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C. Norma Alvares 1. To modernize Assam's Ferry transport B. Jadav Payeng service on the Brahmaputra river the D. Claude Alvares E. Sarla Behn Government of Assam and Government of India has signed 88 million USD 8. What percent of equity has been allowed for NRIs to acquire after cabinet agreement with which organization? A. Asian Development Bank (ADB) gives nod for FDI policy on civil aviation? B. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank A. 74% B. 49% C. 76% D. 100% (AIIB) C. New Development Bank (NDB) E. 24% D. World Bank (WB) E. International Monetary Fund (IMF) 9. Which city will host "Wings India 2020" event? 2. Which state has sanctioned loan of B. Bangalore A. Hyderabad USD 80 mn from World Bank to improve C. New Delhi D. Mumbai E. Indore water management? A. Uttar Pradesh B. Assam 10. Who among the following has C. Mizoram D. Madhya Pradesh E. Himachal Pradesh acquired DHFL General Insurance for around Rs 100 crore? 3. As per the new guidelines of the A. Kapil Wadhawan Reserve Bank of India for 'on tap' B. Sachin Bansal Licensing of Small Finance Banks (SFBs) C. Vijay Shekhar Sharma in the Private Sector what is the minimum D. Ritesh Agarwal paid-up capital for setting up an SFBs? E. Binny Bansal A. 100 crore B. 150 crore C. 200 crore D. 250 crore 11. Which tech giant has launched E. 300 crore website to track COVID-19? A. Facebook B. Google 4. Which is the 'First Life Insurance C. Microsoft D. IBM Company' in India established in 1818? E. Tech Mahindra A. New India Assurance Company Limited B. Life insurance Corporation 12. The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to provide C. Oriental Life Insurance Company viability D. United India Insurance company gap funding for building a 1,656 km gas grid in the Northeast region. limited A. 5,500 crore E. India Life Assurance Company B. 5,800 crore C. 6,000 crore D. 5,990 crore E. 5,559 crore 5. Anti-hijacking exercise, Apharan was conducted by the Indian Navy at the which place? 13. Under the comprehensive health A. Goa B. Mumbai insurance plan "Reliance Health Infinity" C. Balasore D. Kolkata launched by Reliance General Insurance Company Limited what is minimum sum E. Kochi insured amount? 6. Which bank is set to be excluded from B. two lakh A. one lakh Nifty 50 index? C. three lakh D. four lakh A. Canara Bank B. Syndicate Bank E. five lakh C. State Bank of India D. Axis Bank E. Yes Bank 14. Name the largest carrier rocket successfully launched by China from its 7. Who has been honoured with Swami Wenchang Space Launch center.

Vivekananda Karmayogi Award 2020? A. Sumaira Abdulali

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B. Long March 4C

D. Long March 3B

A. Long March 2E

C. Long March 5



E. Long March 6 15. Who has been awarded as the Dhruv Batra player of the year 2019 award in Men's category? A. Harmanpreet Singh B. Amit Rohidas C. Gurinder Singh E. Birendra Lakra D. Manpreet Singh 16. Which of the following Indian cities is set to get a world class marina with parking? A. Jammu B. Mumbai C. Chandigarh D. Kolkata E. New Delhi 17. Which state government has launched CMAST and CMAT scheme for welfare of sportsperson and artists of the state? A. West Bengal B. Manipur C. Uttar Pradesh D. Tamilnadu E. Kerala 18. Which day has been celebrated as National Vaccination Day? A. 16 March 2020 B. 16 April 2020 C. 10 April 2020 D. 11 May 2020 E. 16 June 2020 19. 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 Rs E. Students of My Nation 20. On which date, the Union budget for FY 2020-21 of India comes into effect? A. 1st February, 2020 B. 1st March, 2020 C. 1st June, 2020 E. 1st July, 2020 D. 1st April, 2020 21. In order to promote digital India initiative of the central Government which bank launched India's 1st prepaid wallet card 'Enkasu'? A. Laxmi Vilas Bank B. Karur Vysya Bank C. RBL Bank D. Axis Bank

E. HDFC Bank

22. Who has authored the book titled 'Invincible - A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar'? B. Vijay Goyal A. Tarun Vijay C. Piyush Goyal D. Rajnath Singh E. Tawar Chand Gahlot 23. The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers agreed to move the Tokvo Games to

A. end of 2020	
B. 2021	C. 2022
D. 2023	E. 2024

24. What amount has been allocated for power and renewable energy sector in the union budget 2020-21?

A. Rs 10, 000 crore B. Rs 11, 000 crore C. Rs 22, 000 crore D. Rs 27, 000 crore E. Rs 33, 000 crore

25. Who has been appointed as new chairman and Managing director of Power Finance corporation?

- A. M K Goel
- B. Mahendra Goyal
- C. Rajeev Sharma
- D. Ravinder Singh Dhillon
- E. K K Singhal

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

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

27. Which of the following entities has has designed 'Portable Multi-feed Oxygen Manifold (MOM) to supply oxygen to multiple patients at a time?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru
- C. Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- E. IIT Kanpur

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28. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology has signed an agreement with which of the followina to jointly manufacture automated ventilators?

