



# February Month Current Affairs Questions

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1. The tech giant Google announced 1 million USD for promoting \_\_\_\_\_ in India?

- A. Digital Literacy
- B. Literacy Rate
- C. News literacy
- D. Technical Education
- E. Skill development

Ans. C

Sol.

• Google announced 1-million USD grant to promote news literacy among Indians. According to Google, the grant will work towards building a strong network of senior reporters and journalists, who will counteract fake news in India.

• The funding support is part of Google's broader, **\$10-million** commitment to media literacy.

2. SAMPRITI-IX is a joint military exercise between India and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Singapore
- B. Thailand
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Myanmar

Ans. D

Sol.

The 9th edition of joint military training exercise between India-Bangladesh SAMPRITI-IX will be conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya.

3. The United States President Donald Trump has signed the new USMCA North American trade deal, where USMCA stands for?

- A. United State of America, China and Mexico
- B. United State of America, Canada and Mexico
- C. United State of America, Mexico, China and Australia
- D. United State of America, Mauritius, Canada and Saudi Arabia
- E. United State of America, Morocco and Cuba

Ans. B

Sol.

US President Donald Trump has signed the new United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement (USMCA) North American trade pact with Canada and Mexico into law.

The USMCA, crafted over years of negotiation between the three countries, replaces the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA.

4. World's 'largest' meditation centre inaugurated near \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Ranchi
- C. Chennai
- D. Mumbai
- E. Pune

Ans. A

Sol.

World's 'largest' meditation centre inaugurated near Hyderabad

A one lakh capacity meditation centre, claimed to be the world's largest such facility, was inaugurated on Tuesday at the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute and the Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) in Hyderabad, which impart training in Raja Yoga system of meditation.

5. Which of the following city is hosting the 65th National School Games Under-17?

- A. Agartala
- B. Guwahati
- C. Jorhat
- D. Imphal
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated the 65th National School Games Under-17 boys at Umakanta Academy Mini Stadium in Agartala.

38 football teams coming from different parts of the country are taking part in the games.

6. What is the theme of the World Sustainable Summit 2020 organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) in New Delhi?

- A. 'Forward to 2030: Making the Decade Sustainable'
- B. '2020: Making Future of the Decade'
- C. 'Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count'
- D. 'Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on our Promise'
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.



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- The World Sustainable Summit is an annual event organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).
- It is being organized since 2001. The event has become a premier international event focusing on developing actions.
- The event was held between January 29, 2020 and January 31, 2020. The theme of the event is 'Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count'.

7. Who among the following has won the gold medal in the men's Keirin individual event of the Six-Day Berlin Tournament?

- A. Tomas Babek      B. Esow Alben  
C. Maximilian Lev      D. Deborah Herold  
E. Arvind Panwar

Ans. B  
Sol.

- Indian cyclist Esow Alben has bagged a gold in the men's Keirin individual event of the Six Day Berlin Tournament.
- The 18-year-old finished on top of the podium, earning 20 classification points.
- Czech Republic's Tomas Babek, who won a silver in the 2017 World Championship, came in second while Maximilian Lev of Germany took home the bronze.
- Earlier in the competition, the teenager had won a bronze on day two followed by a silver medal on the fourth day in the individual Keirin event.
- The event is a six-day track cycling race. Each cyclist competes on every day of the competition.

8. Name the University that conferred Honorary D.Lit. Degree to Nobel Laureate Prof. Abhijit Binayak Bandyopadhyay at its Annual Convocation?

- A. Delhi University  
B. Jawaharlal Nehru University  
C. Kolkata University  
D. Mumbai University  
E. Lucknow University

Ans. C  
Sol.

- Nobel Prize winner in economics Abhijit Vinayak Bannerjee conferred with the honorary D Litt (Doctor of Literature) by his alma mater Calcutta University in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- Abhijit was awarded Nobel Prize in 2019 for "Experimental approach to alleviating global poverty".
- He is one of the directors of Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), United States of America (USA) founded in 2003.

9. The World's largest meditation centre was inaugurated in which city of India to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM)?

- A. Belur, West Bengal  
B. Hyderabad, Telangana  
C. Gurugram, Haryana  
D. Nagpur, Maharashtra  
E. Surat, Gujarat

Ans. B  
Sol.

- The World's largest meditation centre was inaugurated at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Hyderabad, Telangana to mark the 75th anniversary of the formation of Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) and Heartfulness Institute.
- The center is dedicated to the first guide of Heartfulness Lalaji Maharaji. It can accommodate 1 lakh practitioners at a time.

10. Which of the following theater artists awarded the French honour of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for her outstanding contribution to the field of theater?

- A. Ratna Pathak Shah  
B. Dolly Thakore  
C. Shabana Azmi  
D. Sanjana Kapoor  
E. Shriram Lagoo

Ans. D  
Sol.

