

150+ Current Affairs for NDA-I Exam 2020

1. Who is the author of the book titled "The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra"?

- A. Arupjyoti Saikia
- B. Himanjali Sankar
- C. Homen Borgohain
- D. Mamoni Raisom Goswami
- E. Arupa Kalita Patangia

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The book titled "The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra", has been written by historian Arupjyoti Saikia.

- The book is published by Oxford University Press (OUP).

- The Brahmaputra river that has shaped both the landscape of the Assam valley and the livelihoods of its inhabitants, is the subject of a new book.

- The book describes the river's long lineage and its centrality in Assam's environment. It is the intertwined story of the river and floodplains, water and land, human and non-humans, which continues to converge.

2. Who is the author of the Man Booker Prize-shortlisted novel 'Suncatcher' set to release in November 2019?

- A. Salman Rushdie
- B. Romesh Gunsekera
- C. Margaret Atwood
- D. Bernardine Evaristo

E. Lucy Ellmann

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Man Booker Prize shortlisted Sri Lankan author Romesh Gunsekera's new novel "Suncatcher" which is set to release in November, 2019.
- It is a poignant coming-of-age story about difficult friendships and sudden awakenings.
- It is published by Bloomsbury Publishers.

3. Which of the following states has become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming?

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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming with President Ram Nath Kovind giving assent to the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2019.
- The Bill aims to set a policy framework and institutional mechanism on agricultural produce and livestock contract farming. With the Bill approved, TN state becomes the first state to enact the law on contract farming.
- The Bill was adopted by the Tamil Nadu State government in February 2019. The Bill is first-of-its-kind legislation that assures farm income.

4.35th ASAEAN Summit 2019 was held in which city?

- A. Jakarta, Indonesia
- B. Bangkok, Thailand
- C. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- D. Hanoi, Vietnam
- E. Manila, Philippines

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* On October 31st, 2019, the **35th ASEAN Summit** began in **Bangkok, Thailand**.

* Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan -o-Cha inaugurated this summit at IMPACT convention complex.

* The theme of the summit is '**Advancing Partnership for sustainability**'.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended this summit on November 3rd and 4th.

* Apart from leaders of 10 ASEAN countries head of Eight dialogue partner countries including **India, USA, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia** and **New Zealand** also participated in the summit.

5.Pooja Gehlot is associated with which sport?

- A. Badminton
- B. Wrestling
- C. Shooting
- D. Boxing
- E. Gymnastic

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* Pooja Gehlot (53kg) in wrestling claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's Haruna Okuno in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships in Budapest.

* Pooja lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash.

* She had entered the finals after beating Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in the semifinals of the tournament.

6. What is India's rank in 2nd edition of the Women, Peace, and Security Index for the year 2019 released on November 2, 2019 by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS) in association with the 'Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO)?

- A. 116th
- B. 133rd
- C. 167th
- D. 173rd
- E. 191st

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* On November 2, 2019, the 2nd edition of the 'Women, Peace, and Security Index 2019 was released by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS), America in collaboration with the Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO), Norway.

* India's rank in the list was 133rd among 167 countries.

* The list was topped by Norway followed by Switzerland and Finland in the second and third places respectively while Yemen was ranked last at 167th place in the index.

7. Which Indian shooter has won the gold medal in women's 10m air pistol event in the Asian Shooting Championships 2019 held at Lusail Shooting Complex, Doha, Qatar?

- A. Rahi Sarnobat
- B. Tejaswini Sawant
- C. Anisa Sanyal
- D. Manu Bhaker

E. Saniya Shaikh

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- * India's Manu Bhaker has won a gold medal in women's 10m air pistol event at Lusail Shooting Complex, Doha, Qatar.
- * She put up a dominant showing, shooting 584 in qualification and 244.3 in the final to take gold.
- * Vivaan Kapoor & Manisha Keer also won the Gold medal in junior trap mixed event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2019.

8.Human Resource Development ministry has launched the 'Shaala Darpan portal' for which school organization?

- A. Kendreey Vidyalaya
- B. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti
- C. Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Samiti
- D. Sainik School
- E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- * Human Resource Development ministry has launched Shaala Darpan portal.
- * It is an E-Governance school automation and management system for Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) in New Delhi.
- * It is an end to end e-Governance school automation and management system.

* It is a database management portal, where information about all government schools and education offices is kept online and updated as a continuous process.

9. Where the two-days mega global investors summit was held in 2019, which was inaugurated by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A. Shimla
- B. Dharamshala
- C. Dehradun
- D. Sri Nagar
- E. New Delhi

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- * Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated two-day mega global investors meet 'Rising Himachal 2019' at Dharamshala.
- * The event has been graced by the presence of top heads of Indian industry and business besides foreign delegations and Union minister and senior government officials.
- * A large business delegation from UAE and Ambassadors of at least 16 countries are also participating in the meet.
- * The State government has set a target of signing pacts worth 85,000 crores rupees during the meet.

10. Who has become the first Indian male cricketer to play 100 T20 international cricket?

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Suresh Raina
- E. Ravindra Jadeja

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* Rohit Sharma (Stand-in skipper) became the first Indian man and second in world cricket to complete 100 T-20 Internationals.

* He reached the milestone when he led the team in the second match against Bangladesh at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium.

* Shoaib Malik with 111 games from Pakistan is the only player to have played more than 100 T20 Internationals.

* Rohit is currently the top-scorer in this format with 2452 runs with regular skipper Virat Kohli second in the list with an aggregate of 2450 runs.

* Rohit has scored the runs at a strike-rate of 136.67 with four hundred and 17 half-centuries.

11. Which of the following cities has hosted the Ganga Utsav to mark the 11th anniversary of Ganga as a National River?

- A. Patna
- B. Haridwar
- C. New Delhi
- D. Varanasi
- E. Kanpur

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), in coordination with the Jal Shakti Ministry, organised 'Ganga Utsav' in the Major Dhyanchand stadium in the national capital to mark the 11th anniversary of Ganga being declared as the national river.

* The event was organised in a bid to create awareness and gather public participation in the efforts to clean River Ganga and its tributaries.

12. Which country will host the 'No Money for Terror' Conference to be held in 2020?

A. England

B. Japan

C. India

D. France

E. USA

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* India will be the host nation for the 'No Money For Terror' Conference to be held in 2020.

* The 'No Money For Terror' conference is organised by Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) of over 100 countries, jointly known as the Egmont Group.

13. Sundar Singh Gurjar, who won the gold medal in the World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai is associated with which sport?

- A. Shooting
- B. Badminton
- C. Javelin Throw
- D. Shot Put
- E. Discus Throw

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* India's Javelin thrower Sundar Singh Gurjar has won a gold medal in the men's F46 javelin throw event at World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai.

* With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.

* Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot

* While Yogesh Kathuniya added a silver for India in men's discus throw F56 event with a best throw of 42.05m yesterday.

* India now has two gold, two silver and a bronze in the Championships.

14. Name the state of which Ancient Water System 'Suranga Bawadi' has been selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020?

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

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

• As per by the New York-based non-governmental organisation, Suranga Bawadi in Bijapur (Karnataka) has been selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020,

- Suranga Bawadi was selected under the category of “Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau” along with 24 monuments across the world.

- It was built in the 16th century of Adil Shahi-I in Vijayapura.

- It is one of the integral parts of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels.

15. 'Bali Yatra' festival is celebrated in which state?

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Odisha

C. West Bengal

D. Tripura

E. Assam

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* The festival 'Bali Yatra' was inaugurated in Cuttack, Odisha.

* The festival is organised every year in memory of the rich maritime history of the state.

* The festival is organised at the bank of Mahanadi River every year to mark the day when ancient mariners from the state would set sail to the distant land of Bali, Sumatra, Java (Jawa) in Indonesia, Borneo and Sri Lanka, for the expansion of trade and Culture.

* For the first time, the festival has a maritime corner to exhibit the model of the maritime voyage of ancient sea traders, who were travelling to the different parts of South-East Asia for Trade and culture extension.

16. Name the person known as India's oldest Yoga teacher, who passed away recently on October 26, 2019?

- A. Abhijata Sridhar Iyengar
- B. Brahmakumari Shivani
- C. V. Nanammal
- D. Devki Desai
- E. Deepika Mehta

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The 99-year-old Nanammal, popularly known as yoga grandma, passed away on October 26, 2019 at her residence near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- She was conferred the Padma Shri in 2018 and had bagged the Nari Shakti Puraskar and Yoga Ratna awards in 2016 and 2017 respectively.
- Nanammal had trained over 10 lakh students over 45 years, with nearly 100 students daily.

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19. On November 18, 2019, the government of India has decided to extend the Visa-on-Arrival facility to nationals of the which country?

- A. United Arab Amirate
- B. Brazil
- C. South Africa
- D. France
- E. Singapore

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- Government of India (GoI) has decided to extend the Visa-on-Arrival facility to nationals of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a period of up to 60 days with double entry for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes.
- This facility is available at six designated International Airports namely, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.
- Visa-on-Arrival is available only to those UAE nationals who have earlier obtained an e-Visa or a normal paper Visa for India.
- Pakistan Origin UAE nationals will not be eligible for Visa-on-Arrival Scheme.
- India also offers visa on arrival to two other countries besides the UAE, Japan, and South Korea.

20. Which scheme was launched by the Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD) and Textiles, Smriti Irani, along with Bill Gates for better nutritional outcomes New Delhi?

- A. Gramin Poshan Krishi Kosh (GPKK)
- B. Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)
- C. Sansad Poshan Krishi Kosh (SPKK)
- D. Bal Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)
- E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- On November 18th, 2019, the Union Minister of Women and Child Development (WCD) and Textiles, Smriti Irani, along with Bill Gates, co-chair of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, launched the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) in New Delhi.
- The Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones to help enable better nutritional outcomes.
- The Kosh aims to reduce malnutrition among women and children across the country, through a multi-sectoral results-based framework, including agriculture.

21. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan has launched the 'SAANS' campaign in which state?

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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan has launched ‘SAANS’ (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign to reduce child mortality due to pneumonia.
- Mr. Vardhan launched the campaign while inaugurating the 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Gujarat.

22. What is India’s rank in the International Institute of Management Development’s (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR) report for the year 2019?

- A. 56th
- B. 57th
- C. 58th
- D. 59th
- E. 60th

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- * The International Institute of Management Development’s (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR) report for the year 2019 was released.
- * In the released report, India was ranked at 59th position, a slip by 6 places on a global annual list of 63 countries.
- * The top 10 countries that followed Switzerland (1st) were Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd), Austria (4th), Luxembourg (5th), Norway (6th), Iceland (7th), Finland (8th), Netherlands (9th) and Singapore (10th).

23. Which of the following states has launched a project to connect 500 secondary schools to virtual classrooms?

- A. Delhi
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched a project to connect 500 secondary schools to virtual classrooms.

* The schools in the state facing a shortage of teachers will benefit from the new technology.