- A. Wipro 3D, Bengaluru
- B. DRDO
- C. Infosys
- D. TATA Sons
- E. Mahindra Motors

29. Which Naval Dockyard of Indian Navy has designed and developed its own handheld infrared-based temperature sensor gun for the screening of personnel in a bid to limit the spread of COVID-19?

- A. Naval Dockyard Vishakhapatnam
- B. Naval Dockyard Mumbai
- C. Naval Dockyard Kochi
- D. Naval Dockyard, Andaman
- E. Naval Dockyard Tuticorin

30. Name the mobile application launched by the Government of India to connect essential health services with the people of India to fight against COVID-19.

- A. Aarogya Setu B. Sewa Setu
- D. Aarogya Sewa C. Upchar Setu
- E. None of these

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31. The incoming World Athletics Championships will be shifted to

A. 2021	B. 2022
C. 2023	D. 2024
E. None of these	

32. PhonePe has launched a unique coronavirus hospitalisation insurance policy called "Corona Care" in partnership with which general insurance company? A. HDFC ERGO General Insurance B. ICICI Lombard General Insurance C. IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance

- D. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- E. Apollo Munich Health Insurance

33. Name the Emmy award-winning singer-songwriter passed away due to COVID-19.

A. Adam Schlesinger

- B. Taylor Swift D. Carole King
- C. John Prine E. Lionel Richie

34. Which state government has a modified set of guidelines for the distribution of 25 lakh house sites to urban and rural poor under the Navaratnalu- Pedalandariki Illu (Houses for All Poor) programme?

A. Tamil Nadu B. Telangana

- C. Andhra Pradesh D. Karnataka
- E. Odisha

35. The Competition Commission of India has approved the formation of Joint Venture between Total S.A. and which of the following for solar power generation in India?

- A. Adani Green Energy Limited
- B. Kotak Urja Pvt Ltd
- C. Moser Baer Photoavoltaic Ltd
- D. Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd.
- E. Amplus Energy Solutions Private Ltd

36. Which state government has launched the mobile application 'Corona Watch' to contain the coronavirus outbreak? B. Maharashtra

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Bihar D. Karnataka
- E. Telangana

37. Which IIT is developing portable ventilators which will be significantly cheaper than the ones available in the market?

A. IIT Madras B. IIT Delhi C. IIT Bombay D. IIT Kanpur E. IIT Guwahati

38. The United Nation's COP26 climate change conference has been postponed till next year due to COVID-19. The conference is set to take place in

- A. Brisbane B. Paris
 - C. Glasgow D. London
 - E. Geneva

39. Which Grand Slam Tennis tournament has been cancelled for the first time since World War II due to coronavirus pandemic?

- A. Australian Open
- B. French Open
- C. Wimbledon 2020
- D. US Open

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E. None of these

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

- A. Chemistry B. Medicine
- C. Physics D. Literature
- E. Economics

41. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Sundaram Home Finance?

- A. Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy
- B. Raghuttama Rao Ragavendra
- C. P N Venkatachalam
- D. Shobhana Ramachandhran
- E. Rajiv C Lochan

42. 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

43. Which space agency has launched Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE) to study the Giant Solar Particle Storms?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. Chinese National Space Agency
- D. European Space Agency
- E. Roscosmos

44. Which of the following ministries has introduced the "Companies Fresh Start Scheme, 2020"?

- A. Finance Ministry
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

E. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

45. Who has authored the book titled 'Sridevi: The Eternal Screen Goddess' which is about the late actress Sridevi?

- A. Anjum Rajabali
- B. Gazal Dhaliwal
- C. Satyarth Nayak
- D. Juhi Chaturvedi
- E. Rajkumar Hirani

46. The Ministry of Tourism has launched which portal to help foreign tourists who are stuck in various parts of the country? A. 'Stuck in India'

- B. 'Stranded in India'
- C. 'visit India'
- D. 'Caught in India'
- E. None of these

47. Which IIT has developed a mobile app named 'CORONTINE' to help the authorities in tracking the asymptomatic carriers and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease?

