

75+ April 2020 Current Affairs Questions PDF



1. Which of the following mobile applications becomes the world's fastest app to reach 50 million downloads in just 13 days?

- A. Aarogya Setu
- B. UMANG
- C. mPassport Seva
- D. MyGov

Ans. A
Sol.

- NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant stated that Centre's mobile app, Aarogya Setu has become the world's fastest app to reach 50 million (5 crore) downloads in just 13 days.
- It is developed for tracking COVID-19 patients.
- The app is developed by the National Informatics Center (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in just 4 days, it supports 11 languages.

2. Which of the following states provides free food to citizens via Mukhya Mantri Didi Kitchen (MMDK)?

- A. Bihar
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jharkhand

Ans. D
Sol.

- The Jharkhand state government has launched the Mukhya Mantri Didi Kitchen (MMDK) to provide free food to the most-needy, differently abled, children and identified poorest of the poor households in the villages.
- At present about 4185 community kitchens are being run in as many numbers of Panchayats in the state.

3. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra has been appointed as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in Canara Bank, formerly he was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank?

- A. Syndicate Bank
- B. Corporation Bank
- C. Andhra Bank
- D. Allahabad Bank

Ans. A
Sol.

- Syndicate Bank Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mrutyunjay Mahapatra has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in Canara Bank.
- The appointments come after some of the public sector banks were merged by the government with effect from April 2020.
- Mahapatra has been appointed as an OSD in Canara Bank from April 1, 2020 till the age of his retirement.
- Syndicate Bank merged with Canara Bank from April 1, 2020.

4. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive of Paytm General Insurance Ltd?

- A. Vineet Arora
- B. Madhur Deora
- C. Vikas Garg
- D. Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Ans. A
Sol.

- Paytm has appointed Vineet Arora as new managing director and chief executive officer of Paytm General Insurance Ltd.
- Prior to this, he has served as managing director and chief executive officer of Aegon Life Insurance Company.
- The appointment is a step for Paytm to further its journey into the insurance sector with an instantaneous specialise in general insurance.

5. Which of the following institutions has developed cost-effective disinfectant chamber called 'ZERO-COV'?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- B. National Institute of Technology-Karnataka
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- D. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Ans. B
Sol.

- In view of increasing pandemic coronavirus (Covid-19) cases, a team of researchers from National Institute of Technology-Karnataka (NIT-K) at



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Surathkal, has designed a disinfection chamber called 'ZERO-COV' to disinfect personal protective equipment (PPE) tools, surgical masks, vegetables, packaged food items, currency notes and other day-to-day items within 15 minutes.

6. Which of the following power companies has won Edison Award for social innovation?

- A. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd
- B. Tata Power Ltd
- C. Power Grid Corporation Of India Ltd
- D. NTPC Ltd

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tata Power bags Edison Award for social innovation. The company bags the awards for its 'Club Enerji #Switchoff2SwitchOn' campaign. It has brought about 533 participating schools across India, saving over 29.8 million units of power since its inception in 2007.

- Tata Power is India's largest integrated power company and has an installed capacity of 10,763 megawatts together with its subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities.

7. Who has been conferred with the 13th International Prize for Arabic Fiction (IPAF) 2020 for his novel 'The Spartan Court'?

- A. Hoda Barakat
- B. Ghada al-Samman
- C. Abdelouahab Aissaoui
- D. Alaa Al Aswany

Ans. C

Sol.

- Algerian Novelist Abdelouahab Aissaoui won the 13th International Prize for Arabic Fiction (IPAF) 2020 for his novel 'The Spartan Court' published by Dar Min in 2018 & will receive USD 50,000 and funding will be provided for the English translation.

- It is shortlisted from 6 novels, where the other 5 authors will each receive USD 10,000.

8. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh has set up India's 1st remote health monitoring system in partnership with which institutions?

- A. Infosys
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited
- C. Wipro
- D. Tata Consultancy Services

Ans. B

Sol.