* Virtual classes are attended through video conferences where students can meet the teacher on a real-time basis and ask questions.

* An estimated 1.90 lakh students of 500 government-run secondary schools in the state will benefit from the project.

24. The Bilateral Maritime Exercise Za'ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) is conducted between which of the following two countries' naval forces?

- A. Indian and UAE
- B. India and Saudi Arabia
- C. India and Qatar
- D. Indian and Bahrain
- E. India and Iran

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

• The Bilateral Maritime Exercise Za'ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) between the Indian Navy and Qatari Emiri Naval Forces has been started in Doha to enhance interoperability between the two navies.

• The exercise (five days) will include a three-day 'harbour phase' and two-day 'sea phase'.

- From the Indian side, Indian Navy Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS Trikand and Patrol Aircraft P8-I are participating in the exercise.
- The versatile Anti-Ship Missile equipped Barzan Class Fast Attack Craft along with Rafale multi-task fighter aircraft will participate from Qatar Navy.

25. World Toilet Day is observed across the world on 19th November with an aim to motivate millions across the world on issues of sanitation. What is the theme of the 2019 World Toilet Day?

- A. Toilet for Everyone, no one excluded
- B. Leaving No One Behind
- C. Toilet for sustainable Development
- D. Open Defecation free world
- E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- World Toilet Day is observed across the world on 19th November with an aim to motivate millions across the world on issues of sanitation.
- The theme for 2019 is 'Leaving No One Behind'.
- It's all about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), which promises sanitation for all by 2030.

26. What is the theme of the 2019 NuGen Mobility Summit?

- A. Sustainable & Green Mobility
- B. Smart & Sustainable Mobility
- C. Smart & Green Mobility
- D. Mobility for Greener Development
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The 2019 NuGen Mobility Summit was held at Manesar, Haryana from 27-29th November 2019.
- The Theme of 2019 is “Smart & Green Mobility”.
- The objective of the summit is to share new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future technologies trends for the faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced Automotive Technologies for a smarter and greener future.

27. Who among the following has won the Davis Cup title 2019?

- A. Denis Shapovalov
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Dominic Thiem
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Rafael Nadal (world number-one) has clinched 6th Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Caja Mágica Madrid, Spain
- Nadal (33-year) defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain’s 2-0 win against Canada.
- Rafael Nadal received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for his performance in the tournament after he won 8 of the 8 matches he participated in.
- In 2019, Nadal won the French Open and the US Open, made the Australian Open final and reached the Wimbledon semi-final.

28. On November 26, 2019, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched which satellite from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh by Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C47?

- A. EMISAT
- B. CARTOSAT 3
- C. GSAT-31
- D. Microsat-R

E. GSAT-7A

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched India's the most sophisticated Earth observation satellite Cartosat-3 and 13 US nanosatellites from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- The launch enhanced India's ability in high-resolution imaging and also reinforce India as a global launch destination for small satellites using its workhorse rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV.
- According to the ISRO, the 1,625 kg Cartosat-3 is an advanced agile satellite to obtain panchromatic and multispectral imagery with an operational life of five years.
- The advanced earth observation and imaging satellite will be used for weather mapping, cartography or army defence and other strategic applications.

29. Who will receive the 27th Ekalabya Award for 2019?

- A. Atanu Das
- B. Deepika Kumari
- C. Jhilli Dalabehera
- D. Hima Das
- E. Dutee Chand

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Odia women weightlifter Jhilli Dalabehera will receive the 27th Ekalabya Award for 2019.

- Jhilli Dalabehera has brought laurels for both the State and the country in several national and international events.

- She has won two gold, three silver and a bronze medal in different International weightlifting events.

- The annual award instituted in 1993 by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT) comprises a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a citation.

- Ekalabya Award instituted to encourage and inspire young sportspersons to perform at the national and international arena

30. Guru Ghasidas National Park is located in which state which is set to become the state's 4th 'tiger reserve'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Chhattisgarh government has announced that the state is set to have Guru Ghasidas National Park in Kotiya district as its fourth 'tiger reserve'.

- This decision was taken in 11th meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had approved to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park as a tiger reserve in 2014.

- At present there are three tiger reserves in state:

- 1) Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur.

- 2) Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband,
- 3) Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bijapur district.

31. Who won the 55th Jnanpith Award 2019?

- A. Itigi Eranna
- B. Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri
- C. P.T. Narasimhachar
- D. Jayant Kaikini
- E. Kumaran Asan

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Noted Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri (known as 'Akkitham' - 93 years) has been declared the recipient of the 55th Jnanpith Award (country's highest literary honour) for the year 2019.

- His work includes Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam, or the legend of the 20th century, which is considered to have brought modernism into Malayalam poetry.

- Akkitham is the 6th Malayalam writer to be conferred this award.

- Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri is the recipient of the Padma Shri (in 2017), Kerala Sahitya Academy Award (in 1971), the Sahitya Academy Award (in 1973), and the Vayalar Award (in 2012).

- Writer Amitav Ghosh was the recipient of the Jnanpith Award in 2018.

32. The 24th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) was held in which place from 25th to 29th November, 2019?

- A. Vienna, Austria
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. The Hague, Netherlands
- D. Berlin, Germany
- E. Reykjavik, Iceland

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- From 25th to 29th November, 2019, the 24th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) is gathering this week in The Hague to address new projects, encourage cooperation, and chart the progress of their shared endeavor.
- The Conference of the States Parties (CSP) oversees the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), promotes the treaty's objectives and reviews compliance with the treaty.
- The Conference is composed of representatives of all Member States of the OPCW, each of which has one vote. The CSP meets annually in The Hague.

33. The Indian army has successfully test fired two Spike long-range (LR) anti-tank missiles made by which country that are capable of engaging targets at ranges up to 4km?

- A. France
- B. Israel
- C. Russia
- D. USA
- E. Indigenously made

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The Indian Army has test-fired two Israeli-made Spike long-range (LR) anti-tank missiles that are capable of engaging targets at ranges up to 4km.
- The firing of the newly acquired fourth-generation anti-armour weapon system was performed at the army's Infantry School at Mhow in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- Spike LR provides the Indian Army with fire-and-forget and 'fire, observe and update' capabilities.

34. Who among the following were figured in Forbes' 20 people list to watch in the 2020s?

- A. Narendra Damodardas Modi and Amit Shah
- B. Kanhaiya Kumar and Prashant Kishor
- C. Ravish Kumar and Barkha Dutt
- D. Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi
- E. Rajnath Singh and Yogi Adityanath

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Two youth leaders from Bihar Kanhaiya Kumar and Prashant Kishor included in the Forbes India list of 20 people to watch in the 2020s.
- Poll strategist Prashant Kishor is Janata Dal (United) National Vice President while Kanhaiya Kumar is former President of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union.

35. The third international symposium on marine ecosystems – challenges and opportunities (MECOS-3) held at which city?

- A. Washington DC
- B. Amsterdam
- C. Paris
- D. London
- E. Kochi

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- The **third** international symposium on marine ecosystems – challenges and opportunities (**MECOS-3**) held in **Kochi** from **January 7 to 10 2020**.

36. Global Investors Meet 'ASCEND 2020' held in which city of India?

- A. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- E. Panaji, Goa

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Global Investors Meet ‘ASCEND 2020’ held in Kochi, Kerala from 9th to 10th January 2020.
- The Kerala government will highlight the 18 mega projects in the meet including Kochi-to-Palakkad integrated manufacturing cluster, a defence park at Ottapalam and an electronic hardware park in Ernakulam.

37. Which city of India hosted the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Bangalore
- E. Gandhi Nagar

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi inaugurated** the 5-days 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru.
- **Prime Minister also** launched the Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) Portal which is designed to be the gateway for researchers to locate the specific types of facilities they need for their research and development work in India.

38. Which country hit typhoon Kammuri?

- A. Japan
- B. Philippines
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. China

E. Myanmar

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- In the Philippines, typhoon Kammuri has made landfall at Luzon, the country's largest and most populous island.
- Around two lakh residents have been evacuated from coastal and mountainous areas over fears of flooding, storm surges and landslides.
- Now, Kammuri is expected to pass to the south of the capital Manila, which is hosting thousands of athletes for the regional Southeast Asian Games.

39. Name the Railway station which got the 'Eat Right Station' certification with four stars rating by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai Central
- C. Chennai Central
- D. Patna Junction
- E. Howrah Junction

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The Mumbai Central Railway station was conferred with the 'Eat Right Station' certification with four stars rating by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- It is the country's first "Eat Right Station."
- The focus of the movement is on improving the health and well-being of people by ensuring they eat healthily.

40. UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) was held in the Spanish capital, Madrid, under the Presidency of which country?

- A. Argentina
- B. Chile
- C. Japan
- D. France
- E. Spain

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- UN Climate Change Conference (known as COP25) was held in the Spanish capital, Madrid. It was from 2 to 13 December 2019 under the presidency of the Chilean government. Note:

Due to amid raging street protests in the country, Chile government withdrawal as host of COP25. Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said Sanchez had offered to host the summit in Spain on the same days as previously scheduled, between Dec. 2 and Dec. 13.

- COP 25 is an important conference as countries prepare to move from the pre-2020 period under the Kyoto Protocol to the post-2020 period under the Paris Agreement.

- India's approach will be guided by principles and provisions of UNFCCC and Paris Agreement particularly the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capability (CBDR-RC).

41. Who received the 100th Nobel Peace Prize?

- A. Abiy Ahmed
- B. Greta Thunberg
- C. Isaias Afwerki
- D. Nadia Murad
- E. Denis Mukwege Mukengere

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

* Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize (100th) for his efforts to achieve international peace and co-operation.

* On July 9, 2018, following a historic meeting in Eritrea's capital Asmara, Abiy Ahmed and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki formally ended a 20-year-old stalemate between their countries in the wake of the 1998-2000 border conflict.

* The Nobel Committee announced in October it was honoring Abiy Ahmed for his efforts to resolve the long-running conflict with neighboring foe Eritrea.

* The Nobel Peace Prize consists of a diploma, a gold medal and a cheque for nine million Swedish kronor (850,000 euros).

* The Chairman of the **Norwegian Nobel Committee** presents the **Nobel Peace Prize** in the presence of the King of Norway on **10 December** each year (the anniversary of Nobel's death).

42. Which state of India has won the 'World Habitat Award' for Jaga Mission 2019?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. West Bengal

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Odisha won the 'World Habitat Award' for Jaga Mission (Odisha Livable Habitat Mission (OLHM) a slum land titling project executed for the benefit of millions of urban-poor people living in slums.
- The Jaga is a society under Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD), Government of Odisha.
- The OLHM-JAGA aims at transforming the slums into livable habitats and under which 52,682 urban poor families living in the slums have been granted land rights certificates.
- The Jaga mission (started on 7th May 2018) is being executed by the State Government in association with Tata Trusts and Norman Foster Foundation.
- The award was given by the World Habitat, a UK (United Kingdom) based organization which gives the award annually to recognize innovative housing projects around the world.

