





Weekly One Liners Updates 15-21st May2020

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Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third **week** (15-21st) of **May** 2020. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway** & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

L.	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the interest subsidy period for exporters till	31 March 2021.
	Notes	

- Exporters get the subsidy under the 'Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre and post shipment Rupee Export Credit', which was ended on March 31, 2020.
- ➤ The extension shall take effect from April 01, 2020 and will remain in force for a year with the same size and coverage.
- The move comes after the exporters, who are facing huge problems due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, had been demanding extension of the scheme.
- 2. MoneyGram Payment Systems has partnered with which bank to offer a cost-effective direct to bank account credit option for customers in India _____Federal Bank.

Note:

- Through this partnership, millions will be able to receive deposits directly in their bank accounts without leaving the confines of their homes which is imperative in the current situation.
- > This tie-up will help the non-resident Indians with access to modern, low cost, fast, easy and reliable ways for transferring money to India.
- Federal Bank has a 15% share of the country's remittance market and expects that the tie-up with MoneyGram will give the business a further boost.
- 3. The United Nations(UN) World Economic Situation and Prospects(WESP) mid-year report forecast that the COVID-19 pandemic situation will shrink the world economy by _____ 3.2%.

Note:

- The mid 2020 report of WESP states that the COVID-19 pandemic situation is expected to cut off the global economic output by arournd 8.5 trillion USD in the next two years which will nearly wipe out all the gains of the past four years.
- ➤ The UN forecast in January before the COVID-19 pandemic expected a modest acceleration of growth by 2.5% in 2020
- > Around 90% of the world economy is under the form of lockdown, disrupting supply chain, depressing consumer demand and unemployment.
- **4.** the United Nations (UN) World Economic Situation and Prospects(WESP) mid year report forecast that in 2020 India's economy to grow at ______ **1.2%.**

Note:

- > The report forecast that India's economy to grow at 1.2% in 2020 which is deterioration from the growth of 4.1% in 2019
- ➤ In 2018 the economy of India grew at 6.8% and expected to recover slightly and make 5.5% growth in 2021.
- The lockdown in India is expected to result in an economic depression at 1.2% lower than the growth in 2019.
- **5.** Which institutions has approved 1 billion USD to increase India's COVID-19 Social Protection response Program **World Bank.**

- Rs. 4100 crore (USD 550) of the approved Rs.7500 crore will be credited from the International Development Association(IDA), the World Bank's concessionary lending arm.
- ➤ The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development(IBRD) will loan 1500 crore (USD 200) with maturity of 18.5 years including a grace period of five years. The balance Rs.1900 crore (USD 250) will be available after the 30th June, 2020.



- This makes the total commitment from the World Bank to India for the COVID-19 response to Rs.15000 crore(USD 2 billion).
- 6. As per the report published by the Asian Development Bank global economy is expected to lose between _____ \$ 5.8 trillion to \$ 8.8 trillion.

- As per ADB, the GDP in South Asia is expected to decrease from \$ 142 billion (3.9%) -\$ 218 billion (6 %) due to stringent lockdown restrictions imposed by nations like Bangladesh, India and Pakistan to prevent the coronavirus infection.
- > If the Asia-Pacific region faces a brief 3-month containment ban, the GDP loss could be as high as \$ 1.7 trillion.
- ➤ But if the restrictions are stretched for six months to prevent infection, the loss could be up to \$ 2.5 trillion. The sector will account for about 30 % of the total loss in GDP around the world.
- 7. At the centers request the Reserve Bank of India has increased the Ways Means Advance limits of States by _____60

Per cent

Note:

- At Centre's request to the Reserve Bank of India, the RBI has increased Ways Means Advance limits of States by 60%.
- Number of days state can be in continuous overdraft from 14 days to 21 days.
- Number of days state can be in overdraft in a quarter from 32 to 50 days.
- 8. The Government of India and West Bengal Government have inked agreements with which organization to improve irrigation services and flood management in the Damodar Valley Command Area (DVCA) of West Bengal _____AIIB.

Note:

- > The agreement was inked with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for \$145million.
- The agreement was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and RajatMisra, Director General on behalf of the AIIB.
- The loan has a 6-year grace period, and a maturity of 24 years.
- 9. Which bank has launched a special business vertical dedicated for gold loans to meet the financial needs of its customers ____Canara Bank.