A. IIT Delhi B. IIT Bombay

D. IIT Kharagpur

- C. IIT Kanpur
- E. IIT Jaipur

48. Which state government has started "Active Case Finding Campaign" in the state for COVID-19?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Himachal Pradesh E. Punjab

49. BharatPe signed partnership with which general insurance company to introduce 'COVID-19 Protection Insurance Cover'?

A. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited

B. Apollo Munich Health Insurance Co. Ltd.

C. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd.

D. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd.

E. IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Co. Ltd.

50. Professor Arjun Dev passed away recently; he was a veteran _____.

C. Historian

E. Musician

- A. Environmentalist
- B. Politician
- D. Journalist

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51. Which organization has designed a casualty evacuation bag to transport or isolate persons infected with COVID-19? A. ISRO

- B. DRDO
- C. National Institute of Virology
- D. Biomark Laboratories
- E. None of these

52. In which country a Joint Venture between Tata Power, Norway's Clean Energy Invest (CEI), and International Financial Corporation (IFC) has started commercial operation of Shuakhevi Hydro Power Project?

A. Bhutan	B. Nepal
C. Georgia	D. Afghanistan
E. Norway	

53. 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

54. Who has authored a book titled 'Backstage: The Story Behind India's High Growth Years'?\

- A. Manmohan Singh
- B. P Chidambaram
- C. Yashwant Sinha
- D. Montek Singh Ahluwalia
- E. Pranab Mukherjee

55. Which state government has launched a mobile app PRAGYAAM to issue e-passes?

A. Rajasthan	B. Delhi
C. Jharkhand	D. Bihar
E. Uttar Pradesh	

56. The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 have been postponed by one year and will be held from _____.

- A. 24th March to 7th April, 2021
- B. 4th April to 20th April, 2021
- C. 23 July to 8 August, 2021
- D. 25th August to 7th September, 2021
- E. 5th October to 20th October, 2021

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57. 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

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C.	Rs.	40	D. Rs. 45
E.	Rs.	50	

58. Which state government has set up "Mobile Hand-wash facilities" for the benefit of Slum Dwellers amidst lockdown in the state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Telangana
- C. Andhra Pradesh D. Karnataka
- E. Maharshtra

59. Paravai Muniyamma who passed away recently, was a famous _____. A. Social Activist B. Tamil Poet C. Palitizian D. Fally Cingan

- C. Politician D. Folk Singer
- E. Dancer

60. Who chaired the high-level committee of the central government which has approved additional financial assistance of Rs. 5,751.27 crores to 8 states under NDRF.

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Ravi Shankar Prasad
- E. Prakash Javadekar

61. Which country has announced USD 2.9 million financial aid to India to combat Coronavirus pandemic?

- A. Australia
- B. United States of America
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Russia
- E. Japan

62. What is the name has been given to the coronavirus risk-tracking app launched by the Government of India? A. Corona Warriors

- B. Corona Kavach
- C. Corona tracker
- D. Safe from COVID-19
- E. COVID Kavach
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63. Who has/have been conferred with The Hindu Annual prize 2019? A. Mirza Waheed B. Santanu Das D. Sohini Bagchi C. Amitava Kumar E. Both A and B 64. Which of the following financial institutions will invest 100 million US Dollars in India's infrastructure sector through the government-promoted National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)? A. World Bank B. International Monetary Fund C. Asian Development Bank D. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank E. None of these 65. Which state government has develop a mobile app to track home quarantined persons? A. Uttar Pradesh B. Telangana D. Karnataka C. Andhra Pradesh E. Maharshtra 66. The mega merger of 10 public sector banks into 4 banks will be effective from A. 1st April 2020 B. 1st July 2020 C. 1st August 2020 D. 1st October 2020 E. 1st December 2020 67. Who among the following has been reappointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? A. R Gandhi B. SS Mundra C. BP Kanungo D. Harun R Khan E. Anand Sinha 68. A United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket launched the Advanced Extremely Hiah Frequency (AEHF-6) for communications satellite which country? B. France A. USA C. China D. India E. Israel 69. Which state government has set up

69. Which state government has set up "Team-11" comprising of as many interdepartmental committees to fight the coronavirus spread?

A. Maharshtra B. Uttar Pradesh

C. Haryana

E. Rajasthan

70. which of the following country joined officially as the 30th and newest member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

D. Kerala

A. Moldova B. Sweden

C. North Macedonia D. Ukraine

E. None of these

71. Which Indian sportsperson has been suspended by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) for 4- years for failing an out-ofcompetition dope test in 2018?