- * The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-Rishikesh, in collaboration with Bengaluru-based Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has developed a health monitoring system to remotely assess the health of Covid-19 patients quarantined in homes and hospitals.

- * Besides aiming at significantly reducing the risk of exposure to healthcare workers, the solution is also expected to reduce the increasing demand of PPE and other logistics.

9. Famous sportsperson Doug Sanders passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Swimming
- D. Golf

Ans. D

Sol.

- * Former pro golfer Doug Sanders passed away.

- * Known as the 'Peacock of the Fairways', Sanders was one of the most colourful personalities on the PGA Tour, capturing 20 titles including the 1956 Canadian Open.

- * He had four runner-up finishes in majors with the 1970 Open Championship engrained in most golf fans minds.

10. Which becomes the first state to start pool testing of COVID-19 after getting permission from the Indian Council of Medical Research?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Delhi
- C. Uttar Pradesh



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D. Kerala

Ans. C

Sol.

* The ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) gave permission for the state of Uttar Pradesh to start pool testing of COVID-19. With this, UP has become the first state to start pool testing.

* Pool testing is being done in the state to increase the number of testing.

* Under Pool Testing, if 10 samples of COVID-19 test negative, then it is an indicator that all the samples test negative.

* On the other hand, if the samples tested are not negative, individual testing will be done. Under pool testing, the samples will be mixed and tested.

* The pool testing increases the testing capacity of a state. The method will accelerate the testing process.

11. Which of the following private sector banks has extended the bancassurance with Max Life Insurance for 5 more years & Dedicated FY21 as "Year of the Customer".

A. HDFC Bank

B. ICICI Bank

C. Yes Bank

D. Axis Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Yes Bank has extended the bancassurance partnership for the next 5 years with Private sector life insurer Max Life Insurance.

* Under the partnership, the products of the life insurer would be sold through the branches of Yes Bank.

* In this regard, the both companies dedicated the current financial year i.e. FY 2020-21 as the "Year of the Customer".

12. Which Infrastructure company has received "Letter of Award" (LoA) for the development and operations of Bhogapuram International Airport in Andhra Pradesh?

A. GMR Infrastructure Limited

B. Larsen & Toubro Infrastructure Development Projects Limited

C. Reliance Infrastructure Limited

D. IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited

Ans. A

Sol.

* GMR Airports Limited, one of the subsidiary of GMR Infrastructure has received "Letter of Award" (LoA) for the development and operations of Bhogapuram International Airport in Andhra Pradesh.

* In February 2019, GMR Airports had emerged as the highest bidder for project on a public-private partnership basis.

* The project involves design, build, finance, construction, development, up-gradation, modernization, operation and maintenance of Bhogapuram International Airport for 40 years, extendable by additional 20 years.

13. Which ministry has started web-portal named 'YUKTI' to cover different dimensions of COVID-19 challenges in a comprehensive and holistic way?

A. Ministry of Home Affairs

B. Ministry for Human Resource Development

C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Ans. B

Sol.

* Ministry for Human Resource Development has starts web-portal named YUKTI (Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation) in New Delhi.

* The web portal and dashboard will help to monitor and record the efforts and initiatives of the Ministry of HRD.

* Its plan to cover different dimensions of COVID-19 challenges in a comprehensive and holistic way.

14. Which of the following become the first state to geotag its community kitchens and community shelters?

A. Andhra Pradesh

B. Maharashtra

C. Uttar Pradesh



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D. Odisha

Ans. C

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to geotag its 7,368 community kitchens and community shelters across 75 districts which produce 12 lakh food packets a day.
- The State Government of Uttar Pradesh joined hands with Google to geo tag community kitchens in the state. The kitchens produce 12 lakh food packets per day.
- The State Government mobilized state resources on massive scale to establish the kitchens. This was done through religious organizations and non-governmental organizations.