43. A 3-day annual national conference of DGPs and IGPs has begun in, which city of India?

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

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- A 3-day annual national conference of DGPs and IGPs has begun in Pune.
- The conference is to be held at two venues - Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research in Baner and the Centre for Police Research in Pashan.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, heads of Central investigative and intelligence agencies, and paramilitary forces are also attending this conference.
- The theme of the conference this year is to promote scientific and forensics-based investigation as well as technology-enabled policing.

44. What is the rank of India in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2019?

- A. 21
- B. 10
- C. 9
- D. 11
- E. 12

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* The 2019 Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) has been presented at the ongoing COP25 climate summit in Madrid, Spain.

* For the first time, India has emerged among the top 10 countries with higher climate performance.

* India has been ranked at 9th spot in the index for its Climate Policy performance among 57 countries and the European Union.

45. The Election Commission of India has decided to implement the PPRTMS to help the applicants applying for party registration, to track the progress of his /her application. PPRTMS stands for_____.

- A. Public and Politician right and management system
- B. Political Parties tax return management system
- C. Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System
- D. Politician property registration System
- E. None of the above

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

The **Election Commission of India** has decided to implement the “**Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System**” (PPRTMS) to help the applicants, applying for party registration, to track the progress of his /her application. Through **PPRTMS**, applicants will also get the status of their application update through SMS and email.

46. In September 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated India’s second riverine Multi Modal terminal built at Sahibganj in Jharkhand that is being constructed on National Waterway-1 (River Ganga) under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP). The project is aided by _____.

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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Recently, Prime Minister has inaugurated India's second riverine Multi Modal terminal built at Sahibganj in Jharkhand.
- This is being constructed on National Waterway-1 (River Ganga) under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) aided by World Bank.
- The First MultiModal Terminal has been constructed at Varanasi over River Ganga.

47. Which Country has tested driverless 5G technology vehicles?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. USA
- D. Israel
- E. UAE

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Driverless vehicles are being tested on 5G technology ahead of a planned deployment of such vehicles on roads in the United Arab Emirates.
- According to industry reports, 5G-enabled driverless vehicles will be able to have more efficient and quick communication with each other and traffic infrastructure, which will help to minimize traffic jams and bottlenecks.

48. Who has been announced as a brand ambassador of German multinational brand PUMA?

- A. Hima Das
- B. Saina Nehwal
- C. Sunil Chhetri
- D. P B Sindhu
- E. M S Dhoni

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- German multinational brand PUMA has announced Sunil Chhetri as its new brand ambassador for three -years.
- With this deal, Chhetri has joined the brand's the roster of global players like Antoine Griezmann, Romelu Lukaku, Luis Suarez and Sergio Aguero among others.
- Sunil Chhetri is the captain of the Indian national the football team and Bengaluru Football Club.
- Currently, Chhetri is the second-highest goal-scorer in international football after Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo.
- Sunil Chhetri was also conferred with the Arjuna award in 2011 and Padma Shri in 2019.

49. Who became the first woman Referee in Men's One Day International Cricket match?

- A. G S Lakshmi
- B. Jamuna Venkatesh
- C. Aarti Ajay
- D. Chanda Mehta
- E. Sumitra Rajan

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- Former Indian Cricketer Gandikota Sarva Lakshmi (51-years) has become the first woman referee in the Men's ODI (One Day International) the match held in Sharjah Cricket Stadium, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The match was played between the UAE and the United States of America (USA).
- Lakshmi was appointed as the first woman in the ICC (International Cricket Council) International Panel of Match Referees in May 2019.
- Gandikota Sarva Lakshmi has overseen three women's ODI matches, 16 men's T20 Internationals and seven women's T20 Internationals.

50. Renowned politician Bhagabat Prasad Mohanty passed away recently, he was former Higher Education Minister of which state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Karnataka
- C. Assam
- D. Odisha
- E. West Bengal

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Former Odisha Minister Bhagabat Prasad Mohanty (92-years) passed away at his residence in Bhubaneswar.
- Mohanty was elected to the state Assembly in 1971 as Praja Socialist Party (PSP) candidate and in 1985 and 1995 as a Congress nominee.
- He had served as the Higher Education Minister of the state.

51. Who among the following has won Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for his book “An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India”?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Chetan Bhagat
- D. Shashi Tharoor
- E. Salman Rushdie

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The Sahitya Akademi on December, 18, 2019 announced its annual literary awards for 2019 for works in 23 languages, including one for Shashi Tharoor’s non-fiction book about British rule in India.
- The Academy would honour seven books of poetry, four novels, six books of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography.
- The award, including ₹1 lakh in cash, would be presented to the authors at a ceremony on February 25, 2020.

- ‘An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India’ by Mr. Tharoor, who is a Congress MP, was selected in the English category.

52.6th Indian Ocean Dialogue 2019 held in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Manila
- C. Pattaya
- D. Colombo
- E. Male

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

* External Affairs Ministry is hosting the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue and Delhi Dialogue XI at the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi.

* For the first time, these two dialogues held consecutively and on similar Indo-Pacific themes.

* The theme of 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue is "Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography".

* Delhi Dialogue XI has been started and run through the next day.

* The theme for this year’s Delhi Dialogue is "Advancing Partnership in Indo-Pacific".

53. What edition of the Economic Census which is the first digital census was launched in New Delhi on December 13th, 2019?

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

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The 7th edition of the Economic Census was launched in New Delhi. To carry out the economic census, the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) tied up with Common Service Centres Network (CSCN). CSC is an SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT(MeitY).
- It is for the first time the census is being conducted in a digital platform named ICT (Information and Communication Technology).

54. Which of the following Countries has launched World's first liquid hydrogen carrier ship 'Suiso Frontier'?

- A. South Korea
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. Japan
- E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Japan's Kawasaki Heavy Industries has launched the world's first marine carrier Suiso Frontier' (116 meters long), transports liquefied hydrogen, in a bid to establish a green energy supply chain.
- The carrier will transport to Japan hydrogen produced in Australia from cheap coal, with trial shipments due to begin before March 2021.

55. In which place Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah laid down the foundation stone for 'Bharat Vandana Park' worth Rs.550 crores?

- A. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- B. Dwarka, Delhi
- C. Kolkata, West Bengal
- D. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- E. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

• Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister today laid the foundation stone of Bharat Vandana Park at Sector 20, Dwarka in the presence of Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs (I/C), Shri Anil Baijal, LG of Delhi, Shri Manoj Tiwari, MP, Shri Pravesh Sahib Singh, MP & Shri Tarun Kapoor, Vice Chairman, DDA. He expressed confidence that the 40 lakh residents of Delhi will be able to get the ownership rights for their properties very soon as the online portal has already been made operational and thousands of people have already registered online.

56. Who becomes the first Indian cricketer to claim two ODI hat-tricks?

- A. Kuldeep Yadav
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. R. Ashwin
- D. Yuzvendra Chahal
- E. Kedar Jadhav

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav (25-years) has become India's first bowler to claim two international hat-tricks in the second one-day against West Indies.
- He claimed his first against Australia at Kolkata's Eden Gardens in 2017.

57. The book titled "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life" is authored by _____.

- A. Baichung Bhutia
- B. Rahul Devid
- C. VVS Laxman
- D. Viswanathan Anand
- E. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Indian Chess player Viswanathan Anand has authored a book titled "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life".

- The book is based on the experience he had in the game of Chess.
- In the book, he revisits his greatest games and worst losses, his unique experiences of playing against the best minds.
- The methods he employs to prepare for wins, cope with disappointments and, simply, stay in the game.

58. Name the book written by PM Modi which was recently launched in Braille edition?

- A. Man ki Bat
- B. How to be a champion?
- C. Let's Read
- D. Exam Warriors
- E. Students of My Nation

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot released the Braille Edition of the book "Exam Warriors" authored by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

59. According to World Economic Forum report 2019, what is the rank of India in terms of gender gap?

- A. 113
- B. 116
- C. 108
- D. 112
- E. 120

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- India has slipped four places to rank 112th globally in terms of gender gap amid widening disparity in terms of women's health and survival and economic participation.

• Iceland remains the world's most gender-neutral country, India has moved down the ladder from its 108th position last year on the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report.

60. Which country announced Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize 2019?

- A. South Africa
- B. Portugal
- C. Mauritius
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. India

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Portugal will be launching a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize, each year inspired by his different thoughts and quotes.
- The first edition of this prize will be dedicated to animal welfare as Mahatma Gandhi said that the greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

61. Defence Expo 2020 was held in which city of India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Lucknow
- E. New Delhi

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The 11th biennial edition of **DefExpo India-2020** was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Main theme of the** DefExpo India-2020 will be 'India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub'.

One of the two Defence Industrial Corridors (DICs) of India is also planned in Uttar Pradesh. The Corridor will encourage Defence Micro Small and Medium

Enterprises (MSMEs), including our Indian defence industry and promote Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). The other DIC is proposed in Tamil Nadu.

62. Sahitya Akademi has announced annual Sahitya Akademi in how many Indian languages for 2019?

- A. 18
- B. 22
- C. 20
- D. 24
- E. 23

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 23 languages.
- Seven books of poetry, four of the novel, six of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019.
- The Awards were recommended by distinguished Jury members representing 23 Indian languages and approved by the Executive Board of the Sahitya Akademi which met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, President, Sahitya Akademi.

63. Which country has declared an emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the Galapagos Islands, after a barge carrying 600 gallons of diesel fuel sank.

- A. Mauritius
- B. Morocco
- C. Fiji
- D. Ecuador
- E. Indonesia

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Ecuador has declared an emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the Galapagos Islands, after a barge carrying 600 gallons of diesel fuel sank.
- The Islands are located 1,000 kilometers east of mainland Ecuador.

64. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the statue of which popular leader in Lucknow on Good Governance Day 25 December 2019?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Chandra Shekhar Azad
- C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D. Madan Mohan Malviye
- E. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled a statue of former **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee** at Lok Bhawan in Lucknow.
- The event coincides with the birth anniversary of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, the co-founder of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

65. India's first university for transgender community will come up in which city?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kushinagar
- E. Bhopal

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

The country's first university for the transgender community will be opened in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar district.

It will facilitate its members to study right from class one to PG and even do research and get a PhD degree.

66. Who among the following astronaut has created a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman?

- A. Peggy Whitson
- B. Yi So-Yeon
- C. Christina Koch
- D. Claudie Haignere
- E. Helen Sharman

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- NASA Astronaut **Christina Koch** (40-years) created a record for the **longest single spaceflight by a woman**, surpassing the earlier record of 288 days in space.
- Koch will have logged **328 days** in space, just 12 days shy of the longest single spaceflight by a NASA astronaut, 340 days, set by Scott Kelly during his "year-long" mission from 2015 to 2016.