- A. Tejinder Pal Singh Toor
- B. Navin Chikara
- C. Inderjeet Singh
- D. Om Prakash Singh
- E. Sourabh Vij

72. Former Union Minister, Beni Prasad Verma passed away recently, was the founding member of which political party?

- A. Bahujan Samaj Party
- B. Samajwadi Party
- C. Ambedkar Samaj Party
- D. Akhil Bharatiya Loktantrik Congress
- E. None of these

73. Rajyogini Dadi Janki passed away recently, she was chief of which spiritual organization?

A. Vipassana International Academy, Igatpuri Nashik

B. Auroville, Pondicherry

C. The Art of Living International Centre, Bangalore

D. Brahmakumaris Sansthan

E. Vishwayatna Yoga Ashram Katra

74. Which of the following has launched anti-COVID-19 campaign "Operation Namaste" to help the government in its fight against the pandemic?

A. NDRF B. Indian Army

- C. Delhi Police D. Indian Air Force
- E. None of these

75. Which of the following hospitals has tested a series of trials on a humanoid robot to serve the COVID-19 patients?

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A. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi B. Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital, Jaipur

- C. Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi D. Christian Medical College, Vellore
- E. None of these

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1. Ans. D.

* On January 16, 2020, the Government of Assam, Government of India and World Bank signed 88 million USD agreement.

* The agreement aims to modernize Assam's Ferry transport service on the Brahmaputra river.

* There are over 361 ferry routes across Brahmaputra river in Assam. These routes act as a crucial means of transport to 1000s of commuters in both rural and urban areas of the valley.

* The aim of the Assam Inland Water Transport Project (AIWTP) is to help Assam improve its ferry infrastructure and strengthen institutions operating inland water transport.

2. Ans. E.

• World Bank to provide USD 80 mn to improve water management in Himachal Pradesh.

• The World Bank will provide USD 80 million (about Rs 600 crore) loan to improve water management practices and increase agricultural productivity in selected gram panchayats or village councils in Himachal Pradesh

3. Ans. C.

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

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

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

• But the UCBs want to become SFB will require net worth ₹100 crores, which will have to be increased to ₹200 crores within five years from the date of commencement of business.

4. Ans. C.

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

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

5. Ans. E.

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

6. Ans. E.

• Yes Bank to be excluded from Nifty 50

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

7. Ans. B.

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

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

8. Ans. D.

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

• The Cabinet approved Foreign Direct Investment, FDI policy on civil aviation 9. Ans. A.

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

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

10. Ans. B.

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

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

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

11. Ans. C.

• 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 12. Ans. F.

• The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to provide Rs 5,559 crore viability gap funding for building a 1,656 km gas grid in the Northeast region.

• The funding will be provided to Indradhanush Gas Grid Ltd for setting up the North-East Natural Gas Pipeline Grid. 13. Ans. C.

• The Reliance General Insurance Company Limited , one of the leading insurance companies in India, has launched a comprehensive health insurance plan called "Reliance Health Infinity".

• Under the plan, the minimum sum insured will be Rs. 3 lakh while the maximum sum insured limit will be Rs. 1 crore.

14. Ans. C.

• 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.

15. Ans. D.

• Manpreet Singh and Rani Rampal won the Hockey India Dhruv Batra Player of the Year Award 2019 for Men and Women respectively, at the Hockey India 3rd Annual Awards 2019.

• Mr. Harbinder Singh won the prestigious Hockey India Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2019

16. Ans. B.

• Mumbai will get a world-class marina with a parking facility for 300 yachts.

• As per the global tender floated by Mumbai Port Trust, the marina will be built under the public private partnership model at an estimated cost of Rs 300 crore.

17. Ans. B.

• The Manipur government has announced new schemes to provide benefits to the sportspersons and artistes in the state who have brought laurels to the nation.

• The state government announced two new schemes- CMAST scheme and CMAT scheme. The schemes are expected to be implemented at a cost of Rs 7.36 crore and Rs 5.70 crore respectively.

18. Ans. A.

• India observes National Vaccination Day every year on 16th March. The day is also known as National Immunization Day.

• The Government of India celebrates National Vaccination Day every year to convey the importance of vaccination to the people of the country.

19. Ans. D.

• 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.

20. Ans. D.

• The Union Budget is presented by the union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman by means of the Finance bill and the Appropriation bills.

• These bills have to be passed by Lok Sabha before it can come into effect on 1 April 2020, when new financial year will start.

21. Ans. B.

* In a bid to promote digital India initiative of the central Government, Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has launched India's 1st prepaid wallet card `Enkasu'

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(My cash in Tamil) in Karur, Tamil Nadu (TN) under its Quit cash movement.

* The card functions based on Near Field Communication Technology (NFC) in a semi closed loop & the customers buying this card can make 'tap & go' payments for even small purchases to merchants from an amount of Rs. 1 to doing away with the need for cash & small change. 22, Ans. A.

• The "Invincible – A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar" was authored by Tarun Vijay and released by defence minister Rajnath Singh on 16th March 2020.