Note:

- ➤ The bank has launched a gold loan campaign till 30th June 2020 with an interest rate as low as 7.85% per annum.
- The credit can be utilised for different purposes, such as expenses for agriculture and allied activities, business needs, health emergencies and personal needs
- **10.** What amount has been extended by NABARD to co-operative banks and Regional Rural Banks(RRB's) in various States _____Rs **20,500 crores**.

Note:

- This amount is part of the Rs 25,000 crores of special refinance facility provided by the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) to NABARD for refinancing RRBs, cooperative banks and MicroFinance Institutions (MFIs).
- ➤ It aims to increase the resources of the Cooperative banks and RRBs to enable them to extend credit to farmers for taking up pre-monsoon and kharif(summer sown crops) 2020 operations.
- **11.** American brokerage Goldman Sachs expects in FY 21 the Indian economy to contract by 5%.

Note:

- It will be the deepest compared to all recessions India has ever experienced since 1979.
- ➤ It is against its earlier forecast of 0.4% contraction before revising it down to a level it shares with Japanese brokerage Nomura.
- **12.** Which becomes first bank in India to introduce video-KYC facility for saving account customers _____Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Note:

- Under the video conferencing KYC system, customers have to provide Aadhaar and PAN (Permanent Account Number) to open 'Kotak 811 savings account' in the Bank.
- After this, a bank official will complete the KYC process by verifying of documents, signature on a video call with the customer & this entire video will be saved.
- **13.** Which private sector bank has launched special fixed deposit (FD) scheme for senior citizens to help them get higher interest rate _____ICICI Bank.



- 'ICICI Bank Golden Years FD' scheme offers senior citizens an interest rate of 6.55% per annum for deposits up to ₹2 crore with a tenure of more than five years to 10 years.
- The scheme is available from May 20 to September 30, 2020.
- > It offers 80 basis points (bps) more than what is applicable to general public for the same deposit amount and tenor.
- Resident senior citizens can avail the benefit of this scheme for new FDs as well as renewal of old FDs.
- 14. eCommerce major Flipkart has partnered with which General Insurance Company to offer a digital motor insurance policy to Flipkart's customers _____ Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company.

- This partnership between the insurance company and an e-commerce major, will provide seamless, accessible as well as flexible insurance solution to the customers of Flipkart in order to safeguard their vehicles.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance also offers mobile insurance on Flipkart.
- > Flipkart Consumers can subscribe to this motor-insurance policy using their Flipkart app.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Sai Gundewar passed away recently, he was a veteran **Actor**.

Note:

- Film actor, model, voiceover artist and an entrepreneur, Sai Gundewar passed away.
- ➤ His popularity rose in 2010 after his participation in the hit Reality TV show MTV Splitsvilla, Season 4.
- ► He has also acted alongside Aamir Khan in PK, and Rock on.
- Renowned Personality Ratnakar Matkari passed away recently, he was a veteran Writer.

Note:

- Last week he was tested positive to coronavirus. He was born on 17th November 1938 in Mumbai, India.
- > He was the director and producer of numerous Marathi films and he was a self-taught artist and writer In the 1970's he wrote many columns for multiple newspapers and magazines.
- He was known for his acting skills who made his mark in plays like Prem Kahani, Vinashakadun Vinashakade, Lokakatha 78 and State Lote.
- 3. Name the former Former IDS MP passed away recently _____ Raja Rangappa Nayak.

Note:

- He had represented the Raichur constituency, Karnataka and was elected in the Lok Sabha elections held in 1996.
- ► He entered into politics as Mandal Pradhan of Rukmapur of Shorapur taluk.
- > He had served as chairman of the health standing committee of Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat in 1993.
- **4.** Name the veteran Bengali author passed away recently _____ **Debesh Roy.**

Note:

- Debesh Roy was known as a writer who broke the set patterns in the fictional world of Bengali literature.
- > He was a regular contributor to many Bengali dailies and a critic of the attacks on liberals in recent times and participated in protest meetings.
- His famous works includes Tista Parer Brittanto, Borisaler Jogen Mondal, Manush Khun Kore Keno and Samay **Asamayer Brittanto**
- He won the Sahitva Akademi award for his novel 'Tista Parer Brittanto' in 1990.
- 5. Name the Padma Bhushan recipient Bangladeshi professor passed away recently _____ Anisuzzaman.