15. What amount of compensation has been announced for the Post Office employees if they succumb to coronavirus on duty?

- A. 5 Lakh
- B. 10 Lakh
- C. 15 Lakh
- D. 20 Lakh

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Central Government has decided to provide a compensation of Rs 10 lakh each to all postal employees succumbing to COVID-19 on duty.
- The guidelines will come into effect immediately and continue for the entire period till the crises of COVID-19 is over.
- The Department of Posts comes under essential services. The Postal employees including Gramin Dak Sevaks are performing various duties to provide customers mail delivery, Post Office Saving Bank, Postal Life Insurance, the ease of money withdrawal at his/her doorstep from any bank and any branch under the AePS facility.
- Additionally, the Post Office is also delivering COVID-19 kits, food packets, rations and essential medicines etc. across the country by liaising with local State administration and police authorities. Thus,

Post Office is performing departmental duties as well as serving the social cause in the COVID-19 crisis times.

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16. Who has authored the book titled "Shuttling to the Top: The Story of P.V. Sindhu"?

- A. Kadambari Murali
- B. Mayanti Langer
- C. V. Krishnaswamy
- D. Sushil Dhoshi

Ans. C

Sol.

- Sports journalist, V. Krishnaswamy, authored a book titled "Shuttling to the Top: The Story of P.V. Sindhu", released. The book narrates the journey of badminton player PV Sindhu, from her early life to becoming a world champion and what lies ahead.
- The book has been published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
- Sindhu is India's first and only woman athlete to win silver at the Olympics as well as the only Indian named in Forbes' list of world's top 10 highest-paid female athletes.

17. World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed globally every year on which date?

- A. 19th April
- B. 20th April
- C. 21st April
- D. 22nd April

Ans. C

Sol.

- World Creativity and Innovation Day is observed globally on 21 April every year.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness around the importance of creativity and innovation in problem-solving with respect to advancing the United Nations sustainable development goals, also known as the "global goals".
- The main objective of the day is to encourage people to use new ideas, make new decisions, and do creative thinking.



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Creativity is what makes the world go 'round.

18. Who among the following has won the Formula One Esports Chinese Virtual Grand Prix championship?

- A. Charles Leclerc
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Sebastian Vettel

Ans. A

Sol.

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc wins the Formula One Esports Chinese Virtual Grand Prix championship.
- Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the actual F1 races are not being held.
- In its place, Formula 1 has announced new F1 Esports Virtual Grand Prix series.
- The virtual races will run instead of each delayed Grand Prix.
- The Virtual Grand Prix series to use the official F1 2019 PC video game, developed by Codemasters.

19. Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) have discovered hundreds of Lithium rich giant stars, the institute is based in _____.

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Coimbatore

Ans. C

Sol.

- A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) have discovered hundreds of Lithium (Li) rich giant stars, which proves it is being produced in the stars and accounts for its abundance in the interstellar medium.
- It is a premier institute devoted to research in astrophysics based in Bengaluru, (Karnataka).
- They also established the connection between Lithium rich Helium (He) burning stars with red giant stars (also known as red clump giants).

20. Who has authored the book titled "How the Onion Got Its Layers"?

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Kiran Desai
- D. Sudha Murty

Ans. D

Sol.

- The book titled "How the Onion Got Its Layers" authored by Sudha Murty was published by Puffin.
- The book is being released in its e-book and audio form for young children.
- The book seeks answers to several questions related to the bulb like its many layers and why it brings tears to the eyes when cut.

21. What is the theme of the Earth Day or International Mother Earth Day 2020?

- A. Environmental and Climate Literacy
- B. Water Wonderful World
- C. Clean Earth, Green Earth
- D. Climate Action

Ans. D

Sol.

- Earth Day or International Mother Earth Day is observed globally on 22 April every year.
- Earth Day 2020 will be celebrated all over the world to spread awareness for Earth's wellbeing and to encourage people to support environmental protection.
- World Earth Day 2020 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the day since it started being observed in 1970.
- The theme of Earth Day 2020: Climate Action.
- The organisers stated that the unified action on climate change has distinguished this issue making it the most pressing topic to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

22. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Huawei Telecommunications India?