- Well-known theatre person Sanjana Kapoor conferred with the prestigious French honour of 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for her outstanding contribution to the field of theatre.
- Ms. Kapoor, who currently runs the Mumbai-based theatre company



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'Junoon', was felicitated by Franck Riester, the French Minister of Culture, who was on a state visit to India.

- Born to Bollywood star Shashi Kapoor and British actor Jennifer Kendal, Ms. Kapoor debuted as an actor in Aparna Sen's 36 Chowringhee Lane in 1981.
- She was also the leading lady in Hero Hiralal (1989), and appeared in Mira Nair's Salaam Bombay (1988), but eventually went on to dedicate herself completely to theatre.
- She acted in numerous plays, and also took up the job of reviving Mumbai's Prithvi Theatre, which was founded by her parents.
- In 2012, she co-founded 'Junoon', an organisation that works towards increasing the reach of theatre and the arts to wider audiences through innovative initiatives.

11. The 71st edition of International Boxing Tournament "Strandja"2020 was held in which country?

- A. Bangkok, Thailand
- B. Wuhan, China
- C. Sofia, Bulgaria
- D. Bucharest, Romania
- E. Abu Dhabi, UAE

Ans. C

Sol.

- The 71st edition of International Boxing Tournament "Strandja"2020 was held in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- India won three medals in the tournament and ranked 9th in the medal tally.
- With 10 medal the list was topped by Ukraine (4 Gold, 1 silver, 5 Bronze).
- The Tournament was jointly organized by International Boxing Association & European Boxing Confederation in which more than 300 boxers from 30 countries have participated.

12. Which Metro Rail Corporation is set to open India's first underwater metro rail services by March 2022?

- A. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- B. Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC)
- C. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRC)

D. Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC)

E. Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC)

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) is set to complete its East-West Project, which runs partly under the Hooghly river, West Bengal, by March 2022. It will be India's first underwater metro.

\* The new metro rail is expected to carry about 900,000 people daily & will take less than a minute to cross a 520-meter underwater tunnel.

\* 74% of the East-West metro project is owned by India's Railway & remaining 26% by the nation's Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

13. Which of the following state governments has adopted a resolution to abolish the Legislative Council in the state legislature?

- A. Bihar
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Maharashtra

Ans. C

Sol.

\* The Andhra Pradesh cabinet chaired by the chief minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy, has adopted a resolution to abolish the legislative council, which is a major hurdle for passing crucial bills.

\* This approval came after AP government failed to pass 2 important bills (Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system & and the AP Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Act (Repeal) Bill) in the upper house of the legislature.

14. Which of the following words has been named as the Oxford Hindi Word of the Year for 2019?

- A. Samvad
- B. Samvidhaan
- C. Sanchaar
- D. Sambodhan
- E. Prabodhan

Ans. B

Sol.



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\* The Oxford University Press has named 'Samvidhaan'(constitution) as the Oxford Hindi Word of the Year for 2019.

\* It received widespread attention in the year which was witness to the spirit of the Indian Constitution being embraced across segments of the society.

\* The word was chosen as 2019 saw the values of democracy, secularism, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity being tested on the touchstone of the Constitution or "Samvidhaan".

15. Indian Railways has commissioned India's 1st governmental waste-to-energy plant in which city of India?

- A. Raipur                      B. New Delhi  
C. Lucknow                    D. Bhubaneswar  
E. Mumbai

Ans. D

Sol.

\* Indian Railways has commissioned India's 1st governmental waste-to-energy plant in Mancheswar Carriage Repair workshop at Bhubaneswar under the East Coast Railway zone.

\* It has been built at a cost of Rs 1.79 crore and has the capacity to dispose of 500 kg waste, including plastic and e-waste.

\* This waste-to-energy plant uses a patented technology called 'Polycrack', which is the world's first patented heterogeneous catalytic process to convert multiple feedstocks into hydrocarbon liquid fuels, gas, carbon and water.

\* This process will produce energy in the form of light diesel oil which is used to light furnaces.

16. Which state government has launched a virtual police station where people can lodge complaints from their respective districts without visiting Police Station?

- A. Maharashtra              B. Odisha  
C. Rajasthan                  D. Punjab  
E. Haryana

Ans. B

Sol.

\* The Odisha government has launched a virtual police station where people can

lodge complaints from their respective districts without visiting Police Station.

\* The e-police station will function from the State Crime Records Bureau in Bhubaneswar.

\* These initiatives are effectively reducing the necessity of citizens to visit Police Stations.

17. Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani has been appointed as new Prime Minister of which country?

- A. UAE                              B. Qatar  
C. Saudi Arabia                  D. Lebanon  
E. Yemen

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Qatar's emir has appointed Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani as new Prime Minister. He will replace Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani.

\* The earlier Prime Minister has submitted his resignation. The new prime minister had been the head of the Amiri Diwan, the emir's office.

18. As per the World Social Report 2020, India successfully managed to use digital platforms to reduce disparities among population groups. Which of the following publishes the report?