• Recently Union Minister Nitin Gadkari presented the book to President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on the first death anniversary of Manohar Parrikar.

23. Ans. B.

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

24. Ans. C.

• Union Budget 2020-2021 has allocated Rs 22, 000 crore towards power and renewable energy sector.

• It is proposed to promote "smart" metering in all the States and Union Territories by replacing conventional energy meters by prepaid smart meters in the next 3 years.

25. Ans. D.

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

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

26. Ans. C.

• 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.

27. Ans. C.

• The Naval Dockyard at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh has designed 'Portable Multi-feed Oxygen Manifold (MOM)'.

• This oxygen manifold is designed to supply oxygen to multiple patients at a time, which could prove helpful in a contingency created by COVID-19 spread.

• The preliminary trials were conducted at MI Room at NDV, followed by rapid trials at the Naval Hospital INHS Kalyani, where it was successfully installed within 30 minutes.

28. Ans. A.

• Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology has signed an agreement with the Wipro 3D, Bengaluru to jointly manufacture automated ventilators.

• The two organisations will jointly manufacture a prototype of an emergency ventilator system based on Artificial Manual Breathing Unit (AMBU).

• The Artificial Manual Breathing Unit (AMBU) has been developed by SCTIMST.

• The AMBU bag is a hand-held device that provides positive pressure ventilation to a patient who is either not breathing or who is breathing inadequately.

29. Ans. B.

• Indian Navy's Naval Dockyard in Mumbai has designed and developed its own handheld infrared-based temperature sensor gun for the screening of personnel in a bid to limit the spread of COVID-19.

• Since the outbreak of the virus, temperature guns and non-contact thermometers have become scarce in the country.

• The sensor gun is to be used to check the personnel entering at the gates of the

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yard. They will help fight against virus more efficiently.

• The instrument was manufactured at less than Rs 1000.

30. Ans. A.

The Government of India has launched the mobile application "Aarogya Setu" to connect essential health services with the people of India to fight against COVID-19.
The mobile application aims to augment the initiatives of the Government of India, particularly the Department of Health, by proactively reaching out to and inform the users of the app regarding the risks, best practices along with the relevant advisories related to the containment of COVID-19.

31. Ans. B.

• The 2021 world athletics championships will be shifted to 2022. The championship was originally scheduled to held in Eugene, Oregon from August 6-15, 2021.

• The announcement came immediately after the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic will now take place on July 23-August 8, 2021.

• The athletics federation also talking to the organisers of the 2022 European Athletics Championships, which are due to take place in Munich on August 11-21.

• The World Athletics also in discussions with the Commonwealth Games Federation and the European Championships, as both of the events are due to be held in 2022.

32. Ans. D.

• PhonePe has announced the launch of a unique coronavirus hospitalisation insurance policy called "Corona Care." It has partnered with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

• PhonePe users can purchase their Coronavirus insurance policy under the "My Money" section on the PhonePe app.

• The entire policy purchase process takes less than 2 minutes and customers will be instantly issued their policy documents inside the PhonePe app. 33, Ans. A.

• The Emmy award-winning singersongwriter Adam Schlesinger passed away due to COVID-19. • Adam was also the co-founder of the 2000s pop-rock band 'Fountains of Wayne'.

• In his career Adam Schlesinger earned nominations for Oscars, Tonys, Grammys and Emmys. Adam won the Emmy Award in 2019 for his outstanding original music and lyrics for Antidepressants Are So Not A Big Deal from the TV musical drama Crazy Ex-Girlfriend.

• He also won Grammy in 2009 for his work on A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift Of All.

34. Ans. C.

• The Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government has issued a modified set of guidelines for the distribution of 25 lakh house sites to urban and rural poor under the Navaratnalu- Pedalandariki Illu (Houses for All Poor) programme

• Apart from getting necessary approvals under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), It has been working with Housing And Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) and other organizations to secure loans.

35. Ans. A.

• The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the formation of Joint Venture (JV) between Adani Green Energy Limited and Total S.A. for solar power generation in India.

• The proposed combination predicts that Adani Green Energy will transfer certain of its subsidiaries to a newly incorporated company (JV) & then the total S.A. will acquire 50% of JV's equity share capital, either directly or indirectly.

36. Ans. D.

• The state government of Karnataka has launched a mobile application 'Corona Watch'.

• The mobile application aims to track the movement history of persons tested positive, before their detection in order to take precautions and to contain the coronavirus outbreak.

• The app will also provide the date and time of visit to spots by the patients. 'Corona Watch' app also comprises a list of government designated first response hospitals for COVID-19 where citizen with symptoms can visit.

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37. Ans. D.

• Amidst the rising cases of COVID-19 in the country, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur is developing portable ventilators which will be significantly cheaper than the ones available in the market.