- A. David Li
- B. Ding Yun
- C. Hu Houkun



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D. Meng Wanzhou

Ans. A

Sol.

- David Li has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Huawei Telecommunications India.
- He has replaced Jay Chen who has been promoted to handle Asia Pacific level business role.
- David Li was serving as CEO of Huawei Cambodia before returning to India to take on his new role.
- He joined Huawei in 2002 and has working experience in the Indian market, including in roles like vice president sales and vice president HR during different phases of his career.

23. Who among the following has been appointed as the MD & CEO of City Union Bank Ltd?

- A. R Mohan
- B. N Kamakodi
- C. K Swaminathan
- D. V Sivakumar

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the re-appointment of N Kamakodi as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).
- He joined CUB as Deputy General Manager (DGM) in 2003, elevated as General Manager in 2005, Executive Director in 2006 & as MD and CEO with effect from May 1, 2011.
- The reappointments will be effective from 1 May 2020.

24. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the HSBC Bank?

- A. Pauline van der Meer Mohr
- B. Noel Quinn
- C. Kathleen Casey
- D. Henri de Castries

Ans. B

Sol.

- HSBC Bank appointed Noel Quinn as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He served as the interim CEO of the bank since August 2019. He was the successor of John Flint.
- Noel joined HSBC in 1987 and has proven the outstanding candidate to take on a role permanently as CEO.
- Quinn will earn a base salary of 1.27 million pounds per annum.

25. Renowned politician Laisenia Qarase passed away recently, he was former Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Surinam
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Malaysia
- D. Fiji

Ans. D

Sol.

- The founder of the Soqosoqo Duavata Ni Lewenivanua Party & former Fiji Prime Minister (2000-2006) Laisenia Qarase passed away at 79 in Oceania Hospital, Suva due to an illness.
- He hails from Mavana, Vanuabalavu, Lau.
- He was the former Managing Director (MD) of Fiji Development Bank, served on the board of Fijian Holdings Limited, was a former Chairman of Fiji Television Limited, was the MD of Merchant Finance & also served as a senator after being nominated by the Great Council of Chiefs.

26. Which Indian badminton player has been selected as one of the ambassadors for Badminton World Federation (BWF)'s "I am badminton" awareness campaign?

- A. Saina Nehwal
- B. Srikanth Kidambi
- C. P. V. Sindhu
- D. Chirag Shetty

Ans. C

Sol.

- World Champion PV Sindhu, named as one of the ambassadors for Badminton World Federation's (BWF's) "I am badminton" awareness campaign to provide a platform for the players to express their love and respect for the sport.
- Other ambassadors of the "I am badminton" awareness campaign: the



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Chinese duo of Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong, Canada's Michelle Li, England's Jack Shephard, Hong Kong's Chan Ho Yuen, Germany's Valeska Knoblauch and Germany's Marc Zwiebler, who is Athletes' Commission Chair.

27. What is the slogan for the World Book and Copyright Day 2020 observed globally every year on 23rd April?

- A. Books and Readers
- B. "KL Baca – caring through reading"
- C. Books and Technology
- D. Books for everyone

Ans. B

Sol.

- World Book and Copyright Day is observed globally on 23 April every year.
- The purpose of this day to pay tribute to all those writers and authors who have respectable contributed to the social and cultural progress of humanity.
- Every year UNESCO and other international organisations representing the books publishing and books seller industries select a World Book Capital for a period of 1 year effective from 23 April and for 2020 its Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- The slogan for 2020 is "KL Baca – caring through reading".

28. Who has won the 2020 William E. Colby Award for his book "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster"?

- A. Douglas V. Mastriano
- B. Thomas P. McKenna
- C. Adam Higginbotham
- D. Logan Beirne

Ans. C

Sol.

- Adam Higginbotham's book "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster" wins the William E. Colby Award.
- The award is given for an outstanding book on military or intelligence history.
- The award is named for the late CIA director William E. Colby. The Colby award was established in 1999.