67. As per the ICC Test rankings, who has become the top ranked batsman for 2019?

- A. Babar Azam
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Steve Smith
- D. Kane Williamson
- E. Rohit Sharma

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Virat Kohli will end the year as the top ranked batsman in the latest ICC Test rankings issued . With 928 points, Kohli is 17 points ahead of Australia's Steve Smith who occupies the second spot. New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson ends the year at number three with 864 points. Cheteshwar Pujara retained his fourth place but Rahane slipped to seventh. He was replaced by Pakistan's Babar Azam. India's Mayank Agarwal occupies the 12th position while limited overs Vice Captain Rohit Sharma occupies the 15th spot.

- Indian skipper **Virat Kohli** (31-year) is one of the five players named in the Wisden Cricketers of the Decade.

- **Virat Kohli** joins Australian batsman Steve Smith, and South Africans, Dale Steyn, and AB de Villiers.

68. Name the cricketers who were nominated by the BCCI for CK Nayudu Lifetime Award for the year 2019?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar and Mithali Raj
- B. Kapil Dev and Anju Jain
- C. Pankaj Roy and Jhulan Goswami
- D. Sunil Gavaskar and Purnima Rau
- E. Krishnamachari Srikkanth and Anjum Chopra

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Former India captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth (a member of the 1983 World Cup-winning team) has been named as the recipient of the prestigious **CK Nayudu Lifetime Award** for the year 2019.

- Former India women's captain **Anjum Chopra** (42-year) is the co-recipient of the lifetime achievement award for the year 2019.

- They will receive the award during the BCCI Annual Award function in Mumbai on 12th January 2020.

69. On 25th December 2019 birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) in New Delhi. What is the total outlay of the scheme?

- A. Rs. 3000 crore
- B. Rs. 4500 crore
- C. Rs. 6000 crore
- D. Rs. 5000 crore
- E. Rs. 4000 crore

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- On 25th Dec 2019, birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has launched Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) in New Delhi.
- **ATAL JAL scheme** has been designed with the principal objective of strengthening the institutional framework for participatory **groundwater management and bringing about behavioural changes** at the community level for sustainable groundwater resource management in **seven States** (Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh).
- Out of the total outlay of **Rs. 6000 crores** to be implemented over a period of 5 years (2020-21 to 2024-25), 50% shall be in the form of World Bank loan and be repaid by the Central Government.

70. Which organization has conducted 'Swachchh Samundra NW-2019'?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. NDRF
- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. CISF
- E. Bangladesh Navy

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** conducted a two-day regional level pollution response exercise named '**Swachchh Samundra NW-2019**' at sea off Vadinar in Gulf of Kutch.
- The exercise was conducted to validate and reinforce the response mechanism for oil pollution incidents and enable the **Indian Coast Guard** to fine-tune the actions required in such eventualities.

71. Name the largest carrier rocket successfully launched by China from its Wenchang Space Launch center.

- A. Long March 2E
- B. Long March 4C
- C. Long March 5
- D. Long March 3B
- E. Long March 6

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- China has successfully launched the largest carrier rocket of the country 'Long March-5' from Wenchang Space Launch Center in south China's Hainan Province.
- The rocket (also known as CZ-5) blasted off with more than 1,000 tonnes of thrust.

72. India's second spaceport for launching small satellites will be established in which state of India?

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

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

* Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chief K Sivan announced that India's second spaceport for launching small satellites will be established in **Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi** district.

73. China has started a joint naval drill with which among the following countries in the Gulf of Oman?

- A. Iran and India
- B. Iran and Russia
- C. Iran and Oman
- D. Oman and India
- E. India and Russia

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- **China, Russia, and Iran** will hold trilateral naval exercises in the **Gulf of Oman** from 27th December to 30th December 2019.
- This will be the first such move by the three countries in the **volatile Middle East**.

74. Which organization has released the second edition of Sustainable Development Goals India Index 2019?

- A. Central Statistics Office (CSO)
- B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme
- C. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- D. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- E. NITI Aayog

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Government think tank the NITI Aayog releases Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index every year.
- The SDG Index was launched by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar.
- The CEO of NITI Aayog is Amitabh Kant.

75. Who has been appointed as the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in India?

- A. Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa
- B. Admiral Sunil Lanba
- C. General Vijay Kumar Singh

- D. General Bipin Rawat
- E. General Deepak Kapoor

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Army Chief General **Bipin Rawat** has been appointed as the country's first **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** who is set to retire Army Chief on 31st December 2019.
- CDS will function as a **single-point** advisor to the government on matters related to the military and will focus on the better synergy between the Army, Air Force, and the Navy.

76. Consider the following:

- 1) GHG Emissions
- 2) Renewable Energy
- 3) Energy Use
- 4) Climate Policy

Which of the following is not an indicator for monitoring countries in Climate change performance index?

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2, 3 and 4
- C. 1, 3 and 4
- D. All the above-mentioned indicators are correct

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

CCPI is an independent monitoring tool of countries' climate protection performance. It aims to enhance transparency in international climate politics and enables the comparability of climate protection efforts and progress made by individual countries.

The ranking results are defined by a country's aggregated performance in 14 indicators within the four categories "GHG Emissions", "Renewable Energy" and "Energy Use", as well as on "Climate Policy", in a globally unique policy section of the index.

The CCPI 2020 results illustrate the main regional differences in climate protection and performance within the 57 evaluated countries and the EU. Still no country performs well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating in the index. Therefore, once again the first three ranks remain empty.

In this year's index, Sweden leads the ranking on rank 4, followed by Denmark (5) and Morocco (6). The bottom five in this year's CCPI are Islamic Republic of Iran (57), Republic of Korea (58), Chinese Taipei (59), Saudi Arabia (60) and the United States (61), rated low or very low across almost all categories.

India is among the top 10 nations as per the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) This assumes significance in view of India's resolve to reach 175 GW of clean energy capacity by 2022. The country has already achieved around 84 GW of clean energy capacity, including 32 GW of solar and 37 GW of wind energy. At present, India's total installed power generation capacity is around 365 GW.

77. With reference to the “**European Green Deal 2050**” which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1) European Green Deal 2050 is an outcome of the Climate summit held in Paris 2015.
- 2) The deal consists of number of Climate focused action points for the next 5 years but does not create any binding obligations.
- 3) The deal aims to be a comprehensive strategy document which puts the European Union (EU) on a trajectory toward “no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3 only
- B. 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2, and 3

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

EU leaders claimed to have reached a solid agreement on achieving climate-neutrality by 2050 in CoP25 in Madrid, Spain. The deal aims to be a comprehensive strategy document which puts the European Union (EU) on a trajectory toward “no net emissions of greenhouse gases in 2050 and where economic growth is decoupled from resource use.”

European Green Deal is a comprehensive plan to increase the EU 2030 climate target to at least 50 per cent and towards 55 per cent in a responsible way (Summer 2020). The deal consists of number of Climate focused action points over the next 12 months.

78. Which state government has announced to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC)?

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

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- 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.

79. The Indian Railway has planned to install CCTV at all the railway stations and coaches by which year?

- A. 2026
- B. 2025
- C. 2022
- D. 2023
- E. 2024

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The Indian Railway has floated tenders for installing CCTV cameras at all the stations and in all the coaches by March 2022.
- By December this year, the railways has installed CCTVs at 503 railway stations across the country.”
- The railways received Rs 500 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund for installing CCTV cameras on the railway premises across the country.

80. Which state government has launched ‘Cyber Safe Women’ initiative?

- A. Andhra Peadesh
- B. Goa
- C. Jharkahnd
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Orissa

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Maharashtra Government has launched a ‘**Cyber Safe Women**’ initiative to ensure that women and children do not fall prey to these cyber-criminal activities.
- Under the initiative, various awareness camps will be held across all the districts of the state regarding cyber safety to help in educating women about how the web is used by anti-social elements and child predators to commit various types of crimes.

81. The WHO has designated which year as the International Year of the ‘Nurse and Midwife’?

- A. 2026
- B. 2025
- C. 2020
- D. 2021
- E. 2022

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| • The World Health Organization (WHO) designated the year 2020 as the “Year of Nurse and Midwife”, in the honour of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.

82. 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 ____.

- A. Nationalist Force
- B. Quds Force
- C. National Guard
- D. Kurds Force
- E. Elite Force

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

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.

83. Who is known as the Missile Woman of India?

- A. Sunita Williams
- B. Kalpana Chawla
- C. Muthayya Vanitha
- D. Dr. Tessy Thomas

E. Bhawana Kanth

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

• DRDO Aeronautical Systems Director General **Dr. Tessy Thomas** who is known as **Missile Woman of India** graced, the **Women Science Congress** was inaugurated at the ongoing **Indian Science Congress in Bengaluru**

84. Which state becomes the first state in the country to start the exercise of shortlisting migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, eligible for citizenship under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Delhi
- D. Bihar
- E. Gujarat

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

• Uttar Pradesh is all set to become the first state in the country to start the exercise of shortlisting migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, eligible for citizenship under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

85. Which state government has planned to launch a single-window clearance system for the promotion of ease of doing business?

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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- In an effort to attract more investors to the state and improve its ranking in the Centre's Ease of Doing Business surveys, the Tamil Nadu state government has planned to significantly strengthen its single-window clearance system and make it more comprehensive

86. In which city of India, the Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 'Mission Purvodaya' aims at accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub?

- A. Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- B. Bokaro, Jharkhand
- C. Bardhaman, West Bengal
- D. Kolkata, West Bengal
- E. Asansol, West Bengal

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- * Union Minister of Steel launched mission PURVODAYA for the development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- * Under this mission, the government aims to transform logistics and utility infrastructure which would change the socio-economic landscape in eastern India.

- * This mission also includes the growth of the steel industry along with employment opportunities across the entire value chain.

87. Which of the following Indian monuments has been included in the 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)?

- A. Taj Mahal
- B. Red Fort
- C. Humayun Tomb

- D. Statute of Unity
- E. Qutub Minar

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The Statue of Unity at Kevadia, Gujarat has been included in 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- The Statue of Unity is the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, first Home Minister of the independent India.
- The 182 metre tall statue is the world's tallest statue that was inaugurated by PM Modi on 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in October 2018.
- The statue was inaugurated on 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in 2018.

88. Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated every year on which date?

- A. 12th January
- B. 13th January
- C. 14th January
- D. 15th January
- E. 16th January

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Armed Forces Veterans Day is celebrated every year on January 14.
- The day is being celebrated since 2017 and the day was initially called Armistice Day.
- Every year, January 14 is marked as Armed Forces Veteran Day as the Field Marshal KM Cariappa, the first Commander-in-chief of Indian Armed Forces retired on the day.
- The fourth Army Forces Veteran Day, 2020 is to be celebrated at National War Memorial.

89. Which Union Ministry of India has started "Saksham" campaign?

- A. Human Resource and Development
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defense
- D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- E. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas inaugurated the “**Saksham**” campaign.
- “Saksham” is a fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA).
- This campaign aims to spread the message of fuel conservation and greener environment across India.