• The prototype of this ventilator will be ready very soon and just after assembling, it can be used as a life support system.

• The ventilator is a very important medical equipment for COVID-19 Patients, especially those who are old and the virus can prove fatal to them.

38. Ans. C.

The United Nation's COP26 climate change conference set to take place in Glasgow in November has been postponed till next year due to COVID-19.
This decision has been taken by the COP Bureau of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), with the UK and its Italian partners.

• Dates for a rescheduled conference in 2021, hosted in Glasgow by the UK in partnership with Italy, will be set out in due course following further discussion with parties.

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39. Ans. C.

• The tennis Grand Slam tournament Wimbledon 2020 has been cancelled for the first time since World War II due to coronavirus pandemic.

• The tournament organizer, All England Club (AELTC) after an emergency meeting announced that the Championships 2020 will be cancelled due to public health concerns linked to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic.

• The tournament was due to be played between 29 June and 12 July.

• The entire grass-court season has been abandoned, and there will be no professional tennis anywhere in the world until at least 13 July.

40. Ans. C.

• Philip Anderson, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist who expanded the world's understanding of magnetism and superconductivity.

• He received Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977, along with Nevill Francis Mott of Britain & the American John Hasbrouck van Vleck.

• He served in the Navy during World War II & was assigned to work in the U.S. Naval Research Lab.

41. Ans. A.

• Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy has become the new Managing Director of the Sundaram Home Finance. He assumed the charge as MD of Sundaram Home Finance on 1st April, 2020.

• Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy has replaced Srinivas Acharya who was serving as the Managing Director of Sundaram Home Finance since 2010.

• Sundaram Home Finance is the wholly owned home finance subsidiary of Sundaram Finance Ltd.

42. Ans. A.

• 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.

43. Ans. B.

• The National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA) to launch its new mission called the Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE), a very large radio telescope to study how the sun generates & releases the giant space weather particle storms(solar storms) into planetary space.

• The study will help to protect the astronauts that travel to the moon & mars by providing better information on how the Sun's radiation affects the space environment in which they travel. 44. Ans. B.

• The Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has come up with the 'Companies Fresh Start Scheme 2020' to enable companies make good of any filing-related defaults, irrespective of duration of default, and

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make a fresh start as a fully compliant entity.

• To provide a similar facility to Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), the MCA has also revised the `LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020'.

• The Fresh Start scheme and modified LLP Settlement Scheme reduce compliance burden during the unprecedented public health situation caused by Covid-19

45. Ans. C.

• Author & screenwriter Satyarth Nayak authored his 1st non-fiction book titled as 'Sridevi: The Eternal Screen Goddess' which is about the late actress Sridevi. It is published by Penguin eBury Press

• The book states about her cinematic journey from child star to megastar & also give glimpses of her as a person, sister, mother & wife.

• Satyarth Nayak is known for his bestselling novel The Emperor's Riddles (2014), a historical thriller.

46. Ans. B.

• The Ministry of Tourism has launched a portal 'Stranded in India' to help foreign tourists who are stuck in various parts of the country.

• Its web address is strandedinindia.com.

• The portal consists of information around COVID-19 helpline numbers and call centres that foreign tourists can reach out for help.

• The COVID-19 helpline number for foreign tourists stuck in India is +91-11-23978046 or 1075

47. Ans. B.

• A team at IIT Bombay has developed a mobile app named 'CORONTINE'.

• The 'CORONTINE' app aims to help the authorities in tracking the asymptomatic carriers and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease.

• The mobile app 'CORONTINE' would be installed on the mobile of asymptomatic carriers (AC) by an authorized agency (AA). The app will share the GPS coordinates of the mobiles on the regular intervals with a server under the supervision of authorized agency. 48. Ans. D. • Himachal Pradesh government has started "Active Case Finding Campaign" in the state.

• The campaign has been rolled out in the state to provide information about the symptoms of COVID-19 to the people at their doorsteps.

• Under the "Active Case Finding Campaign", the information would be provided to the people by the health workers.

• Every ASHA worker with a two-person team will reach out every house in the village and collect health information of every person.

49. Ans. A.

• BharatPe inks partnership with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited to introduce 'COVID-19 Protection Insurance Cover'.

• This Insurance cover for shopkeepers, who are most affected financially due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

• According to this policy, 100% of the sum assured will be paid to the policyholder for the diagnosis of Coronavirus. This includes expenses incurred after hospitalization.

• The ICICI Lombard Health Cover, available on the BharatPe app, provided at a reasonable cost & offers a premium starting from Rs 199 and a sum assured of Rs 25,000 and value-added benefits. 50. Ans. C.

• The legendary historian and educationist, Professor Arjun Dev passed away. He was born on November 12, 1938, in Leiah, West Punjab (now in Pakistan).