- A. UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
B. UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
C. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
D. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
E. The United Nations General Assembly

Ans. A

Sol.

\* The World Social Report 2020, published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, notes how India harnessed the potential of digital technologies for more inclusive development.

\* In the report, the UN said the experience of India suggests that mobile digital technologies need to be complemented by other technologies to



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reduce inequality in access to financial services.

19. The Indian Navy launched Operation Vanilla in the Southern Indian Ocean to assist the people of which country who were affected by Cyclone Diane?

- A. Somalia                      B. Madagascar  
C. Surinam                      D. Maldives  
E. Mauritius

Ans. B

Sol.

\* The Indian Navy launched Operation Vanilla in the Southern Indian Ocean. The operation was launched based on the request received from Madagascar.

\* The Operation has been launched to assist the population of Madagascar that were affected by Cyclone Diane.

\* The Indian Navy ship Airavat has been deployed in the relief mission. The operation will provide succor to the flood affected population.

\* The ship will also set up a medical camp and offer water, food and other essential relief materials.

20. Who among the following has been appointed as Life President of Asian Tennis Federation (ATF)?

- A. VK Bhatra                      B. Anil Khanna  
C. Anil Dhuper                      D. CS Raju  
E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Senior Sports Administrator Anil Khanna was unanimously appointed as Life President of Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) during the meeting of its Board of Directors in Melbourne, Australia.

\* He is also named as the Chairman of the ATF Finance Committee.

\* Khanna had served as ATF President from 2005 to 2019 and also ITF Vice President from 2015-19.

\* CS Raju was elected as Senior Vice President of the ATF, representing South Asia.

21. Who won the 2020 Australian Open Men's Singles title?

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

E. Kevin Anderson

Ans. C

Sol.

Serbian star Novak Djokovic won the 2020 Australian Open Men's Singles title. He defeated Austrian Dominic Thiem (6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4) in the final match. It was his 78th Australian Open Men's Singles title.

Australian Open was held in Melbourne, Australia in January 2020.

22. The annual Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (KGAF) 2020 was celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Chennai                      B. Faridabad  
C. Agra                      D. Mumbai  
E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

The 21st edition of the 9-day Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (KGAF) 2020, one of the biggest open street arts and cultural festival of India, has begun in Mumbai.

The theme for 2020 KGAF is "PAST FORWARD."

23. Revolutionary poet Rabi Singh passed away recently. He was famous for writing in which language?

- A. Bengali                      B. Sanskrit  
C. Odia                      D. Marathi  
E. Assamese

Ans. C

Sol.

Eminent Odia poet Rabi Singh passed away following a prolonged illness.

He was popularly known as "Biplabi Kabi" (revolutionary poet) for his patriotic writings.

24. Who has been awarded for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award-2020 for his translated book "Blue Is Like Blue"?

- A. Geetanjali Shree                      B. Amitav Ghosh  
C. Anita Desai                      D. Aravind Adiga  
E. Vinod Kumar Shukla

Ans. E

Sol.

Noted Hindi poet-novelist **Vinod Kumar Shukla** has been awarded the Mathrubhumi Book of the Year 2020 award for his translated book "Blue Is Like Blue".



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The Mathrubhumi Group's award, which comes with a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, will be given to the best work of fiction in English published in the year.

25. When is the World Wetlands Day observed annually?

- A. February 1
- B. First Sunday of February
- C. February 2
- D. First Saturday of February
- E. None of these

Ans. C  
Sol.

Every year the World Wetlands Day is observed globally on February 2 (since 1997) to raise awareness about the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet.

26. Which of the following Indian cities hosted the India International Leather Fair (IILF) 2020?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Pune
- E. Ranchi

Ans. B  
Sol.

The 35th edition of India International Leather Fair (IILF) 2020 held at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, Chennai. IILF has all along been a vivid presentation of the leather industry.

27. Who has become once again a member of the Commonwealth of nations in February 2020?

- A. Maldives
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. India
- E. Mongolia

Ans. A  
Sol.

The Maldives has once again become a member of the Commonwealth of nations.

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, confirmed Maldives' reinstatement into the organization as its 54th member state.

The Maldives withdrew from the Commonwealth on 13 October 2016.

The Commonwealth of Nations is a political association of 54 member states,

mostly former territories of the British Empire.

28. Which of the following institutions has developed an Artificial Intelligence technology to convert Brain signals of Speech-Impaired Humans into simple Human Language English?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)
- B. Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B)
- C. Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT-D)
- D. Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati (IIT-G)
- E. Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur (IIT-K)

Ans. A  
Sol.

• The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) researchers team lead by Vishal Nandigana, assistant Professor in Fluid Systems Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering have developed an Artificial Intelligence technology to convert Brain signals of Speech-Impaired Humans into simple Human Language English.

• This technology also helps the researchers to collect the information or action of Natural Reactions like Plant Photosynthesis and also what Nature is trying to communicate with us, this helps to predict Monsoons, Earthquakes, Tsunami and other Natural calamities by converting their signals into Human Language.

