. It has all required

infrastructure including a negative pressure room.

* The Negative Room Pressure technology is used to isolate patients.

132. Ans. A.

* A Pune based testing services MyLab has become the first Indian company to get an commercial approval from CDSCO for the sales of COVID-19 testing kits sale.

* The kit was developed by MyLab testing services. The testing time of COVID-19 in current lab testing services is 4 hours.

* However, MyLab's testing time is 2 ½ hours. The laboratory is to sell the kits at Rs 1,200 to Rs 1,500 per test.

* Currently, the Government of India has fixed the cap price of COVID-19 as Rs 4,500.

* No laboratory in India can charge more than this fixed amount to test the COVID-19.

133. Ans. B.

* The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers agreed to move the Tokyo Games to 2021. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the head of the International Olympic Committee agreed to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Games by a year in an extraordinary move, unprecedented in peacetime, as the world battles the coronavirus pandemic.

134. Ans. C.

* Critically-acclaimed debut novelist Ruchika Tomar is the winner of the 2020 PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel, for "A Prayer for Travelers".

* It was published on July 9, 2019. The Novel states about the friendship of 2 women which grows complicated until the relationship breaks apart and one of the friends disappear.

* Ruchika Tomar hails from California & is currently working as a lecturer at Stanford University.

135. Ans. A.

* The National Task force for COVID-19, constituted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has suggested the use of hydroxy-chloroquine to contain the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus) for restricted populations.

* The restricted population for usage of hydroxy-chloroquine include, namely, 'Asymptomatic (showing no symptoms) Healthcare Workers' and 'Asymptomatic household contacts' of laboratory-confirmed cases.

* The above mentioned population have been advised to use the hydroxy-chloroquine to contain further spread of the pandemic.

* However, the drug is not recommended as a preventive healthcare in children under 15 years of age.

136. Ans. B.

* Zoya Akhter honoured with IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020 during the 8th India International Film Tourism Conclave (IIFTC) held in Mumbai.

* The award was presented by NaheedNenshi- Mayor of Calgary, Alberta (Canada) in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the world tourism through her cinema.

* She has promoted tourism through her films like 2011 'Zindagi Na MilegiDobara' which was shot in Spain, and 2015 comedy-drama 'DilDhadakne Do' shot in Turkey.

137. Ans. D.

* After the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) reconstruction plan for Yes Bank, the latter has resumed its standard operations from last week.

* Now, to keep the liquidity of the bank for paying back to its depositors stable, RBI has opened an emergency line of credit of Rs 59,000 crore.

* This liquidity support to Yes Bank is an additional liquidity arsenal provided under Section 17 (4) of the RBI Act, 1934 as the bank has no solvency problem or any other issue except liquidity.

* The move comes after 16 years when a similar credit line was opened for Global Trust Bank in 2004 after which the bank merged with Oriental Bank of Commerce.

138. Ans. B.

* National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides financial support of Rs 42,213crore in the Financial Year(FY) 2019-20 for building rural infrastructure.

* In this FY, NABARD has provided Rs 20,869 crore for irrigation related projects, in addition to Rs 5,686 crore for rural connectivity.

* Apart from this it has released Rs 10,935 crore for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin (PMAYG) to provide "housing for all by 2022"& for Swachh Bharat Mission to provide clean water and sanitation facilities.

139. Ans. A.

* IndusInd Bank has appointed Sumant Kathpalia as the Managing Director and CEO.

* The appointment was announced as Romesh Sobti retired as the MD & CEO of the Bank after a 12 year stint.

* Kathpalia is a career banker with over 33 years of experience in large

multinational banks such as Citibank, Bank of America, ABN AMRO and IndusInd bank.

140. Ans. C.

* The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed annually on 25 March by the United Nations.

* The day is marked each year on the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former journalist who was working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) when he was abducted by armed gunman in 1985.

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