Note:

- > He was born on February 18, 1937, in Calcutta, Bengal Presidency, British India and shifted to Bangladesh soon after the partition in 1947.
- > He made an immense contribution to Bangla language & literature through his research and writings.
- Anisuzzaman played a significant role in all democratic movements.
- Anisuzzaman was a member of the Planning Commission to the Government of Bangladesh during the Bangladesh liberation war and a member of the National Education Commission set up by the government after liberation.

Important Days

1. International Family Day observed globally every year on _____ 15th May.

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- > This day is spread awareness about the importance of families and the role of the international community in the development of the families.
- A happy and healthy family makes up for a supportive society, which in turn makes better citizens of the nation.
- 2. Armed Forces Day is observed every year on ____ third Saturday in May (16th May 2020).

Note:

- In 2020, it falls on the 16th of May.
- > This day is celebrated to pay tribute to the men and women who served the United States Armed Forces.
- Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Army, Air Force, United States Marine Corps (United States Marines), Coast Guard, US Navy, and therefore the newly created Space Force.
- 3. The International Day of Light is celebrated every year on _____ **16th May.**

Note:

- > The Day is celebrated to celebrate the role that light plays in science, culture and art, education, and sustainable development, and also in the fields as diverse as medicine, communications, and energy.
- The day also marks the anniversary of first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman.
- **4.** World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed globally every year on ______ **17th May.**

Note:

- > The main aim to celebrates the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies.
- ➤ The theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day of 2020: "Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"
- **5.** World Hypertension Day is observed globally every year on _____ **17th May**.

Note:

- The main aim to celebrates the day is to promote public awareness of increasing high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer.
- The day was celebrated for the 1st time in May 2005.
- World Hypertension Day (WHD) is an initiative of the World Hypertension League (WHL), an affiliated section of the International Society of Hypertension.
- 6. International Museum Day is celebrated every year on _____ 18th May.

Note:

- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples."
- The International Museum Day 2020 was celebrated with the theme "Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion".
- 7. World Bee Day is observed globally every year on _____ **20th May**.

Note:

- > On this date, 20 May, the pioneer of beekeeping Anton Janša was born in 1734 in Slovenia.
- > The purpose of the bee day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem.
- About 33% of the world's food production depends on bees thus they are vital for the preservation of biodiversity, ecological balance in nature and helpful in reducing pollution.
- **8.** International Tea Day is observed globally every year on _____**21**st **May.**

Note:

- ➤ The purpose of International Tea Day is to try to improve the condition of tea producers and tea workers. Tea producing countries make a lot of profit but the condition of the labourers working in the tea plantations is very bad.
- Therefore, the purpose of International Tea Day is to encourage the status of tea workers, workers' rights, daily wages, social security, employment security, and health.
- 9. World Metrology Day is observed globally every year on _____ 20th May.



- Many nations on this day, internationally collaborate to create awareness about metrology and its advancement in the respective field.
- World Metrology Day is an annual celebration of the signature of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 in Paris, France by representatives of seventeen nations.
- The World Metrology Day project is realized jointly by the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM).
- **10.** Anti Terrorism Day 2020 is observed every year in India on _____**21**st **May.**

- > The day marks the death anniversary of India's seventh Prime Minister Rajiy Gandhi on 21 May 1991.
- ➤ He was killed in Tamil Nadu in a campaign by the Tamil Tigers Eelam (LTTE) a terrorist group.
- > After this assassination, V.P. Singh government has decided to observe 21st May as Anti Terrorism Day.

New Appointments

- Roberto Azevedo decides to resign a year before his term expires as head of which international organization _____WTO.
 Note:
 - > Mr Azevedo, a former diplomat from Brazil, will step down on August 31st, cutting short a seven-year tenure marked in recent years by intense pressure from US President Donald Trump.
 - In a special meeting of WTO delegations, Mr Azevedo said, it is a personal decision a family decision.
- 2. Who has been appointed as new Managing Director (MD) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank _____ Zubair Iqbal.