29. Which film won the Best Film Award at the 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020?

- A. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
- B. Avengers: Endgame
- C. 1917
- D. Marriage Story
- E. Little Women

Ans. C  
Sol.

• 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020 ceremony, popularly referred to as BAFTA



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Awards 2019 was held in Royal Albert Hall, London, United Kingdom.

- It honours the best national and foreign films of 2019.
- First World War drama '1917' won the Best Film award, which was directed by Sam Mendes. The film 1917 won 7 awards including best picture & director for Sam Mendes, the 1st time he has been honoured for direction by the British academy.

30. Which country has ended the free entry to Indian tourists and decided to levy a daily ₹1,200 (\$17) fee for "regional tourists" from India, the Maldives and Bangladesh, beginning July 2020?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bhutan
- C. Myanmar
- D. Thailand
- E. Singapore

Ans. B  
Sol.

- The Bhutan government has decided to end the free entry of Indian tourists visiting Bhutan.
- It decided to levy a daily ₹1,200 (\$17) fee for "regional tourists" from India, the Maldives and Bangladesh, beginning July 2020.
- The fee, called a Sustainable Development Fee (SDF), is meant to help the government deal with burgeoning numbers in tourist traffic, which it is seeking to regulate through a new tourism policy.

31. With which country India has signed first ever term contract to import crude oil?

- A. Iran
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Kuwait
- D. Russia
- E. UAE

Ans. D  
Sol.

- The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and the Chairman of Rosneft (Russia's largest oil producing company) signed the first ever term contract.
- According to the contract India will import 2 million metric tonnes of Urals grade crude oil.

- The agreement was signed between IOCL and Rosneft. The companies discussed on energy cooperation and hydrocarbon enhancement.
- Rosneft is the largest oil producing company in Russia.
- The company is extended over 20 countries in the world.

32. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the 1st time is going to sign a pact with which country to manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India?

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

Ans. B  
Sol.

• Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the 1st time, will sign a partnership pact with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) at the DefExpo 2020 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- This pact is signed for manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India.
- As a large MALE (Medium Altitude, Long Endurance) UCAV has a maximum flight time of over 36 hours in favourable conditions.
- This will be manufactured to cater both to Indian requirements for a combat UCAV and possibly exports to third nations in the future as well.

33. Which state's transport corporation has been awarded with Transport Minister's Road Safety Award 2018-19 for "lowest rate of accident" in the category of Hill state?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Nagaland
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Ans. D  
Sol.

- The Nagaland State Transport (NST) was given the "Road safety award 2018-2019" for "lowest rate of accident" in the category for "Hill." The award was given



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by the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (Asrtu).

34. Which of the following states won the award for the implementation of 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in the state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. E

Sol.

- Madhya Pradesh has bagged the first position for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani will present this award to Madhya Pradesh at a function in New Delhi.
- Madhya Pradesh Minister for Women and Child Development Imarti Devi and Principal Secretary Anupam Rajan will receive the award.
- Indore district has also bagged the first place for better performance of the scheme.

35. Which magazine named RBI governor Shaktikanta Das as the 'Central Banker of the Year 2020' for the Asia-Pacific region?

- A. Forbes
- B. India Today
- C. The Banker
- D. Times
- E. The Economist

Ans. C

Sol.

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the Central Banker of the Year, Asia-Pacific 2020, by the Banker magazine, a unit of Financial Times (FT).
- The award is given to central bankers who have "best managed to stimulate growth and stabilise their economy.
- Jorgovanka Tabakovi, National Bank of Serbia, was adjudged the winner as the Global Central Banker of the Year.

36. Which of the following Bollywood actresses has been conferred with the Madhya Pradesh government's National Kishore Kumar Samman?

- A. Reema Lagoo
- B. Aruna Irani
- C. Waheeda Rahman

D. Rakhi

E. Rekha

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Veteran actor Waheeda Rehman will be honoured the Madhya Pradesh government's National Kishore Kumar Samman.
- The award, for the year 2018, will be given to Rehman. The award, which carries a Rs 2 lakh cash prize and citation.
- The function was held on October 13 coinciding with the death anniversary of singing legend Kishore Kumar.

37. Which is the first country to declared LOCUST a 'national emergency' after worst locust invasion?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Mali
- C. South Africa
- D. Bulgaria
- E. Somalia

Ans. E

Sol.

- Somalia is the first country of Africa which declared national emergency due to locust.
- Pakistan is another country to declare this emergency.
- Somalia is one of the countries of horn of Africa.

38. In which country gas field of 80 trillion cubic feet of gas discovered?

- A. Sudan
- B. Malaysia
- C. UAE
- D. Oman
- E. Indonesia

Ans. C

Sol.