29. What is India's rank in the recently released World Press Freedom Index 2020?

- A. 165th
- B. 156th
- C. 142nd
- D. 134th

Ans. C

Sol.

- India has dropped two places on a global press freedom index to be ranked 142nd out of 180 countries in the annual Reporters Without Borders analysis.
- The World Press Freedom Index 2020' said that with no murders of journalists in India in 2019, as against six in 2018, the security situation for the country's media might seem, on the face of it, to have improved.
- Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF), or Reporters Without Borders, is a non-profit organisation that works to document and combat attacks on journalists around the world.
- Norway is ranked first in the Index for the fourth year running. China at 177th position is just three places above North Korea, which is at 180th.

30. National Panchayati Raj Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 22nd April
- B. 23rd April
- C. 24th April
- D. 25th April

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Nation celebrates National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April every year.
- * The Ministry of Panchayati Raj organizes the National Panchayati Raj day or the National Local Self Government Day.
- * India celebrates the first National Panchayati Raj Day or the National Local Government Day on April 2010.
- * On this day, in 1993, the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 came into force that has institutionalized Panchayati Raj through the village, Intermediate and District level Panchayats.



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31. Which state government has launched 'Apthamitra' app to provide facility that empower the people of the state in the fight against COVID-19?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

* Karnataka government has launched "Apthamitra" app and exclusive toll-free helpline number 14410.

* This facility is provided to empower the people of the state in the fight against COVID-19.

* The application aims at providing medical guidance and advice on COVID-19. The Apthamitra helpline dedicated to deal with only COVID-19-related queries including telemedicine, counselling and facilitating testing and treatment for those in need.

32. Which programme has been launched by the Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' for inviting e-learning Content contributions?

- A. "VidyaDaan 2.0"
- B. "VidyaDhan 2.0"
- C. "DikshaDaan 2.0"
- D. "GyaanVardhan 2.0"

Ans. A

Sol.

* National program "VidyaDaan 2.0" has been e-launched by the Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

* The National program "VidyaDaan 2.0" has been launched to invite e-learning content contributions as the requirement of e-learning content for students has increased in the backdrop of situation arising out of Covid-19 pandemic.

* VidyaDaan is defined as a common national program for individuals & organizations across the nation to donate or contribute e-learning resources for

school as well as higher education in order to ensure the continuity of quality learning.

* This donated/shared content will be utilized on the DIKSHA app. Via DIKSHA app, this donated/shared content will help children across India to continue their learning anytime and anywhere.

33. Which organization under its flagship Education for Justice Initiative launched the "Lockdown Learners" series of online dialogues with students and educators in India?

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNODC
- D. UNDP

Ans. C

Sol.

* The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) under its flagship Education for Justice Initiative launched the "Lockdown Learners" series of online dialogues with students and educators in India on COVID-19 & its impact on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), peace and the rule of law.

* The aim of this initiative is to make students aware of the vulnerable groups and emerging issues such as cyber crime, misinformation, gender-based violence, discrimination, and corruption, among others.

* To provide a platform for students to receive mentorship and knowledge support by activity-based learning, & use their talent, skills to promote awareness and also to address some of these problems by sharing their ideas & solutions.

34. Which bank has launched Working Capital demand Loan for agriculture sector, a special credit facility for the agriculture sector & allied activities?

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

Ans. B

Sol.



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* Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched Working Capital demand Loan for agriculture sector (WCDL-Agri), a special credit facility for the agriculture sector & allied activities as a relief measure to fight the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

* The loans will be available to all the existing borrowers whose accounts are 'standard' and 'performing' as of March 2020 from poultry, dairy, fisheries and other allied activities and infrastructure activities such as cold storage and rural godowns.

* The bank will not charge processing fees or prepayment penalty & will offer loans of 10% of the existing fund based working capital limit with a maximum of Rs 10 crore for poultry sector and Rs 2 crore for other allied activities.