Note:

- Iqbal will have a three-year tenure.
- The appointments are based upon the continuous directions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to separate the positions of Chairman and Managing Director for better governance.
- 3. Benjamin Netanyahu has sworn in as the prime minister of which country for the 5th time _____Israel.

Note:

- ➤ He will now chair the post until 13 November 2021.
- With this, the longest political deadlock in the Isreal's history came to an end.
- > During the standoff, the caretaker government held the reins for more than 500 days and no one got a clear majority in three successive elections.
- **4.** Who has been appointed as the director-general (DG) of the Realtors body National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) ______ Rajesh Goel.

Note:

- Prior to this, he was serving as the chairman and managing director, Hindustan Prefab Ltd.
- ➤ He is a professional with over 37 years of experience in leading PSUs under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- **5.** Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer of TikTok, the popular video app owned by China's ByteDance Technology Co _____ Kevin Mayer.

Note:

- > Kevin Mayer led the successful launch of the Disney streaming service in November but in February was passed over as Disney's new chief executive.
- Mayer's appointment will be effective June 1, when he will also become chief operating officer of ByteDance.
- 6. Who has been appointed as the chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) ______ Govinda Rajulu Chintala.

- ➤ The appointments committee of the union cabinet cleared Chintala's appointment for two years till his superannuation in July 2022.
- ➤ He will replace Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
- 7. Who has been appointed as Chief Economist and Vice President of the World Bank _____ Carmen Reinhart. Note:



- Reinhart's experience and insights would prove invaluable during the current unprecedented crisis triggered by the coronavirus pandemic and the economic havoc it is wreaking around the globe.
- She will start her new job on June 15.
- 8. Who has been appointed as the President of Indian Steel Association (ISA) _____ Dilip Oommen.

- ➤ He is presently the CEO of Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India. He was unanimously appointed as President for the next two years.
- He will replace Tata Steel CEO TV Narendran, who stepped down as President on May 1.

Important News - India

- What was the theme of the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting held through Video Conferencing ______
 Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response.
 Note:
 - > Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare participated in the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting through Video Conference on 14 May.
 - > The meeting was held with a theme: Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response.
- 2. What amount has been allocated from Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust to fight against COVID-19 pandemic_____ Rs 3100 crores.

Note:

- ➤ PM CARES (Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations) Fund Trust has allocated Rs 3100 crores to fight against COVID-19 pandemic.
- > Out of the total amount around Rs 2000 crores will be allocated for the purchase of ventilators, Rs 1000 crores to care migrant labourers and Rs 100 crores to support vaccine development.
- 3. Central Government has set up a new body Rice Export Promotion Forum to give impetus to rice exports under the aegis of _____ APEDA.

Note:

- > Centre set up a new body Rice Export Promotion Forum to give impetus to rice exports under the aegis of Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Promotion Development Authority (APEDA).
- > The Constitution of Rice Export Promotion Forum has been done considering the importance of exporting rice and inherent the potentials and multifarious issues faced in the exportation.
- **4.** Prime Minister announced the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan with an economic stimulus package worth Rs 20 lakh crores which is almost what percent of GDP _____10 per cent.

Note:

- Recently, the Prime Minister has announced the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (or Self-reliant India Mission)' with an economic stimulus package worth Rs 20 lakh crores aimed towards achieving the mission
- The package is expected to focus on land, labour, liquidity and laws
- 5. Which institution has developed a low-cost device to detect the presence of melamine (adulterate) in milk and dairy products _____ Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

Note:

- > The techniques currently used to detect the presence of melamine are time-taking and typically require expensive and sophisticated equipment and highly trained personnel.
- With the help of a newly developed fluorometer device
- Researchers were able to detect up to 0.1 parts per million (ppm) of melamine in water and milk, which is much lower than the acceptable limit of 1 ppm.
- **6.** Which flagship social security scheme of the Government of India has completed five years of its implementation in May 2020 _____ Atal Pension Yojna.

- ➤ The scheme is being administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority through National Pension System (NPS).
- Any citizen of India can join the APY scheme. The age of the subscriber should be between 18-40 years.
- The contribution levels would vary and would be low if a subscriber joins early and increases if she joins late.