- The United Arab Emirates today announced the discovery of a new natural gas field containing 80 trillion standard cubic feet of gas in the cross-border area of the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai.
- This area is named as Jebel Ali gas field, and it is situated in 5000 km area, and plan of 50 years has been decided.

39. Which of the following countries readmitted to the Commonwealth group of Nations and becomes the 54<sup>th</sup> member of the Commonwealth family?

- A. Madagascar
- B. Maldives
- C. Surinam
- D. Mauritius
- E. Nepal



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Ans. B

Sol.

- Maldives was officially readmitted to the Commonwealth more than three years after it nation quit the organisation over criticism of its human rights record.
- Thus, it becomes the 54th member of the Commonwealth family.
- The island nation had quit the Commonwealth in October 2016 after being threatened with suspension over its human rights record and lack of progress on democratic reform.
- It submitted a request to rejoin in December 2018, when President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih wrote to Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland.

40. The Union Cabinet approved to set up the Vardhavan port in which state of India?

- A. Karnataka                      B. Maharashtra  
C. West Bengal                    D. Gujarat  
E. Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

- Union Cabinet approved to set up the Vardhavan port in Maharashtra.
- The port is to be developed in "Landlord Model".
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust will act as the lead partner in developing the port.
- With the development of Vardhavan port, India will enter into the category of countries with top 10 container ports in the world.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP) is the biggest container port in India and 28th in the world.

41. Which country has recently designated India as developed nation on account of it being a member of G20 group?

- A. United States                    B. Japan  
C. China                              D. France  
E. Russia

Ans. A

Sol.

\* The United States Trade Representative's (USTR's) office has classified India as a developed economy,

ineligible for benefits given by Washington DC to developing countries.

\* This is expected to stop all chances of India reclaiming its benefits under the US' Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) scheme.

\* The [GSP](#) is America's oldest preferential trade scheme, which offered Indian exporters tariff-free access to the US until June.

42. In which city a workshop on "Van Dhan and entrepreneurship Development" has been organised by TRIFED?

- A. Kolkata                            B. Faridabad  
C. Bengaluru                        D. New Delhi  
E. Kochi

Ans. D

Sol.

\* The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) organized a workshop on "Van Dhan and Entrepreneurship Development" in New Delhi.

\* The workshop was inaugurated by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda.

\* Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) is an initiative targeting livelihoods generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of the forest i.e., Van Dhan.

\* The programme aims to tap the traditional knowledge and skills of tribals and add branding, packaging and marketing skills to optimize their income through a market led enterprise model by setting up of Van Dhan Kendras (VDVKs).

43. India has decided to include which two species in the global conservation list?

- A. Elephant and Great Indian Bustard  
B. Lesser florican and Great Indian Bustard  
C. Elephant and Snow Leopard  
D. Snow Leopard and Lesser florican  
E. Lesser florican and Elephant

Ans. A

Sol.

\* India has decided to include the Asian Elephant and the Great Indian Bustard in



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the list of species that merit heightened conservation measures.

\* The list will be debated at the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), an environment treaty under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

44. Which state has made it mandatory for singing the National Anthem in all schools and colleges from February 19, 2020?

- A. Uttar Pradesh      B. Maharashtra  
C. Telangana          D. Rajasthan  
E. Punjab

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Singing the national anthem will be mandatory in all schools and colleges in Maharashtra beginning February 19. The national anthem should be sung before college proceedings begin everyday. This will come into effect from February 19, on the occasion of Shiv Jayanti [birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj]

45. The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals will be hosted by which country?

- A. Afghanistan      B. Malaysia  
C. India              D. France  
E. Brazil

Ans. C

Sol.

- The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals will be hosted by India.
- It is an Environment Treaty Supported by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- The conference will be organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in Gandhinagar, from 17th – 22nd February 2020.

46. Who has been conferred with International Olympic Committee's

Coaches Lifetime achievement awards 2019?

- A. Li Yong Bo              B. Rexy Mainaky  
C. Park Joo Bong  
D. Pullela Gopichand  
E. Herry Iman Pierngadi

Ans. D

Sol.

- Chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand received the prestigious 2019 International Olympic Committee's Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award in the male category.
- Gopichand was honoured for the role he played in the development of the game in the country.

47. Which country won the ICC Women's Championship Trophy 2020?

- A. India                      B. Australia  
C. Srilanka                D. England  
E. South Africa

Ans. B

Sol.

- Australia won ICC Women's Championship trophy, which they have retained by taking a winning lead in the eight-team ODI competition played from 2017 to 2020.

48. Which state hosted the 2020 global meet on climate change, ocean health named "ClimFishCon 2020"?

- A. Kerala                    B. Tamilnadu  
C. West Bengal            D. Andhra Pradesh  
E. Telangana

Ans. A

Sol.