90. On January 17, 2020, India's high-power communication satellite GSAT-30 was successfully launched from which space station?

- A. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- B. Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad
- C. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
- D. European spaceport Kourou in French Guiana
- E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- * India's communication satellite GSAT-30 has been successfully launched onboard Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana.
- * The GSAT-30 is aimed at providing high-quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services.
- * The satellite will provide Indian mainland & islands coverage in Ku-band and extended coverage in C-band covering Gulf countries, a large number of Asian countries and Australia.

91. Joint exercise of coastal guards “Sahyog-Kaijin” is between India and which country?

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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- * On January 16, 2020, India and Japan took part in a joint exercise called “Sahyog-Kaijin”.
- * The exercise was held between the coastal guards of the countries at Chennai Port.
- * The Japanese ship Ehigo and 4 ships of Indian Coast Guard participated in the exercise.
- * The coast guards conducted the scenario of capture of a hijacked ship and rescue of crew in a joint operation.

92. In which of the following countries India will set up a maritime research coordination center to learn maritime activities in the Indian Ocean Region?

- A. Maldives
- B. Surinam
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Malaysia

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- India's NSA Ajit Doval met with recently elected Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and discussed setting up a maritime research coordination centre.
- The establishment of the research centre is important to learn maritime activities in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The meeting followed Rajapaksa's visit to New Delhi in late November for talks with PM Modi, who offered \$450 mn in aid to Sri Lanka.

93. Which of the following companies has announced that it will become carbon negative by 2030 and by 2050 it will have removed all the carbon it has emitted since its establishment in 1975?

- A. Amazon
- B. Microsoft
- C. Apple Inc
- D. Exxon Mobil
- E. Walmart

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Microsoft promised that by 2030 it will be carbon negative, and by 2050 it will have removed all the carbon it has emitted since 1975.
- To become negative, the company will have to not just reduce its carbon emissions and shift to renewable resources but actually offset its carbon footprint.
- It has also announced its investment of \$1 bn in a “climate innovation fund” for technology for carbon capture and removal.

94. India has successfully test-fired nuclear-capable K-4 ballistic missile off the Vizag coast in Andhra Pradesh that can be launched from a submarine. What is the strike range of the missile?

- A. 2,000 Km
- B. 2,500 Km
- C. 3,000 Km
- D. 3,500 Km
- E. 4,000 Km

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- India has successfully test-fired a 3,500-kilometre range nuclear-capable K-4 ballistic missile off the Vizag coast in Andhra Pradesh that can be launched from a submarine.

- It will be inducted on the INS Arihant class of nuclear submarines.
- The missile was developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The missile is capable to carry a nuclear warhead of over one tonne.
- Only the US, Russia and China have submarine-launched ballistic missiles of 3,500-kilometre range.

95. Which country will deliver all five units of S-400 air defence missile systems by 2025?

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

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Manufactured by Almaz-Antey of Russia all five units of S-400 air defence missile systems will be delivered to India by 2025. For that its production has started in Russia.
- The S-400, an upgraded version of the S-300, had previously only been available to the Russian defence forces.
- In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal to buy the air defence missile systems.

96. What is the rank of India in WEF's 1st Social Mobility Index?

- A. 72
- B. 76
- C. 81
- D. 77
- E. 82

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the 1st edition of its Social Mobility Index on January 20, 2020, ahead of its 50th Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

* The titled of the report is “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”

* India has been ranked very low at 76th place out of 82 countries while Denmark has topped the charts.

97. According to International Cricket Council (ICC) who is awarded with the best cricketer of the year 2019?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Steve Smith
- C. Ben Stokes
- D. Jasprit Bumrah
- E. Shane Watson

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

• International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded Ben Stokes (England) with Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Best Cricketer of the Year

98. Who will become the first woman to officiate as the third umpire in a men’s international?

- A. Anjum Chopra
- B. Mithali Raj
- C. Jacqueline Williams
- D. Shashikala Siriwardene
- E. Meghann Moira Lanning

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* Jacqueline Williams of the West Indies will become the first woman to officiate as the third umpire in a men’s international.

- * She will be an umpire for the first of three T20Is against the visiting Ireland team.
- * The 43-year-old Williams oversaw all 3 matches of the Twenty20 International (T20I) series in Grenada, West Indies between West Indies and Ireland.

99. Which of the following states topped in the Khelo India Youth Games (3rd- edition) in Guwahati?

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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- * In the third edition of Khelo India Youth Games medal tally, Maharashtra topped with 234 medals including 74 gold medals.
- * Haryana is on the second spot with 57 golds while Delhi is on third spot with 35 gold medals.
- * The 3rd Khelo India Youth Games was held from 10 January 2020 and 22 January 2020 in Guwahati, Assam, India.

100. India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue was held in which city of India?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Lucknow
- E. Jaipur

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue has begun in New Delhi on January 14, 2020.
- 700 international participants from over a 100 countries are expected to participate in the dialogue.
- 12 foreign ministers, including from Russia, Iran, Australia, Maldives, South Africa, Estonia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Uzbekistan and the EU will participate in it.

101. What is the theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020?

- A. Youth for Digital India
- B. Indian Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony
- C. Fit Youth fit India
- D. Sankalp Se Siddhi
- E. Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is “FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA”. The theme is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision for New India to be a fit India and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. The event aims to promote the knowledge and ideas of the Youth.

102. Which of the following institutions of India has organized the 1st edition of Krishi Manthan Summit 2020?

- A. IIT Gandhinagar
- B. IIM Ahmedabad
- C. All India Institute of Local Self Government
- D. NIT Surat
- E. Ministry of Agriculture

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The 1st edition of **Krishi Manthan**– the largest Food, Agri-business and Rural Development Summit of Asia was held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- It is an exclusive platform for industry, academia, and policymakers to share ideas, knowledge, and expertise to create solutions.
- More than 1,500 delegates including students and academicians have participated in the event organized by the **Food and Agribusiness Committee of IIMA**.

103. Who won Global Child Prodigy Award 2020?

- A. Ishwar Sharma
- B. Remya Parameswar Iyer
- C. Karthik Nemmani
- D. Johnny Simon
- E. Narayan Karthik

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- British Indian yoga boy Ishwar Sharma (10-year-old) wins Global Child Prodigy Award.

104. Who is conferred with 29th Saraswati Samman 2019?

- A. SL Bhyrappa
- B. Sitanshu Yashaschandra
- C. Mahabaleshwar Sail
- D. Govind Mishra
- E. Vasdev Mohi

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Sindhi writer Vasdev Mohi has been selected for the 29th Saraswati Samman for the year 2019.
- He has been selected for his short stories collection '**Chequebook**, published in **2012**.

105. Which of the species listed below belongs to the category of “**Invasive Alien Species**”?

- 1) African Apple Snail
- 2) Papaya Mealy Bug
- 3) Cotton Mealy Bug
- 4) Orange Cup Coral
- 5) Senna Spectabilis

Choose the correct answers using the codes given above:

- A. 1, 2, 4 and 5
- B. 2, 3, 4 and 5
- C. All the above
- D. 1, 2 and 5

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

Some of the alien species found in India:

African Apple Snail – found in Andaman and Nicobar Island, now spread across the whole country

- **Papaya Mealy Bug** – massively affected papaya crop in Assam, West Bengal and

Tamil Nadu.

- **Cotton Mealy Bug** – the threat to cotton crops in Deccan

- **Amazon sailfin catfish** – responsible for destroying the fish population in wetlands

- **Orange Cup-Coral** - It is originated in Indo- East Pacific, now also found in Andaman and Nicobar Island, Gulf of Kutch, Kerala and Lakshadweep.

- **Primrose Willow** -It is an aquatic plant native to Central and South America.

o It was first seen in Karbi Anglong district of Assam and is now spreading in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and West Bengal.

The Kerala Forest and Wildlife Department is gearing up to adopt comprehensive steps to arrest the rampant growth of invasive alien plants, especially tree species like ‘**Senna Spectabilis**’, in the forest areas of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR). *Senna Spectabilis* is posing a major threat to the forest areas of the reserve, owing to its quick growth and coppicing character.

106. Consider the following statements:

- 1) ISRO has planned to launch Aditya-L1, the first mission to study sun in 2020.
- 2) A Lagrange point is a location where two combined gravitational forces of two large bodies equal the much smaller body.
- 3) The outermost layer of the sun is called Photosphere.

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

Indian Space Research Organization is to launch Aditya-L1, its first mission to study the sun, in 2020. The aim of the mission is to keep a permanent eye on the sun without any disturbance. Aditya-L1 is meant to observe the solar corona.

A Lagrange point is a location in space where the combined gravitational forces of two large bodies, such as Earth and the sun or Earth and the moon, equal the centrifugal force felt by a much smaller third body.

Cornea is the Sun’s outermost layer. Photosphere is the Sun’s deepest layer, and the layer visible to human eyes directly from the Earth.

107. Consider the following Statements:

- 1) Rohtang pass connect Kulu valley with Lahaul and Spiti Valley of Himachal Pradesh.

- 2) World Longest tunnel located at an altitude of 3000 meters.
- 3) Recently the tunnel has been renamed to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji.

Which of the following statements given above is/are incorrect?

- A. 1 and 2 only
B. 1 only
C. 1, 2 and 3
D. 3 only

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

The Union Cabinet has approved **the renaming of the strategic tunnel under Rohtang Pass after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**

• **The renaming of the tunnel will take place in the late Vajpayee's 95th birth anniversary. It is the 8.8-kilometre-long tunnel is the world's longest tunnel above an altitude of 3,000 meters.** It is a strategically important tunnel which will provide all-weather connectivity to remote border areas of Himachal Pradesh and Ladakh which otherwise remained cut off from the rest of the country for about six months during winters.

It is a high mountain pass on the eastern Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas around 51 km from Manali **It connects the Kullu Valley with the Lahaul and Spiti Valleys of Himachal Pradesh, India**

108. What is the deadline to implement the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme across the country?

- A. 1st April, 2020
B. 1st May, 2020
C. 1st June, 2020
D. 2nd October, 2020
E. 1st November, 2020

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme is to be implemented by June 1, 2020 across the country.
- Under this scheme, a beneficiary will be able to avail benefits across the country using the same ration card.
- On January 1, 2020, the scheme is operational in 12 states across the country which includes Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Tripura, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana.

109. What is the name given to the half-humanoid which will ride to space in the first test flight of the human space mission, Gaganyaan?

- A. Erica
- B. Vyommitra
- C. Champa
- D. Chameli
- E. Sanghamitra

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- A woman humanoid, Vyommitra, unveiled by the Indian Space research Organisation on January 22nd, 2020.
- Which will travel to space on two unmanned flights of the Gaganyaan mission scheduled for December this year and June next year before the four men shortlisted to be India's first astronauts or vyomanauts.
- The humanoid who can talk and perform all functions of a crew was unveiled at a three-day symposium on "Human Spaceflight and Exploration" organised by the International Academy of Astronautics in Bengaluru.