7. Union Defence minister Rajnath Singh has approved Rs 400 crores for which of the following defence related schemes **Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme.**

Note:

- > The establishment of defence testing infrastructure will provide easy access and thus meet the testing needs of the domestic defence industry.
- > The scheme will run for a period of 5 years & envisages to set up 6 to 8 new test facilities in partnership with private industry.
- > This will facilitate defence production, therefore reduce imports of military equipment and help make the country self-reliant.
- 8. National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI) has partnered with which fintech start-up to build its own tech platform DotPe.

Note:

- This platform enables them with online payments for digital ordering, bill settlements, and contactless dining. DotPe will provide us with a tech solution.
- > This partnership would directly take on existing food-tech aggregators, Zomato and Swiggy.
- What additional amount has been allocated for the under MGNREGS which will help in generating total work of nearly 300 crore person days _____40,000 crores.

Note:

- With this allocation, GoI will ensure to address the need for more work including returning migrant workers in Monsoon season as well.
- > It will also led to the creation of larger number of durable and livelihood assets including water conservation
- ► Hence it is expected to boost the rural economy through higher production.
- 10. For multi mode access to digital/online education Government of India has decided to launch which programme _____ PMeVIDYA programme.

Note:

- ▶ Under the programme the DIKSHA programme will provide "one nation, one digital platform" for school education in states/UTs.
- It will also include the launch of Energized Textbooks for all grades.
- One earmarked TV channel will be launched for per class from 1 to 12 following the concept of "one class, one channel".
- 11. Which intiative will be launched to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for their mental health and emotional well being under the PM-eVIDYA Programme Manodarpan.

Note:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched Manodarpan, an initiative to provide psychological support and counselling to students, teachers and families for mental health and emotional well-being
- 12. Which entity has developed "National Migrant Information System (NMIS)" to secure information regarding the movement of migrants workers National Disaster Management Authority.

Note:

- > An online dashboard "National Migrant Information System (NMIS)" has been developed by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- > The dashboard has been developed by NDMA to secure information regarding the movement of migrants and to facilitate the smooth movement of stranded persons across States.
- A central repository on migrant workers would be maintained by the dashboard NMIS.
- **13.** Landing Craft Utility Ship 'INLCU L57' commissioned into Indian Navy in **Port Blair.**

Note:

- The "INLCU L57" is the seventh LCU Mark IV class warship.
- > The primary role of the warship, being transportation and deployment of main battle tanks, armoured vehicles, troops and equipment from ship to shore.
- The first ship of the Mark IV LCU Vessels INLCU L51 was commissioned into Indian Navy in March 2017.
- 14. Recently, the National Crisis Management Committee reviewed the preparedness for the impending cyclone _____ Amphan.

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- Cyclone Amphan (pronounced as UM-PUN) is a tropical cyclone formed over Bay of Bengal that has intensified and likely to turn into a "super cyclonic storm (maximum wind speed is 120 knots)".
- According to the India Meteorological Department forecast, it will make landfall as a very severe cyclone between the Sagar islands of West Bengal and the Hatiya islands of Bangladesh.
- It has been named by Thailand.
- Amphan is the second pre-monsoon cyclone to form in the Bay of Bengal in two years. The first one was Cyclone Fani.
- **15.** Name the mobile application developed by the National Testing Agency which will help the candidates to take mock tests for exams such as JEE Mains, NEET, etc. _____ National Test Abhyas.

- ➤ The mobile application was developed by the National Testing Agency. The application will help the candidates to take mock tests for exams such as JEE Mains, NEET, etc. The application is powered by Artificial Intelligence and therefore the students will get instant results after taking the tests.
- > The application also aims to help the candidates take high quality mock tests from their homes. It is currently available in Android and iOS versions.
- The main aim of the application is to help students during closure of educational institutions.
- 9. The Indian Railways operationalized the first 12,000 HP electric locomotive built in which locomotive establishmet ______ Electric Locomotive Factory, Madhepura.