- Kerala will host global meet on climate change, ocean health. "ClimFishCon 2020" conference on the impact of climate change on 'hydrological cycle, ecosystem, fisheries and food security' from February 12
- More than 300 delegates from 12 countries including scientists, researchers, administrators, policymakers, academicians, and entrepreneurs will deliberate on strategies to: deal with climate emergency and changing hydrological cycles; preserve the ocean and other



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aquatic biodiversity; and build a circular and blue economy.

49. Who has been named 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of Year?

- A. Lalremsiami
- B. Rajani Etimarpu
- C. Bichu Devi Kharibam
- D. Gurjit Kaur
- E. Deep Grace Ekka

Ans. A

Sol.

- India forward Lalremsiami has been named as the 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year, the International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- Lalremsiami took the prize ahead of Argentina's Julieta Jankunas and Frederique Matla of the Netherlands.
- Lalremsiami first came into the wider hockey consciousness at the Hockey Women's World Cup in 2018 when she was one of the stand-out players of the tournament.

50. What is the new name given to the novel Corona Virus by the World Health Organization (WHO)?

- A. COVID-19
- B. Monster-19
- C. Darth Vader-19
- D. H5N2-19
- E. Novel Killer-19

Ans. A

Sol.

- The World Health Organization announced a new name for the Corona Virus, "COVID-19".
- Till date more than 42,000 are infected with the virus according to the organization.
- WHO has chosen the name with no reference to geographical location.
- According to WHO, the name was chosen in such way that it does not affect normal lives of a country.

51. Renowned American Roger Kahn passed away; he was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Actor
- C. Writer
- D. Businessman
- E. Philanthropist

Ans. C

Sol.

• American Author Roger Kahn passed away. He wrote at least 20 books in his lifetime.

• In 1989 he collaborated with Pete Rose for the Biography of legendary Boxer Jack Dempsey before Jack gets banned from the game.

• His best-selling book in 1972 "The Boys of Summer".

52. Which of the following institutions has approved the funding of USD 2 million to combat the spread of novel coronavirus (nCoV)?

- A. World Bank
- B. World Health Organisation
- C. Asian Development Bank
- D. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- E. International Monetary Fund

Ans. C

Sol.

• The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved the funding of USD 2 million to combat the spread of novel coronavirus (nCoV).

• The funds will support the efforts to stop the outspread of novel coronavirus (nCoV) by supplementing ongoing regional technical assistance and strengthening response capacity in China, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Myanmar.

• The funds will also help in boosting the supply of diagnostic and laboratory equipment for rapid testing to help in fight against the outbreak.

53. Who has won the Men's National Snooker Championship 2020?

- A. Pankaj Advani
- B. Aditya Mehra
- C. Manan Chandra
- D. Lucky Vatnani
- E. Geet Sethi

Ans. B

Sol.

• Aditya Mehta has won the National Snooker Championship held in pune, Maharashtra.

• Aditya Mehta defeated the world champion Pankaj Advani to win the men's title of the National Snooker Championship.

• While representing the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB), he



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defeated Pankaj Advani with a score line of 6-2.

54. Who won the Best Actor Award at the 92nd annual Academy Awards 2020?

- A. Joaquin Phoenix
- B. Bong Joon Ho
- C. Sam Mendes
- D. Leonardo DiCaprio
- E. Hugh Jackman

Ans. A

Sol.

- Joaquin Phoenix has won the best actor award for "Joker" at 92nd annual Academy Awards 2020.
- 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.

55. The 6th edition of the mega industrial exhibition 'Engiexpo 2020' will be held in which city?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Vadodara
- C. Surat
- D. Gandhi Nagar
- E. Porbandar

Ans. B

Sol.

- The 6th edition of the mega industrial exhibition 'Engiexpo 2020' is being organised in Vadodara, Gujarat from February 15 to 17, 2020.
- The three-day mega exhibition will be organised by the Federation of Small Scale Industries (FSSI), to promote 'Made in India' products. Over 10,000 industrial products will be showcased in more than 300 stalls. Several companies from Uzbekistan are also participating in the exhibition.

56. Which team won the Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020?

- A. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- B. Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC)
- C. Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

D. Boarder Security Force (BSF)

E. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red won the first Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020.
- They defeated Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) team 3-2 in a nail-biting thriller final match. 13 teams participated in the Khelo India Ice Hockey Championship.
- Khelo India is an initiative taken by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to aware people about the importance of sports and fitness.

57. The African Union Summit 2020 was held in which city place?

- A. Pretoria, South Africa
- B. Abuja, Nigeria
- C. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- D. Nairobi, Kenya
- E. Harare, Zimbabwe

Ans. C

Sol.

- The African Union Summit was held in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia to tackle terrorism in the continent.
- The Summit is important for India as India has recently signed the defence agreement, Lucknow Declaration with 50 African countries at DefExpo 2020.
- India is planning considerable investment in Defence sector in the regions of African Union.

58. Who becomes the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America?

- A. Malavath Poorna
- B. Premlata Agarwal
- C. Anshu Jamsenpa
- D. Kaamya Karthikeyan
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

- Kaamya Karthikeyan, a class VII student of Navy Children School (NCS), Mumbai, became the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt. Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America and outside of Asia.