110. Which state of India has formed Disha Act 2019 for speedy trial and faster execution in cases of sexual offences against women in the state?

- A. Telangana
- B. Manipur
- C. Gujarat
- D. Andhra Pradesh

E. Kerala

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Andhra Pradesh government has formed Disha Act 2019 for speedy trial and faster execution in cases of sexual offences against women in the state.
- Andhra Pradesh govt has appointed Dr Kritika Shukla (Indian Administrative Service (IAS) official) and M Deepika (Indian Police Service (IPS) official) as Special Officers for implementing the 'Disha Act 2019' in the state.

111.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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- * 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.

112.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

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

* 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.

113. After approval of European Union Parliament which becomes the first country to leave the European Union?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Norway
- E. Switzerland

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

● The European Parliament overwhelmingly approved Britain's departure terms from the EU — the final major decision in the four-year Brexit saga.

● The vote was 621 to 49 in favor of the Brexit deal that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson negotiated with the other 27 EU leaders in the fall of last year.

- UK will not have any say in policy as it will not be a member of the EU anymore. Britain is the first country to leave the EU.

114. The 1st edition of Ganga-Volga Dialogue of Civilizations 2020 was held in New Delhi with the theme _____.

- A. Cooperation
- B. Coordination
- C. Connectivity
- D. Cultural Innovation
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The 1st edition of Ganga-Volga Dialogue of Civilizations 2020 based on the theme “Connectivity”, between India & Russia was held in New Delhi.
- The event was inaugurated by India’s Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan
- It was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in association with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

115. An annual event the ‘World Sustainable Development Summit 2020’, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) held in which city of India for the first time?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jaipur
- D. Lucknow
- E. Dehradun

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- 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'.

116. Who among the following awarded the 'Harit Ratna Award 2019'?

- A. MS Swaminathan
- B. N Kumar
- C. EA Siddiq
- D. Baldev Singh Dhillon
- E. Virendra Lal Chopra

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The Vice Chancellor (VC) of Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Sri N Kumar was honoured with Harit Ratna Award 2019 at the 5th National Youth Convention (NYC) at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) in Raipur, Chattisgarh.
- The award was given by All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA).
- Shri Kumar was awarded for dissemination of ₹30-crore entrepreneurship project in agri-business and also for motivating students towards the agriculture sector in Tamil Nadu.

117. Famous sportsperson and Arjuna Awardee Sunita Chandra passed away recently, she is associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Hockey
- D. Football
- E. Wrestling

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* Former Indian women's hockey team captain and Arjuna awardee Sunita Chandra passed away.

* She had played for the Indian women's hockey team between 1956 to 1966 and served as skipper from 1963 to 1966.

118.As per Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), what is the rank of India in world's Democracy Index 2019?

- A. 41
- B. 50
- C. 51
- D. 55
- E. 11

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

The world's biggest democracy India slipped 10 places in the 2019 global ranking to 51st place.

12th edition of the "Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest", released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

119.In December 2019, which country fined Facebook \$1.6 mn for improper sharing of user data?

- A. Thailand
- B. Switzerland
- C. Brazil
- D. Italy
- E. Germany

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

• Brazil's Ministry of Justice had found that data from 4,43,000 Facebook users was improperly made available to developers of an App called 'thisisyourdigitallife'

- Brazil's Ministry of Justice stated that it fined U.S. tech giant Facebook Inc 6.6 million reais (\$1.6 million) for improperly sharing user data.
- The ministry stated that the world's largest social network failed to provide users with adequate information regarding default privacy settings, particularly related to data of "friends" and "friends of friends."

120. In partnership with which space agency the National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) will jointly launch a new spacecraft- "The Solar Orbiter Spacecraft" to take first pictures of Sun's north and south poles?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization
- B. European Space Agency
- C. National Aerospace Laboratory of Japan
- D. China National Space Administration
- E. Israel Space Agency

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) and European Space Agency (ESA) will jointly launch a new spacecraft- "The Solar Orbiter Spacecraft" to take first pictures of Sun's north and south poles.
- The spacecraft will be launched from Cape Canaveral, United States (US) on Feb 7, 2020 on a United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V Rocket.
- The solar orbiter mission has 7 year lifetime and will reach 24 degrees above the sun's equator increasing to 33 degrees with additional 3 years extended mission operations.

121. 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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

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.

122. Which state unveiled Direct CTO scheme for green category industries?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telngana
- C. Tamilnadu
- D. Kerala
- E. Karnatka

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami announced a new initiative, 'Direct CTO', to enable companies operating under 'green category industries' receive faster clearances from government to commence operations.
- The move would largely benefit micro, small and medium enterprises planning to set up operations in the state.
- This was announced at a function held to mark 125 years of trade body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

123. 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)

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- 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.

124.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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- 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.

125.As per World Steel Association data, what is India's rank in crude steel production in the world?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third

- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- As per World Steel Association data, India became the second-largest steel producer of crude steel after China 2019, by replacing Japan.
- India's crude steel production in 2019 was at 111.2 MT, an increase of 1.7 per cent from 109.3 MT in 2018.
- China remains number one with 996.3 million tonnes in 2019. The United States and Russia rank fourth and fifth respectively.

126. Name the women astronaut who returned from space to Earth safely and set a world record for the most time spent by a woman in space?

- A. Anne McClain
- B. Christina Koch
- C. Jessica Meir
- D. Svetlana Savitskaya
- E. Peggy Whitson

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- NASA's astronaut Christina Koch returned from space to Earth safely on February 6th, 2020.
- Koch returned after an 11-month mission, breaking the world record for the most time spent by a woman in space.
- Koch has spent 328 days on International Space Station ISS, surpassing the previous record of 289 days held by fellow American Peggy Whitson.

127. 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

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- 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.

128. Sri Lankan government changes its national anthem to which language?

- A. Tamil
- B. Singhal
- C. Malayalam
- D. Sanskrit
- E. English

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Sri Lanka celebrated its 72nd Independence Day on 4th February 2020. On this day, Sri Lanka became an independent nation after getting independence from Britain.
- On the occasion Sri Lanka dropped the rendering of the Tamil-version of the national anthem from its Independence Day ceremony for the first time since 2016.
- The Sri Lankan government in 2015 started including the Tamil national anthem as a means of achieving reconciliation with the Tamil minority community.
- Sri Lanka's Constitution provides for the singing of the national anthem in both Sinhala and Tamil.

129. 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

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- 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.
- 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.

130. The Fifth Edition of Joint Military Exercise 'Ajeya Warrior 2020' will be conducted from 13th to 26th February 2020 between India and which country?

- A. France
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Italy
- D. Israel
- E. Germany

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- 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.

131. 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

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- * 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.

132. The proposed village storage schemes in the union budget 2020-21 will be run by which of the following in villages across the country?

- A. RRBs
- B. Women SHG
- C. Urban Cooperative Banks
- D. NBFCs
- E. FCI

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- * The village storage scheme is proposed.
- * The storage houses will be run by the SHG (Self Help Group).
- * Importance under the scheme will be given to the Women SHGs.
- * Under the scheme, the group will get loan from NABARD to store food grains.
- * This will help farmers to increase their holding capacities.

133. Which country has unveiled first AI Police Officer named Ella?

- A. England
- B. New Zealand
- C. Japan
- D. Qatar
- E. Australia

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- New Zealand unveils Artificial Intelligence-based police officer 'Ella'
- The 'Electronic Life-Like Assistant' will be stationed in the lobby of Police's National Headquarters from February 17 on a trial basis to assist the visitors

134. Storm Ciara hit which country that causes heavy rain and gusts of wind reaching more than 150 kilometers per hour?

- A. Philippines
- B. United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. Japan
- E. Maldives

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Storm Ciara hits the United Kingdom
- It causes heavy rain and gusts of wind reaching more than 150 kilometers per hour
- And brought widespread flooding and travel disruption in the country

135.1st Intercity Electric bus service has been launched between Mumbai and which city?

- A. [New](#) Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Nagpur
- D. Pune
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The first inter-city electric bus service, between Mumbai and Pune.

136. Which language has become 3rd most spoken language in the world?

- A. French
- B. Hindi
- C. English
- D. Bengali
- E. Dutch

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Hindi is 3rd most spoken language in the world with 615 million speakers after English, Mandarin.
- The 22nd edition of the world language database Ethnologue stated English at the top of the list with 1,132 million speakers. Chinese Mandarin is at the second position with 1,117 million speakers.

137. Who has been chosen as the head of committee of Ram Janmabhoomi Trust for construction of temple?

- A. Nripendra Misra
- B. Champat Rai
- C. Nritya Gopal
- D. Govind Dev Giri
- E. Anil Mishra

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust in a meeting decided that Nripendra Mishra, former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will head a committee to take decisions regarding the actual construction of the temple

138. Who has launched \$ 10 billion fund to combat climate change?

- A. Jeff Bezos
- B. Sundar Pichai
- C. Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- D. Ratan Tata
- E. Rajiv Shukla

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- Jeff Bezos launched \$ 10 billion fund to combat climate change.
- He the CEO of Amazon and the world's richest person whose net worth is estimated to be around US\$130 billion.

139. 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

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

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”.

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.

140. 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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

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

141. 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)

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- 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.

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

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

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- 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.

143. 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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- 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.

144. Released by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, 'A Child of Destiny' an autobiography of who among the following?

- A. JP Nadda
- B. Rita Bahuguna
- C. K. Ramakrishna Rao
- D. Smriti Irani
- E. Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The Vice President of India Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled 'A Child of Destiny' an autobiography penned by Prof. K. Ramakrishna Rao.
- K. Ramakrishna Rao was an Eminent Scholar, Author, Researcher, Scientist and Gandhian, He was born in the coastal region in Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Government of India awarded him "The Civilian Honour of Padma Shri in 2011".

145. Who claimed top spot among all rounders in latest ICC women's T20 international rankings ?

- A. Natalie Sciver
- B. Sophie Devine
- C. Hayley Matthews
- D. Dane van Niekerk
- E. Ellyse Perry

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Ellyse Perry claimed top spot among all rounders in latest ICC women's T20 international rankings

146. Who won the best Astrologer of the year 2020 award?

- A. Anupam V Kapil
- B. Bansilal M Jumaani
- C. Sanjay B Jumaani
- D. Maa Prem Usha
- E. Sohini Sastri

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

- Kolkata-born renowned astrologer Dr Sohini Sastri, has been graced with prestigious Indian Achievers Award, wherein she was adjudged the Best Astrologer of the Year..
- The award was presented to Dr Sohini Sastri by Union HRD Minister, Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal, in a special ceremony conducted at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

147. 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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

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

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

148. Which of the following are the reports released by “World Economic Forum”:

- 1) Global Gender Gap Report
- 2) Global Competitiveness Report
- 3) Global Travel and Tourism Report
- 4) Financial Development Report
- 5) Global Social Mobility Report

Choose the correct options using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- B. 2, 3 and 5 only
- C. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- D. 1, 2, 3, and 5 only

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

50th World Economic Forum:

- The 50th World Economic Forum began at Davos in Switzerland. The theme of this year's WEF is '**Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World**'. It emphasizes Forum Founder Klaus Schwab's idea that managers have a duty to customers, suppliers and the wider economy, not just dividend-hungry shareholders.

