

Bank Exams 2020

Top 50 Current Affairs MCQs of May



1. What is the length of the tunnel built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Rishikesh-Dharasu Highway (NH 94) in Uttarakhand under "Char Dham" project to connect holy towns of Gangotri, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Badrinath?

- A. 320 Km
- B. 340 Km
- C. 420 Km
- D. 440 Km
- E. 450 Km

2. Noted personality Shyamala G. Bhave passed away recently, she was a veteran _____.

- A. Classical Singer
- B. Vocalist
- C. Classical Dancer
- D. Social Activist
- E. Film Actress

3. Who has been selected for the prestigious United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019) along with Brazilian Naval Officer Commander Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo?

- A. Divya Ajith Kumar
- B. Sophia Qureshi
- C. Suman Gawani
- D. Ganeve Lalji
- E. Anjana Bhaduria

4. Which Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm has partnered with TajSATS to provide specially-made nutritious meal packets for medical staff in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi?

- A. NTPC Foundation
- B. REC Foundation
- C. SAIL Foundation
- D. GAIL Foundation
- E. Reliance Foundation

5. Which payments bank has collaborated with Mastercard to create customised financial products for Indian farmers and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)?

- A. India Post Payments Bank
- B. Fino Payments Bank
- C. Airtel Payments Bank
- D. Paytm Payments Bank
- E. Jio Payments Bank

6. Famous sportsperson R. Shanmugam passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Hockey
- C. Football
- D. Badminton
- E. Table Tennis

7. Renowned personality Mujtaba Hussain passed away recently, he was a famous?

- A. Journalist
- B. Sportsperson
- C. Authors
- D. Social Activist
- E. Environmentalist

8. Who has authored the book titled "The Ickabog"?

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Eric Carle
- C. Beverly Cleary
- D. Judy Blume
- E. Philip Pullman

9. NASA has renamed its next-generation space telescope "Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST)", which is set to launch in 2025 in honour of _____.

- A. Claudia Alexander
- B. Nancy Grace Roman
- C. Sunita Williams
- D. Eleanor F. Helin
- E. Sara Seager

10. Who has been appointed as a member of the Olympic Channel Commission by the International Olympic Committee?

- A. Janardhan Singh Gehlot
- B. Rajeev Mehta
- C. Anandeshwar Panday
- D. Narinder Dhruv Batra
- E. Surinder Mohan Bali

11. Who has been appointed as Chief Economist and Vice President of the World Bank?

- A. Kenneth Rogoff
- B. Arvind Subramanyam
- C. Carmen Reinhart
- D. Michael Kremer

E. Abhijit Banerjee

12. The Union Cabinet has extended Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY) till which year?

- A. 2021
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2024
- E. 2025

13. eCommerce major Flipkart has partnered with which General Insurance Company to offer a digital motor insurance policy to Flipkart's customers?

- A. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company
- B. Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- C. Bharti Axa General Insurance Company
- D. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
- E. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company

14. Which state/UTs Department of Information and Public Relations has started an initiative "SUKOON – COVID-19 Beat the Stress" programme?

- A. Punjab
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Jammu & Kashmir
- E. Ladakh

15. Who has been appointed as the President of Indian Steel Association (ISA)?

- A. Dilip Oommen
- B. TV Narendran
- C. Sudhanshu Saraf
- D. Nilesh Narwekar
- E. Vipin Sondhi

16. The National Anti-Terrorism Day is celebrated every year on which date in India?

- A. 20th May
- B. 21st May
- C. 22nd May
- D. 23rd May
- E. 24th May

17. The United Nations observes International Tea Day every year on which date?

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

18. The Oil India Limited has received environmental clearance to explore oil beneath the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park located in which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam
- E. Maharashtra

19. "Mee Annapurna" initiative has been launched by an IRDA licensed insurance intermediary Integrated Risk Insurance Brokers Limited (IRIBL) in which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat
- D. Telangana
- E. Madhya Pradesh

20. Which becomes the first bank in India to introduce video-KYC facility for saving account customers?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Federal Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E. Axis Bank

21. Which bank is going to acquire 29 per cent stake in in Max Life Insurance Company Limited, this become a joint venture partner in the insurance company?

- A. Bandhan Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. RBL Bank
- E. Kotak Mahindra Bank

22. Which state government has launched 'Covid Pharma', a mobile application(app) to keep a track of people buying medicines for cough, cold and

fever from medical stores across the state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Punjab

23. Which state government has started 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' Scheme Provide Full Fee Reimbursement to Students?

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

24. Which automobile company in association with Agva Healthcare has developed low-cost ventilators for helping the government in the fight against COVID-19?

- A. Maruti Suzuki
- B. Tata Motors
- C. Ashok Leyland
- D. Hyundai Motors
- E. Ford Motors

25. With which mobile handset manufacturer Bharti Airtel has signed a deal of about \$1 billion in order to enhance the network capacity of Bharti Airtel?