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- Kaamya Karthikeyan summited the mountain peak on February 1 and unfurled the tricolor
- The young girl overcame many administrative hurdles and extreme climbing conditions to achieve this rare feat.
- At 6962 metres, Mt. Aconcagua is the highest peak outside Asia.

59. Which country has won the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020?

- A. Pakistan                      B. India  
C. Bangladesh                D. Sri Lanka  
E. South Africa

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bangladesh has won the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held in South Africa.
- Bangladesh Under-19 cricket team defeated India Under-19 team by 3 wickets to win the final of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held at JB Marks Oval, Potchefstroom, South Africa.
- This was the 13th edition of the tournament in which 16 teams participated from all over the world.

60. Which team has won the 10th Hockey Senior Women National Championships?

- A. Hockey Haryana  
B. Sports Authority of India  
C. Hockey Jammu and Kashmir  
D. Hockey Odisha  
E. Hockey Mizoram

Ans. A

Sol.

- Haryana has won the 10th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2020 title at Kollam.
- Haryana defeated Sports Authority of India (SAI) by 6-0 in the final.
- Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy beat Hockey Maharashtra 2-1 in the third-fourth place play-off match.

61. "Run for India Tea" has been organised by Tea development corporation of which state?

- A. West Bengal                B. Tripura  
C. Manipur                      D. Kerala  
E. Assam

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tripura Tea Board organizes 'Run for India Tea' event.
- Tripura, Tea Board of India in collaboration with Tripura Tea Development Corporation (TTDC) organized "Run for India Tea" to promote and popularise Tripura tea alongside India tea.

62. Which city will host the Kala Kumbh exhibition to promote GI crafts and heritage of India?

- A. New Delhi                      B. Kolkata  
C. Jaipur                         D. Mumbai  
E. Panji

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Ministry of Textiles is organising a Handicraft thematic Exhibition named 'Kala Kumbh', for promoting Geographical Indication (GI) crafts
- Recently the Kala Kumbh exhibition was inaugurated at Bengaluru and Mumbai. It is also proposed to be held at other major Indian cities including Kolkata and Chennai next month.

63. With which ride company has Delhi Police integrated "Himmat Plus app"?

- A. Uber                              B. Ola  
C. Meru                             D. Jugnoo  
E. Safar

Ans. A

Sol.

- In order to ensure safety and security of commuters as well as the cab drivers, Delhi Police Commissioner, Amulya Patnaik, on Monday launched 'Himmat Plus' scheme integrated with Uber app

64. Which city hosted 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Difficult Dialogues 2020?

- A. New Delhi                      B. Kolkata  
C. Jaipur                         D. Mumbai  
E. Panji

Ans. E

Sol.

- \* The 5th edition of Difficult Dialogues began in Panji, Goa.



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\* Difficult Dialogues (DD) is an annual forum examining issues of contemporary relevance in South Asia.

\* Difficult Dialogues 2020 will focus on the "State of Law".

65. In which city, "Kashi Ek Roop Anek" exhibition has been inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi?

- A. Mathura                      B. Azamgarh  
C. Lucknow                     D. Varanasi  
E. Ayodhya

Ans. D

Sol.

\* Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kashi Ek Roop Anek', a cultural arts and handicrafts exhibition, at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Hastkala Sankul in Bada Lalpur, Varanasi.

\* 'Kashi Ek Roop Anek' showcased products from over 10,000 artisans from all over Uttar Pradesh.

66. Which city hosted GulFood 2020?

- A. Abu Dhabi                  B. Dubai  
C. Tehran                      D. Seoul  
E. Riyadh

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Dubai hosted GulFood 2020.

\* Union Minister of Food Processing Industries (FPI), Harsimrat Kaur Badal inaugurated Indian Pavilion in Dubai at Gulfood 2020.

67. Tapas Pal who recently passed away was associated with which field?

- A. Acting                        B. Journalism  
C. Cricketer                    D. Comedian  
E. Author

Ans. A

Sol.

\* Bengali actor and former Trinamool Congress MP Tapas Pal died in Mumbai

68. Which State government has launched "Yodhavu" mobile app to combat drug abuse?

- A. Kerala                        B. Assam  
C. Rajasthan                    D. Bihar  
E. Andhra Pradesh

Ans. A

Sol.

\* Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched "Yodhav" (Warrior) mobile app (application) at Kochi, Kerala.

\* The public can inform police about drug abuse with the informer's identity kept secret.

69. Which State Government is set to declare buffer area of Silent Valley National Park as Bhavani Wildlife Sanctuary?

- A. Kerala                        B. Telangana  
C. Tamil Nadu                 D. Karnataka  
E. Andhra Pradesh

Ans. A

Sol.

\* The Kerala government is set to declare 148-sq-km buffer zone of the Silent Valley National Park as Bhavani wildlife sanctuary.