Note:

- The locomotive was built by the French Alstom Company under the Make in India initiative.
- ➤ It is capable of hauling 6000 tonnes at a top speed of 120 km/hr.
- ➤ The locomotive was manufactured as a joint venture between the Indian and French share holding of 74% and 26%.
- With this, India has become the sixth country in the world to produce high horse power locomotive.
- **16.** Which Railway zone has developed a robotic device, "RAIL-BOT" (R-BOT) _____ **South Central Railway.**

Note:

- R-BOT is getting used to supply medicines, medical accessories and to serve food to the patients, with none need for physical contact.
- > Using this device will enable doctors, nurses and other support medical staff to remain faraway from the danger of contracting infections.
- ➤ The R-BOT is operated through a singular mobile application developed as a part of the Innovation, supported by Wi-FI- facility.
- **17.** How many cities rated 5 star in Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities, for the assessment year 2019-2020 _____six.

Note:

- In rating Ambikapur, Rajkot, Surat, Mysuru, Indore and Navi Mumbai were rated 5 Star (6 cities).
- ▶ 65 other Cities rated 3 Star and 70 Cities rated 1 Star out of 141 cities
- ➤ He also launched the revised protocol for the Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities.
- **18.** The Union Cabinet has extended Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) till which year _____**2023.**

Note:

- ➤ It is a social security scheme for senior citizens for those who are above 60.
- ➤ The government has fixed its annual rate of return at 7.4% for financial year 2020-21.
- Now, Senior citizens will have time till March 31, 2023 to invest in Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana which provides higher return than any bank.

Important News - State

1. Which state government has launched 'Matir Smristi' scheme to utilise 50,000 acres of barren land in 6 districts _____West Bengal.



- This scheme helps to generate income activities in horticulture and pisciculture involving the locals. The 'Matir Smristi' scheme will benefit around 2.5 lakh people in rural Bengal.
- ➤ In West Bengal at least 50,000 acres of barren land in Birbhum, Purulia, Bankura, Jhargram, West Burdwan and West Midnapore districts, which cannot produce anything naturally nor can the farmers cultivate on the strip.
- 2. Which state government has levied 2% Krishak Kalyan fees on agricultural produce brought or bought or sold in mandis ______Rajasthan.

Note:

- Recently, the Rajasthan government has levied 2% Krishak Kalyan fees on agricultural produce brought or bought or sold in mandis.
- > The 2% fees collected will be deposited in the Krishak Kalyan Kosh dedicated to the welfare of farmers in the state
- The Rajasthan government had announced the creation of the Krishak Kalyan Kosh for the purpose of ensuring fair price for farmer's produce and to strive towards "ease of doing farming" in 2019.
- 3. Which state government has launched Charan Paduka campaign, first of its kind initiative for migrant labourers passing through the states _____Madhya Pradesh.

Note:

- > Under the campaign the migrant workers were provided with shoes and slippers to reduce their pain.
- The Charan Paduka campaign is being conducted by the Police of Madhya Pradesh state. Eventually, the initiative received full support of the public. By providing slippers, the pain of the migrant workers is being reduced.
- **4.** Which state has launched its first cyber security-specific accelerator programme 'H.A.C.K' for start-ups recently **Karnataka.**

Note:

- > This comes even at a time when there are serious discussions around surveillance and lack of safety through government-run online software for COVID-19.
- The programme is implemented by CySecK, which is state's CoE (Centre of Excellence) in Cyber Security meant for creating a cyber-safe environment for industry collaboration. It is housed at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.
- 5. Which state/UTs has issued new rules to provide domicile certificates to its residents _____ Jammu and Kashmir.

Note:

- The "J&K Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) rules 2020" has been provided through an amendment of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralisation and Recruitment) Act, 2010.
- The rules have included extraordinary penalty of Rs 50,000 to the competitive authority in case the issuing of domicile certificate is delayed.
- 6. Which state/UTs Department of Information and Public Relations has started an initiative "SUKOON COVID-19 Beat the Stress" programme ______ Jammu & Kashmir.

Note:

- This initiative spread awareness about the psychological impact of lockdown and measures to be adopted to overcome them.
- The programme will be telecast on Doordarshan Kashmir Channel every Tuesday at 9.00 PM during which psychiatrists, eminent doctors and scientists will share their knowledge on psychological health.
- 7. "Mee Annapurna" initiative has been launched by an IRDA licensed insurance intermediary Integrated Risk Insurance Brokers Limited (IRIBL) in which state _____Maharshtra.

Note:

- This initiative has been launched by Integrated Risk Insurance as a part of its commitment as a Corporate Social Responsibility towards the welfare of the farmers and agriculture community in Maharashtra.
- > This initiative is based on three commandments namely: Expertise, Engagement and Entitlement.