* The loan is repayable in 6 monthly instalments after an initial moratorium of 6 months. Interest will be serviced as and when debited.

35. The Pakistan Cricket Board has banned which cricketer from from all forms of cricket for a period of three years?

- A. Babar Azam
- B. Sarfaraz Ahmed
- C. Mohammad Amir
- D. Umar Akmal

Ans. D

Sol.

* The Pakistan Cricket Board has banned Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal from all forms of cricket for a period of three years.

* The Pakistani batsmen has been charged with two breaches of anti-corruption codes of Pakistan Cricket Board after he failed to report details of corrupt approaches made to him ahead of 2020 PSL.

* The Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal has been charged under Article 2.4.4, which deals with a failure of participant to disclose to the PCB Vigilance and Security Department (without unnecessary delay) full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in Corrupt Conduct under this Anti-Corruption Code".

36. Which state government has launched "Jivan Shakti Yojana" for women?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* Madhya Pradesh government has launched the "Jivan Shakti Yojana" for women.

* Under this scheme, women in urban areas can earn by making masks at home.

* The government will pay them Rs 11 per mask.

* The masks manufactured by women will be purchased at the district level at the rate fixed by the Madhya Pradesh government.

* A process to make payment will be initiated as soon as they deliver the masks and they will receive the payment in their account on the same day or the next day.

37. Which state government has started "Dhanwantari" scheme for home delivery of medicines?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Assam
- D. Bihar

Ans. C

Sol.

• Assam government has launched a new scheme called "Dhanwantari" for home delivery of medicines.

• The patients can send their prescriptions over the telephone or inform the health workers and the health department will ensure that it is delivered to them even if it is not in the list of available free medicines.

• This is the largest outreach programme taken up by any state government at this point of time.

• Under the scheme, locally unavailable medicines due to the lockdown shall be delivered to patients at home.

• The patients will not be charged if it is less than Rs 200 but if it is more than that, it will be charged.



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38. World Book and Copyright Day is observed globally on 23 April every year, the world book capital for 2020 is_____.

- A. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- B. Jakarta, Malaysia
- C. Sydney, Australia
- D. New Delhi, India

Ans. A

Sol.

- World Book and Copyright Day is observed globally on 23 April every year.
- The purpose of this day to pay tribute to all those writers and authors who have respectable contributed to the social and cultural progress of humanity.
- Every year UNESCO and other international organisations representing the books publishing and books seller industries select a World Book Capital for a period of 1 year effective from 23 April and for 2020 its Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

39. What amount of liquidity facility has been announced by the Reserve Bank of India for mutual funds?

- A. 25,000 crores
- B. 30,000 crores
- C. 40,000 crores
- D. 50,000 crores

Ans. D

Sol.

- To ease liquidity pressures on mutual funds, Reserve Bank of India today announced a special liquidity facility of ₹50,000 crore for mutual funds.
- The RBI's liquidity facility for mutual funds will be effective from today till May 11, 2020 or up to utilization of the allocated amount, whichever is earlier.

• The RBI also assured that it will review the timeline and amount, depending upon market conditions.

- Under this facility, the RBI will provide funds to banks at lower rates and banks can avail funds for exclusively meeting the liquidity requirements of mutual funds.
- Banks can extend loans to mutual funds, undertaking outright purchase of and/or repos against the collateral of investment grade corporate bonds, commercial papers (CPs), debentures and certificates of deposit (CDs) held by mutual funds.

40. The World Intellectual Property Day is observed globally on April 26 every year. What is the theme of the year for 2020?

- A. "Creativity – the next generation"
- B. "Innovate for a Green Future"
- C. Movies – a Global Passion
- D. Get Up, Stand Up for Music

Ans. B

Sol.

• World Intellectual Property Day is observed globally on April 26 every year. It was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the world".

• The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2020 is "Innovate for a Green Future".

• WIPO proclaimed, 26 April was chosen as the date for World Intellectual Property Day because it coincides with the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970.



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