• He served as a historian at the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT).

• Arjun Dev served as Member Secretary of the National Steering Committee on Textbook evaluation.

51. Ans. B.

• The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has designed a casualty evacuation bag to transport or isolate persons infected with COVID-19.

• The bag is water and air-proof and treated to deal with biological agents.

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DRDO will be procuring an initial lot of 500 such bags.

• DRDO's Defence Bioengineering and Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL), which carries out research in aeromedical engineering and life support equipment and Nuclear Chemical and Biological (NBC) protection systems, has developed this bag.

52. Ans. C.

• Adjaristsqali Georgia LLC, a Joint Venture between Tata Power, Norway's Clean Energy Invest (CEI), and International Financial Corporation (IFC) has announced the start of commercial operation of the 178 MW Shuakhevi Hydro Power Project (Shuakhevi HPP) located in southwest Georgia.

• The project will generate around 450 GWh of clean energy to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases by more than 200,000 tonnes a year.

• The power generated by the project will be exclusively sold within Georgia throughout the winter which is a period of energy deficit.

53. Ans. B.

• 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.

54. Ans. D.

• Former Deputy Chairman of the Indian Planning Commission Padma Vibhushan awardee (2011) Montek Singh Ahluwalia authored a book titled 'Backstage: The Story Behind India's High Growth Years' which captures the essence of policymaking between 1985 and 2014.

• The book states about India's spectacular economic growth and its historic achievements in poverty alleviation during the 10-year tenure of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), as

well as allegations of policy freeze and corruption in India's recent history & is published by Rupa Publication.

55. Ans. C.

• The Jharkhand Government has launched a mobile app PRAGYAAM to issue e-passes. The app was launched by the State Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

• The app aims to issue e-passes to everyone associated with the delivery of essential services during the nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19.

56. Ans. C.

* The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 have been postponed by one year and will be held from 23 July to 8 August, 2021.

* The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 were earlier scheduled to be held from 24 July to 9 August 2020.

* The decision to postpone the 32nd edition of the tournament was taken by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) along with the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Government of Japan.

* The decision has been taken by the IOC amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

57. Ans. A.

* 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.

58. Ans. C.

* Andhra Pradesh State government has set up "Mobile Hand-wash facilities" for the benefit of Slum Dwellers amidst lockdown in the state.

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* This facility to help them protect themselves from COVID-19.

* The mobile Hand Wash facility has become handy for both the state authorities and slum dwellers to access facility of hands cleaning.

59. Ans. D.

* Tamil folk singer and actress Paravai Muniyamma passed away. She was born on June 26, 1937, in Paravai, Madurai, Tamil Nadu (TN). The acting career of Muniyamma began in the year 2003 in the film Dhool.

* Her song "Madurai Veeran" became a huge hit. She had appeared in over 50 films, usually playing grandmother roles. In March 2019, Muniyamma was honoured with the Kalaimamani title by the Tamil Nadu government.

60. Ans. A. * The High-Level Committee (HLC) under the Chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved Rs 5,751.27 crores as additional Central assistance under National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF)

to 8 States affected by floods, landslides, cyclones 'Bulbul' & drought during 2019. 61. Ans. B.

* The United States of America (USA) will provide additional USD 174 million financial assistance to 64 countries atrisk which includes USD 2.9 million to India as a support for combating the coronavirus pandemic.

* In February 2020, the USA provided 100 million aid for the same purpose.

* The \$2.9 million aid will help the India government in preparing laboratory systems, activate case finding and eventbased surveillance, and support technical experts for response and preparedness, etc.

62. Ans. B.

* The Government of India has launched a coronavirus risk-tracking app called 'Corona Kavach' to protect Indian citizens from getting infected by COVID-19.

* Jointly developed by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the app uses a person's location to assess whether they are in the high-risk geographical zone or not.

* The app is now available for download on Google Play Store for Android phones. 63. Ans. E.

* The Hindu Annual Prize 2019 is awarded to Mirza Waheed's Tell Her Everything (Fiction)-2019 and Santanu Das's India, Empire, and First World War Culture: Writings, Images and Songs (Non-Fiction)-2018.

* Mirza Waheed's novel talks about human ethics, noble love & the corrosive nature of companionship & is published by Westland Publications Limited (Context).

* He also has written 2 other novels namely: The Collaborator (2012), The Book of Gold Leaves(2014) & also is a journalist.

* Santanu Das' book retrieves the intellectual worlds of militants, noncombatants and civilians from India, who were not divided in World War I, is published by Cambridge University Press. 64. Ans. C.

* Asian Development Bank (ADB) will invest \$100 million into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India Fund of Funds (FoF).