Important News - World

1. Which country has developed 'iFeel-You' bracelet for social distancing ______Italy.

Note:

- The Genoa-based Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed 'iFeel-You' bracelet for social distancing.
- ➤ This bracelet will help users respect social distancing rules.

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- > The bracelet has been developed as the measures for safeguarding against the coronavirus lockdown is being 2. Which organization has released Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020 ______FAO. Note: > According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment(FRA) 2020 released by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the forest loss rate in 2015-2020 has declined to an estimated 10 million hectares (mha), down from 12 mha in 2010-2015. The world has lost 178 mha of forest since 1990, an area the size of Libya. 3. Which country hosted the SCO Foreign Ministers Meeting via video conferencing on COVID-19 which was attended by the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar Russia. Note: > EAM mentioned that the security challenges faced today are not associated with the physical or political boundaries and stated that the threat to security and stability in the region of SCO requires collective actions. > He also stated about the Pakistani deep state's alleged involvement in the cross-border terrorism in Kashmir violating the ceasefire as the focus of India is on combating against COVID-19. ➤ India and Pakistan became the members of the SCO in 2017. **4.** Which country recently announce to donate ventilators to India **USA.** Note: The announcement is seen as a reciprocal gesture of India's lift on the export ban of the anti-malarial drug Hydroxychloroquine. India recently lifted the export ban over HCQ drugs. This benefitted the United States to larger extent. 5. India along with 61 other countries moved a proposal in the World Health Organization to _____ identify the source of **COVID-19.** Note: > The countries together moved a proposal at the WHO to identify zoonotic source. Only three permanent members of the United Nations Security Council have backed the resolution namely Russia, France and UK. > The other countries to support the resolution includes South Korea, Japan, Australia, South Africa, India, New Zealand, etc. **6.** Which becomes the first country in Europe to declare an end to its COVID-19 epidemic ______ **Slovenia.** Note: > The country officially marked an end to its virus epidemic after the government authorities confirmed less than seven new cases each day for the past two weeks. Slovenia, a country with a population of two million, has also opened its borders after declaring the end of the virus. The country shares its borders with Croatia, Austria, Italy and Hungary, and now people have started arriving in Slovenia from other European Union states. 7. What amount has been announced by China over two years to fight the coronavirus pandemic at WHO assembly ______ USD 2 billion. Note: increase in coronavirus cases that has brought the world to a standstill. > WHO announced the coronavirus outbreak to be a worldwide health emergency on January 30th 2020.
 - The decision comes after, when China faced growing global pressure over the lockdowns, the death toll and a huge

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been conferred with the Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy for the year 2020 _____ Akshav Kumar.

He commissioned in Anti-Submarine Warfare School of the Southern Naval Command in Kochi. The award ceremony was held at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Kochi, Kerala.

> This trophy was instituted in 2013 for the officer performing best in tactics during the year-long warfare specialisation course.



- ➤ The trophy was instituted within the memory of the late flag officer GM Hiranandani, who was the commissioned naval officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Naval Command from 1985 to 1987 and retired as Vice Chief of Naval Staff in 1989.
- 2. Who has been awarded the Alexander Dalrymple Award 2019 _____ Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar.

- > This award is given to him for his outstanding contribution to Indian hydrography and across the broader Indian Ocean region.
- ➤ The award was presented by the UK Ministry of Defence.

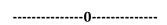
Sports News

1. The Bundesliga of which country becomes the world's first major sports event to resume after COVID-19 lock down _____Germany.

Note:

- ➤ The Bundesliga games began with empty stadium though the stadium had capacity to hold more than 80,000 players. The players are being tested twice a week.
- The teams participating in the games were kept under quarantine. The teams entered the ground at different times. The substitutes sat well apart during the matches.
- 2. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) provisionally suspended Savita Kumari and Ankit Shisodia for violating anti-doping rules. They are associated with which sports _____Powerlifting.

- Athletes were given an opportunity to present themselves before the Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) and explain their cases on the date and time fixed by the panel for a hearing.
- ➤ Both athletes were given a chance to present themselves before the Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) to explain their cases.
- ▶ But because of lockdown amid COVID-19 pandemic, no sitting of panel could take place.





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