World Economic Forum

The World Economic Forum (WEF), based in Geneva, Switzerland, is an NGO, founded in 1971. The WEF's mission is cited as "committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global,

regional, and industry agendas". It is a membership-based organization, and membership is made up of the world's largest corporations.

Important Report published by WEF

- Global Information Technology Report
- Global Gender Gap Report
- Global Risks Report
- Financial Development Report
- Global Enabling Trade Report
- Global Competitiveness Report
- Global Travel and Tourism Report
- Global Social Mobility Report

149. With reference to “Vyommitra” (Robot), consider the following statements.

- 1) She has been developed by the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit, Thiruvananthapuram.
- 2) The humanoid can detect and give out warnings if the environment changes within the cabin.
- 3) She will be sent to space as part of the Gaganyaan mission

Which of the following statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. All of the above

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

The Indian Space Research Organisation has unveiled a human-robot, named Vyommitra, which will be sent to space as part of the Gaganyaan mission. Vyommitra is a half-humanoid

who can mimic human actions, can speak two languages, Hindi and English, and her body stops at the torso and has no legs. She is capable of switching panel operations, performing Environment Control and Life Support Systems functions, conversations with the astronauts, recognising them and solving their queries. The humanoid can detect and give out warnings if the environment changes within the cabin. This humanoid will simulate the human functions required for space before real astronauts take off before August 2022. She will be sent in a space capsule around the end of 2020 or early 2021 to study how astronauts respond to living outside earth in controlled zero-gravity conditions. She has been developed by the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit, Thiruvananthapuram.

150. With reference to 1t.org initiative, consider the following statements.

- 1) It is a global initiative to grow, restore and conserve 1 trillion trees around the world.
- 2) It is a World Bank initiative.

Which of the following statement/s is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

Recently it was in news because in the 50th annual edition of World Economic Forum, Davos, USA has announced to join the recently launched 1t.org initiative.

About 1t.org initiative

- It is a global initiative to grow, restore and conserve 1 trillion trees around the world - in a bid to restore biodiversity and help fight climate change.
- The initiative aims to unite and promote reforestation efforts worldwide through fund mobilization and political support.

151. With reference to “**Democracy Index 2019**”, consider the following statements:

- 1) Sweden topped the index, with a score of 9.87, while North Korea was at the bottom of the global rankings, with a score of 1.08.
- 2) India dropped 10 places in the Democracy Index's global ranking to 51st place.
- 3) It is prepared by Economist Intelligence Unit, the research and analysis division of The Economist Group.

Which of the following statements are correct?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. All of the above

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

It is prepared by Economist Intelligence Unit, the research and analysis division of The Economist Group. Norway topped the index, with a score of 9.87, while North Korea was at the bottom of the global rankings, with a score of 1.08. China's score fell to 2.26, and it is now ranked 153rd, close to the bottom of the rankings. India dropped 10 places in the Democracy Index's global ranking to 51st place.

152. The "World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2020" (WESO) report is released by

- A. World Economic Forum
- B. World Bank
- C. UNESCO
- D. International Labour Organization

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

The World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2020 (WESO) is released by The International Labour Organization (ILO). It has published its report after analyses key labour market issues like unemployment, labour underutilization, working poverty, income inequality, labour income share and factors that exclude people from decent work.

153. Which of the following State Government has decided to reduce retirement age of Govt Employees to 58 years?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Assam

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The Punjab government has decided to reduce the retirement age of government employees from 60 to 58 years.
- The announcement was made by Finance Minister of Punjab, Manpreet Badal to boost jobs in the state.

154. Which of the following State's assembly has implemented E-Vidhan under Digital India Program?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Haryana

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly went paperless with the implementation of e-Vidhan, a project under the Digital India programme.

* **Union Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs** is the '**nodal ministry**' for the implementation of e-Vidhan in all the states and Union Territories of the nation.

155. What is the name of the 'Global Coalition for Biodiversity' launched on World Wildlife Day?

- A. United for Biodiversity
- B. Coalition for Biodiversity
- C. Save Wildlife
- D. Wild Biodiversity
- E. Wildlife and Fire

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The European Commission (EC) launched the 'United for Biodiversity' coalition made up of zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, national parks, and natural history and science museums from around the world, on World Wildlife Day 2020.
- The coalition focuses to boost public awareness about the nature crisis and urge nations to adopt a new global framework to protect and restore nature.

156. Who has become the first nation in the world to provide free Public Transport?

- A. Japan
- B. Palestine
- C. Sweden
- D. Luxembourg
- E. Norway

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Luxembourg (Europe) has become the first country in the world to make all forms of public transport free.
- It is a tactic in tackling road congestion and pollution, as well as supporting low earners while the burden is shouldered by the better off population.

157. Who has become third woman lieutenant General of India?

- A. Ganeve Lalji
- B. Anjana Bhaduria
- C. Madhuri Kanitkar
- D. Mitali Madhumita
- E. Priya Jhingan

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Major General Madhuri Kanitkar was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general.
- She has become the third woman officer in the Indian Army and first woman paediatrician to achieve the second-highest post in the force.

158. Which State government has announced to make 'Gairsain' to be its summer capital?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Punjab
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Rajasthan

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has announced that his government will make Gairsain the summer capital of Uttarakhand.
- This means Uttarakhand will now get a permanent summer capital, two decades after it was carved out of Uttar Pradesh as a separate state.

159. Who became 1st women to score a century in all three formats of cricket?

- A. Heather Knight
- B. Sana Mir
- C. Meg Lanning
- D. Stafanie Taylor

E. Lisa Sthalekar

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- England captain Heather Knight scripted a new record when she scored the first century of the ongoing ICC Women's T20 World Cup, smashing a 66-ball 108 against Thailand at Canberra .
- The 29-year-old became the first woman to score a hundred in all three formats of the game.

160. Who has been conferred with Raja Ravi Varma award for year 2020?

- A. J.S. Khanderao
- B. Vasudev Kamath
- C. Sneha Sheth
- D. Jagannath Panda
- E. Lalu Prasad Shaw

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The Raja Ravi Varma State Award for the year 2019 was conferred on a veteran painter from Kalaburagi Prof. J.S. Khanderao and senior artist from Mumbai, Vasudev Kamath for the year 2020

161. What is the theme of World Wildlife day 2020?

- A. Sustaining all life on Earth
- B. Save wildlife
- C. Fire and Wild
- D. Save wildlife from Fire
- E. Flaura and Fauna

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The theme of World Wildlife Day 2020 is “Sustaining all life on Earth”.
- The World Wildlife Day is celebrated every year on 3 March since 2013 to celebrate and raise awareness of the world’s wild fauna and flora.

162. Which of the following city will host 108th Indian Science Congress?

- A. Pune
- B. Bangalore
- C. Hyderabad
- D. New Delhi
- E. Visakhapatnam

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

Pune will host the 108th Indian Science Congress in January 2021 for the fourth time. The theme of the Indian Science Congress will be on ‘Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment’. It will be held at Symbiosis International University’s Lavale campus between January 3 and 7 next year.

163. How much amount has been allocated towards Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) for 2020-2021?

- A. Rs 75,000 crores
- B. Rs 63,861 crores
- C. Rs 37,560 crores
- D. Rs 15,695 crores
- E. Rs 2,000 crores

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- A budget of Rs.75,000 crore has been provided in the current Financial Year (2020-21) for the PM-KISAN scheme under which a total sum of Rs.6,000 each is being provided to farmers annually.
- More than 8.46 crore farmer families have been given the PM-KISAN benefits.

164. Which State has topped list for highest number of Rooftop Solar installations?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala
- E. Haryana

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Gujarat tops the list of highest number of Rooftop Solar installations states list.
- Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL) has received more than 1,15,000 applications for residential rooftop solar installations.

165. Who becomes the first woman to be promoted as DIG of Indian Coast Guard?

- A. Anuradha Shukla
- B. Sneha Kathyat
- C. Shirin Chandran
- D. Nupur Kulshrestha
- E. Vasundhara Chouksey

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- * Nupur Kulshrestha becomes the first woman to be promoted as DIG of Indian Coast Guard.
- * She joined the services in 1999

* The Indian Coast Guard is a multi-mission organization, conducting round-the-year real-life operations at sea and works in close coordination with the Indian Navy, the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Revenue (Customs) and the Central and State police forces.

166. Which state government has launched 'NIGHA' app to ensure 'clean and healthy' elections by curbing the use of money and alcohol in the upcoming local body elections?

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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched 'NIGHA' app to ensure 'clean and healthy' elections by curbing the use of money and alcohol in the upcoming local body elections.

* The Panchayat Raj Department, in a bid to crackdown on electoral malpractices, has set up the NIGHA app to empower common citizens to lodge complaints seamlessly.

* Photos and videos of the distribution of money and alcohol and any other activity that violates the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) can be registered by this app.

167. Which entity has launched a skill programme for women called 'DigiPivot'?

- A. Flipkart
- B. Amazon
- C. Google
- D. Microsoft
- E. IBM

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* Google India has launched a skill programme for women called 'DigiPivot'.

- * The programme designed for women who are looking to return to their corporate careers after a break or simply planning to make mid-career shifts to digital marketing.
- * The skilling programme has been developed jointly in partnership with a career portal service: Avtar & and the Indian School of Business (ISB).

168. In how many countries will Hindustan Aeronautics Limited establish its Logistics base?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Seven
- D. Fourteen
- E. Six

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- India's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is planning to establish Logistics base in 4 Asian markets to boost its international profile.
- The company is looking at setting up "logistical bases" in Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam with the focus of these facilities to provide maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services for Russian-built military aircraft in operation by these countries.

169. Which state is set to build world's first commercial flying car PAL-V?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Bihar
- E. Haryana

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- World's first commercial flying car named 'PAL-V Liberty' will be developed in Gujarat, India. PAL-V stands for Personal Air-Land Vehicle.

- The PAL-V Liberty is a combination of a car and an autogiro, or gyroplane

170. India celebrates “Shaheed Diwas” annually on which dates?

- A. 21st March
- B. 22nd March
- C. 23rd March
- D. 24th March
- E. 25th March

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- India celebrates “Shaheed Diwas” annually on 23 March to pay tribute to martyrs Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru.
- This day has a very important significance in the Indian freedom struggle.
- On 23 March 1931, three Indian freedom fighters namely Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru were hanged by the British rulers in Lahore jail. The three brave freedom fighters were sentenced to death in the Lahore conspiracy case.