\* Encompassing parts of the Mannarkkad and Nilambur (South) forest divisions, the region will become the 25th protected area in the State.

70. The Department of Science and Technology has launched which initiative to create strong science and technology infrastructure in India?

- A. SATHI                         B. SAHAYTA  
C. SAHKTI                      D. SAMRIDDI  
E. SHIKSHA

Ans. A

Sol.

• The Department of Science & Technology (Ministry of Earth Sciences) has launched a unique scheme called Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI).

• The DST has already set up 3 such centres in the country, one each at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi and BHU.

• It has planned to set up 5 SATHI Centres every year for the next four years.

• These Centres have major analytical instruments and advanced manufacturing facilities to provide common services of high-end analytical testing, thus avoiding duplication and reduced dependency on foreign sources.



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71. As per Skill development and Entrepreneurship Ministry's data, number of people trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) from 2016-20 are\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 69.84 Lakh
- B. 71.97 Lakh
- C. 73.47 Lakh
- D. 75.09 Lakh
- E. 77.79 Lakh

Ans. C

Sol.

- As on January 17, 2020 approximately 73.47 lakh candidates were provided skilling under Short Term Training (STT) courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across India from 2016-2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

- It is a flagship program under the Skill India Mission of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E).

- Post placement support of Rs. 1500 per month per trainee will be given for special groups & special areas for 2 or 3 months after the training.

72. Amazon has partnered with which zone of Indian Railways to set up a pick-up kiosk at the railway station?

- A. Western Railways
- B. Southern Railways
- C. Northern Railways
- D. Central Railways
- E. Eastern Railways

Ans. E

Sol.

- Amazon India has entered into a partnership with Eastern Railways to set up a pick-up kiosk at the buzzing Sealdah railway station in Kolkata.

- This follows after the successful pilot of pickup kiosks in four railway stations across Mumbai in 2019.

73. What is the theme of the 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 held in Kochi, Kerala?

- A. Marine Food: An Alternative to traditional Food
- B. Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition
- C. 'Safe & Sustainable Seafood from India'

D. Marine Ecology and Marine Food

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

- The 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 is being held in Kochi from 7-9 February 2020.

- The show is being organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).

- The theme of this year's seafood show is "Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition".

74. Which state has started 'water bell scheme' to ensure that children keep themselves hydrated?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Goa

Ans. B

Sol.

- Scientifically 2-3 liter of water per day is required for healthy human body so inculcating this habit in students Karnataka government has started this initiative in primary schools.

75. Who has been declared as the captain of the year at the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual ESPNcricinfo Awards 2019?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Eoin Joseph Gerard Morgan
- C. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- D. Aaron Finch
- E. Kane Williamson

Ans. B

Sol.

- Sports and News website ESPNcricinfo announced the 13th edition of the Annual ESPNcricinfo Awards 2019.

- The awards were presented under 12 categories

- England's captain Eoin Joseph Gerard Morgan has been declared 'captain of the year' for leading England to win the World Cup Title against New Zealand.



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76. Where will the Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and the United Kingdom be conducted?

- A. Pune
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Jhansi
- D. Salisbury Plains
- E. Shillong

Ans. D

Sol.

• Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and the United Kingdom will be conducted at [Salisbury Plains](#), the United Kingdom from 13 to 26 February 2020.

77. What is the name of Gun Shot Locator device jointly developed by Army's college of Military Engineering and Private firms?

- A. Prithvi
- B. Shakti
- C. Paras
- D. Parth
- E. Sudarshan

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Army's College of Military Engineering has developed a gunshot locator jointly with a private firm that costs much cheaper than the imported ones.
- The device named 'Parth' costs around Rs. three lakhs.
- The device can locate the exact location of a bullet from a distance of 400 m and will help to locate and neutralize terrorist faster.

78. Which city hosted the BioAsia Summit 2020?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata

- C. Hyderabad
- D. Mumbai
- E. Bangalore

Ans. C

Sol. • The Government of Telangana hosted Bio-Asia Summit 2020 in Hyderabad.

• The main objective of the summit is to explore the capabilities of Life Science Companies and their investments.

79. Which corporation has constituted Municipal bonds development committee headed by Sujit Prasad?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. SIDBI
- D. EXIM
- E. NABARD

Ans. B

Sol. • SEBI has constituted a municipal bonds development committee headed by its Executive Director Sujit Prasad and comprises representatives from municipal corporations

80. Which Company has replaced SBI to become India's 10th most valued firm by market capitalization on BSE?

- A. HDFC
- B. Bajaj Finance
- C. Aditya Birla Ltd
- D. ICICI
- E. RIL

Ans. B

Sol.

- Bajaj Finance has replaced SBI to become India's 10th most valued firm by market capitalization on BSE
- Bajaj Finance has market capitalization of ₹2.87 trillion
- State Bank of India has a market cap of ₹2.81 trillion



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