* With this, the FoF has now received a total of \$700 million in commitments.

* The investment comes at a time when India's economy is expected to suffer huge losses due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic.

* This will help in increasing the capital of domestic private equity funds in India. It will also contribute a great deal in providing long term growth financing for private sector companies, social infrastructure development and economic development.

65. Ans. D.

* The Karnataka government has devised a GPS coordinate-based mechanism that tracks persons under order of home quarantine and has instructed them to send selfies or photos to the monitoring team to ensure they are following the isolation norms.

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* The government has developed the mobile app and is instructing all persons under order of home quarantine to send their selfies to the government every one hour from home.

* The selfie or photo contains GPS coordinates. So the location of the sender gets known. If the home quarantine person fails to send a selfie every hour (except sleep time, from 10 pm to 7 am), the government team will reach such defaulters and they are liable to be shifted to a government-created mass quarantine facility.

66. Ans. A.

* Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a big consolidation of public sector banks in 2019.

* As per the scheme of amalgamation, 10 public sector banks are to be merged into 4 banks.

* Now, the Reserve Bank of India has notified with a circular that the mega merger of 10 PSBs will be effective from the start of new financial year i.e. 1st April 2020.

67. Ans. C.

* The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of the tenure of RBI (Reserve Bank of India) Deputy Governor, Bibhu Prasad Kanungo for a period of one year up to April 3, 2021.

* His tenure is going to end on April 2, 2020.

* Kanungo was appointed as the Deputy Governor of RBI on April 3, 2017.He was assigned the portfolio of monetary policy and forecasting department in addition to his regular portfolio currency management after the exit of Viral Acharya.

68. Ans. A.

• A United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 rocket lifted off carrying a USD 1.4 billion Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF-6) communications satellite for the U.S. Space Force in Florida.

• This was the sixth and final satellite of the AEHF constellation that provides secure, jam-proof voice and data communications for U.S. national leadership, military forces.

• It has international partners like Canada, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Australia.

69. Ans. B.

* UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has set up "Team-11" comprising of as many inter-departmental committees to fight the coronavirus spread. He has formed 11 inter-departmental committees with over two dozen senior government officials working at crucial levels under the CM's supervision. Each of the committees will be headed by a senior bureaucrat of the state while the CM will be the head of the Team-11.

70. Ans. C.

* The Republic of North Macedonia has inducted officially as the 30th and newest member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

* This membership comes after North Macedonia's 2017 deal with Greece under which the former changed its name from Macedonia.

* After the name change, Greece agreed to drop objections to its NATO and European Union (EU) membership.

* North Macedonia was granted a protocol on accession to NATO membership in February 2019.

71. Ans. B.

* The International Association of Athletics Federations-IAAF, has suspended Indian shot putter Navin Chikara (23) for 4- years for failing an out-of-competition dope test in 2018.

* Chikara is suspended for use of a banned substance GHRP-6 (Growth hormone-releasing peptide). This 4-year suspension will be considered effective from July 27, 2018.

* Chikara won the silver medal in the 2018 Federation Cup. At the same year, he was runner up in the Inter State Championship. In November 2018, a suspension was imposed on him.

72. Ans. B.

* Beni Prasad Verma, a founding member of the Samajwadi Party (SP) & former Union Minister passed away at the age of 79 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

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* He was considered close to party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav.

* Verma served as the telecom minister between 1996-1998 in then Prime Minister (PM) H D Deva Gowda's Cabinet and was the steel minister Congress- led UPA (United Progressive Alliance) government.

73. Ans. D.

* Rajyogini Dadi Janki, the chief of Brahmakumaris Sansthan passed away at the age of 104 in Mount Abu, Rajasthan.

* She was born on January 1, 1916 in Hyderabad city located in Sindh province now in Pakistan.

* Brahmakumaris Sansthan is world's largest spiritual organization run by women.

74. Ans. B.

* The Indian Army has code-named its anti-COVID-19 campaign as Operation Namaste to help the government in its fight against the pandemic.

* Soldiers are advised to follow the lockdown, wherever they do not have any operational role, and stay fit. They are assured that their families will be well taken care of. * Leave extension of those on leave as well as curtailment of leave to bare minimum have been imposed.

* Segregation facilities have been set up to observe troops already back from leave from various states.

So far six quarantine facilities at Manesar, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Chennai, have Hindan and Mumbai been established where 1,463 people coronavirus-affected evacuated from countries have been accommodated. 75. Ans. B.

• The Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Government Hospital in Jaipur is conducting a series of trials on a humanoid robot to serve the COVID-19 patients.

• This will help in keeping the doctors and nursing staff at a safe distance to protect them against the dreaded coronavirus.

• The humanoid robot to be used is battery-operated and has a life span of 4-5 years.

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