171. Which company along with Tata steel has been named as world’s most ethical companies?

- A. HCL
- B. WIPRO
- C. Amazon
- D. TCS
- E. Tech Mahindra

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Wipro and Tata Steel have been recognised by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the world’s most ethical companies.

172. Which country becomes the first co-chair of the Governing Council on the India-led global climate initiative 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)?

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

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

* The Government of United Kingdom (UK) has become the first co-chair of the Governing Council on the India-led global climate initiative 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)'.

* It was created by the Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi on September 23, 2019 during the United Nations (UN) Climate Summit in New York, USA.

* The secretariat of the Coalition will be in New Delhi.

173. The Union Cabinet has approved the extradition treaty between India and which country?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Italy
- D. Belgium
- E. Netherlands

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

* 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.

- * The treaty states that if the offence involved is a political offence & also if the offence requested is a military offence the extradition will be refused.
- * The agreement also mentions some offences which will not be considered as political offences.
- * The treaty will provide a legal framework to hand over terrorists, economic criminals and other criminals from & to Belgium.

174. Which team won ICC women's T20 world cup 2020?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. New Zealand
- E. England

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- Australia won the ICC women's T20 world cup 2020 tournament, beating India by 85 runs in the final.
- It was held in Australia between 21 February and 8 March 2020.
- The final took place at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on International Women's Day.

175. N. Vijayan Pillai who recently passed away belonged to which field?

- A. Comedy
- B. Journalism
- C. Cricket
- D. Politics
- E. Teaching

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- CPIM MLA N Vijayan Pillai (65-years) passed away in at a private hospital in Kochi,Kerala.
- Pillai, who is the son of veteran Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) leader Narayanan Pillai, started his political career as a Panchayat Member in 1979 and continued so for 20 years.

176.Which city will host “Wings India 2020” event?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Bangalore
- C. New Delhi
- D. Mumbai
- E. Indore

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

* 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.

177.As per news report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute what is India’s position as arms importer in the world?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* As per news report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, India retains its position as the second-largest arms importer in the world followed by Saudi Arabia.

* The SIPRI report shows how Russia gradually lost the lucrative Indian arms market over the years, though the communist country remains a key supplier.

* On the other hand, China accounted for 51% of Pakistan's arms imports in 2010-14 and for 73% in 2015-19.

178. Which Team won Ranji Trophy title 2019-20?

- A. Saurashtra Team
- B. Vidarbha Team
- C. Bengal Team
- D. Karnataka Team
- E. Delhi Team

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- Saurashtra were declared the Ranji Trophy champion for 2019-20 season.
- This is Saurashtra's maiden Ranji Trophy title

179. Whose biography has been authored by **Sadguru Patil** and **Mayabhushan Nagvenkar**?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Manohar Parrikar
- C. Sushma Swaraj
- D. Sheela Dixit
- E. Arun Jaitley

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

* A book on the life and times of bureaucrat-turned-politician Manohar Parrikar.

* He served as the defence minister and Goa chief minister, will hit the stands in April, announced publishing house Penguin Random House India

180. Which country will host the World Cities Summit (WCS) 2020?

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

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The World Cities Summit (WCS) 2020 will be held from 5 to 9 July 2020 in Singapore.
- It is organized by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Redevelopment Authority.
- The theme for WCS 2020 is "Livable and Sustainable Cities: Adapting to a Disrupted World".
- The World Cities Summit is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable, sustainable city challenges, and forge new partnerships.

181. Which country has ranked 2nd in Global Animal Protection Index 2020?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Sweden
- D. Norway
- E. Austria

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- India gets the second rank in Global Animal Protection Index 2020. This Index was released by International animal welfare charity "World Animal Protection".

• India was ranked along with Spain, Mexico, France and New Zealand while Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Austria were rated with the highest scores

182. Which organization has declared COVID 19 as Pandemic disease?

- A. UNESCO
- B. UN
- C. UNICEF
- D. WHO
- E. ILO

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- * WHO declares coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.
- * Italy is the worst-hit country after China.
- * Italy has reported a daily spike and has over 12,000 confirmed cases

183. Which state government has launched “Namaste over Handshake” campaign?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Assam
- E. Haryana

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The government of Karnataka has launched 'Namaste over Handshake' campaign in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- The campaign asks people to greet each other by 'Namaste' instead of shaking hands in order to protect themselves from others who might be infected with the COVID-19.

184. Which tech giant has launched website to track COVID-19?

- A. Facebook
- B. Google
- C. Microsoft
- D. IBM
- E. Tech Mahindra

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Microsoft has launched a new interactive Bing map to provide information on the spread of COVID-19.
- The map shows the amount of cases on a per country basis, broken down by the number of currently active cases, recovered cases, and fatal cases

185. Who will chair the the COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force formed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to tackle economic challenges arise during COVID-19 outbreak?

- A. Nitin Gadkari
- B. Smiriti Irani
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman
- E. Prakash Javadekar

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced the formation of a COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force.
- The task force will be led by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- The task force will remain in regular touch with all stakeholders, take their feedback and make decisions accordingly.

- This task force will also ensure that all steps are taken to reduce the **economic difficulties** and execute them effectively.

186. Amid the growing COVID-19 epidemic India has postponed its 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), 'RAISE 2020– Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' to _____.

- A. August
- B. September
- C. October
- D. November
- E. December

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

* Amid the growing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, the Indian government announced the postponement of the country's 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), 'RAISE 2020– Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' to October 5-6, 2020.

* It was to be conducted between April 11 & 12, 2020 in New Delhi by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

* The summit is a drive to India's vision & roadmap for social empowerment, inclusion & transformation through AI.

187. During the first video conferencing G20 Summit what amount has been decided to inject into the global economy to counter the Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. USD 1 trillion
- B. USD 2 trillion
- C. USD 3 trillion
- D. USD 4 trillion
- E. USD 5 trillion

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

* The G20 nations have agreed to collectively inject \$5 trillion into the world economy to counteract the social, economic and financial effects of the Covid-19 pandemic that has infected close to 5,00,000 people across countries and claimed more than 22,000 lives.

* The nations also pledged to ensure flow of medical supplies and critical agricultural products across borders and work together to facilitate international trade. There was full support for strengthening the WHO's mandate to fight the pandemic and the members agreed to provide resources to poorer countries and come up with a Covid Solidarity Response Fund.

188. What amount of relief package has been announced by the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman as under Prime Minister Gareeb Kalyan Yojana?

- A. Rs. 1.2 lakh
- B. Rs. 1.4 lakh
- C. Rs. 1.6 lakh
- D. Rs. 1.7 lakh
- E. Rs. 1.9 lakh

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

* FM Nirmala Sitharaman announced Rs. 1.7 lakh crore relief package under Prime Minister Gareeb Kalyan Yojana (food scheme) which will benefit 80 crore people.

* It will include direct cash transfer as well as food security to the poor's for 3 month's to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus.

* Medical insurance cover of Rs 50 lakhs for health workers and other similar benefits have been announced to help every section of the society.

189. With respect to COVID 19 pandemic, Mahatma Gandhi NREGS wages have been increased by Department of Rural Development, GoI by _____ on an average nationally.

- A. Rs. 20
- B. Rs. 25
- C. Rs. 40
- D. Rs. 45
- E. Rs. 50

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- * With respect to COVID 19 pandemic, Department of Rural Development, GoI in close collaboration with State Governments has taken various initiatives.
- * Mahatma Gandhi NREGS wages have been revised by Department of Rural Development, GoI with effect from 1st April, 2020.
- * The average national increase is Rs 20. Focus of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS may be on individual beneficiary-oriented works which directly benefit SC, ST and women headed households as well as small & marginal farmers and other poor households.

190. Which of the following organizations has launched a competition titled “United Against Corona- Express through Art”, the art in the time of Corona?

- A. Indian Council for Cultural Relations
- B. Indian Council of Medical Research
- C. Anthropological Survey of India
- D. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
- E. Centre for Cultural Resources and Training

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICR) launched a competition titled “United Against Corona- Express through Art”, the art in the time of Corona.
- The aim of the competition is to unite the citizens across the world. The competition was announced by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and this soft-power initiative is being organized by ICCR.
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191. Mahmoud Jibril passed away due to COVID-19 was former prime minister of which country?

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran

- C. Oman
- D. UAE
- E. Libya

Answer ||| E

Solution |||

* Former Libya Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril passed away due to COVID-19. Mahmoud Jibril was the former head of the Libyan rebel government that ousted the long term ruler Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

* Before joining the revolution in 2011, Jibril served the Gaddafi government as an economic advisor in its final years.

192. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement worth of \$60 million with which affordable housing loan provider?

- A. ART Housing Finance
- B. Aavas Financiers Ltd
- C. HDFC Housing Finance
- D. LIC Housing Finance Limited
- E. IndiaBulls Home Loan

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

• Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement worth of \$60 million with affordable housing loan provider Aavas Financiers Ltd to provide housing finance to women in low-income communities either as primary borrowers or co-borrowers.

• The grant, provided under the ADB's supporting access to housing finance for women and in lagging states project, will help increase higher rates of property ownership for women in lower-income groups.

193. Which of the following banks has listed green bonds of \$100 million (about Rs 750 crore) on BSE's India International Exchange (India INX)?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Canara Bank
- E. Indian Bank

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- State Bank of India has listed green bonds of \$100 million (about Rs 750 crore) on BSE's India International Exchange (India INX).
- The bank has listed green bonds under its USD 10 billion global medium-term note programme on India INX's Global Securities Market Green Platform (GSM).
- SBI has adopted the green bond framework with the objective of creating a positive impact on the environment & this transaction is considered as part of the sustainability journey.

194. Which of the following manufacturing unit of Indian Railway has set the Limca Book of Records for producing record 431 locomotives in the financial year 2019-2020?

- A. Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi.
- B. Integral Coach Factory, Perambur,
- C. Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala
- D. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works
- E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), the manufacturing unit of Indian Railways based in Asansol, West Bengal (WB), has set the Limca Book of Records for producing record 431 locomotives in the financial year 2019-2020 (FY20) in 292 working days.
- It is 2.15 times its installed capacity of 200 locomotives per year.
- This was achieved despite novel coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions that creating disruptions during the current financial year (FY20).
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195. The National Highway Authority of India recently completed the construction of _____ of national highways the highest ever in a financial year 2019-20.

- A. 3,479 km
- B. 3,679 km
- C. 3,779 km
- D. 3,979 km
- E. 4,979 km

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

* The National Highway Authority of India recently completed the construction of 3,979 km of national highways in the financial year 2019-20.

* This is the highest ever target achieved by the authority in a financial year since its establishment.

* The Government of India envisaged construction of national highway under Bharatmala Pariyojana.

* The scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Road and Transport and Highways. It was launched in 2015. The scheme has set a target of completing 65,000 km of NH.

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