- A. Samsung
- B. Redmi
- C. Nokia
- D. Apple
- E. Micromax

26. Which public sector company has called for global expressions of interest (EoI) to provide 20 Hydrogen Fuel Cell (FC) based electric buses & electric cars to operate them in Delhi and Leh?

- A. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- B. National Thermal Power Corporation
- C. Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- D. Power Grid Corporation of India
- E. Coal India Limited

27. Who chaired the task force on National Infra Pipeline (NIP) which

submitted its Final Report on NIP for FY 2019-25 to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?

- A. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- B. Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- C. Ajay Bhalla
- D. Rajiv Kumar
- E. Atanu Chakraborty

28. As per the data released by the Union Rural Development Ministry which state stood at first in providing employment under MGNREGS?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Chhattisgarh
- E. Gujarat

29. According to Mercom India Research's 'India Solar Market Leaderboard 2020' report what amount of solar energy generation capacity India has added during calendar year 2019?

- A. 5.2 Giga Watt (GW)
- B. 5.5 Giga Watt (GW)
- C. 6.7 Giga Watt (GW)
- D. 7.3 Giga Watt (GW)
- E. 9.8 Giga Watt (GW)

30. What is India's rank in the 7th edition of 'Open Budget Survey 2019' conducted by International Budget Partnership (IBP)?

- A. 53rd
- B. 54th
- C. 55th
- D. 56th
- E. 57th

31. CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) has signed an MoU with which of the following entities for licensing of 'KNOWHOW' for FNCAS9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay (FELUDA) for rapid diagnosis of Covid19?

- A. TATA Sons
- B. Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- C. Tech Mahindra
- D. Infosys
- E. Tata Consultancy Services

32. Which of the following institutions has collaborated with a Bengaluru-based company, Eystem Research Private Limited, to take up research activities on coronavirus?

- A. Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow
- B. Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Lucknow
- C. Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad
- D. Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi
- E. Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata

33. Who has been conferred with the Young Career Award 2020 in Nano Science and Technology?

- A. Vivek Agarwal
- B. Sandeep Anand
- C. Himanshu J Bahirat
- D. Saurabh Lodha
- E. Debraj Chakraborty

34. Which operation has been launched by the Indian Navy as a part of a national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas?

- A. Operation Cactus
- B. Operation Samudra Setu
- C. Operation Vanilla
- D. Operation Stranded
- E. Operation COVID

35. Who among the following has been nominated as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the Government of India?

- A. Tarun Bajaj
- B. IV Subba Rao
- C. P K Mishra
- D. Sanjay Agarwal
- E. Trilochan Mohapatra

36. Which state government has launched "Exit App" for stranded people of other states?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. West Bengal
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Uttar Pradesh

37. Who has been honoured with a commemorative World War II medal to mark the 75th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany by Russian President Vladimir Putin?

- A. Kim Jong Un
- B. Moon Jae-in
- C. Nguyen Phu Trọng
- D. Tsai Ing-wen
- E. Volodymyr Zelensky

38. Who has been nominated as US Alternate Executive Director of IBRD by the US President Donald Trump for a term of two years?

- A. Raj Shah
- B. Ashok Michael Pinto
- C. Manisha Singh
- D. Ajit Pai
- E. Neomi Rao

39. Which of the following entities will launch 'India SME Services Platform' to educate stakeholders in the small and medium enterprises (SME) ecosystem and have information on coronavirus-related initiatives for the sector?

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- E. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

40. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Max Bupa Health Insurance?

- A. Krishnan Ramachandran
- B. Rahul Ahuja
- C. Vikas Gujral
- D. Partha Banerjee
- E. Tarun Katyal

41. The technology centres are manufacturing critical parts of the Covid-19 testing machine, the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction machines (RT-PCR). These technology centers works under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology
- E. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

42. Every year 12th May is celebrated as which of the following days?

- A. National Technology Day
- B. International Nurses Day
- C. World Athletics Day
- D. World Red Cross Day
- E. International Day of the Midwife

43. Which vehicle manufacturer has announced the launch of 'Own-Online', an end-to-end online vehicle ownership solution?

- A. Tata Motors
- B. Maruti Udyog Limited
- C. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd
- D. Hyundai Motors
- E. Volkswagen

44. Which state government has launched country's first ever 'FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana' to lodge FIR?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Bihar
- E. Jharkhand

45. Which insurance provider has launched the standard health insurance policy named "Aarogya Sanjeevani Health Insurance Policy"?

- A. SBI General Insurance
- B. Aditya Birla General Insurance
- C. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- D. Bharti AXA General Insurance
- E. HDFC ERGO General insurance

46. What is the theme of the International Nurses Day 2020?

- A. Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence
- B. Less Known Red Cross Stories
- C. Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right

- D. Nurses A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health
- E. Nurses A Voice to Lead – Live Together and Help Everyone

47. Which country named street after Rabindranath Tagore on his 159th anniversary?

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

48. Which of the following cities has launched "Pranavayu Programme" to create awareness about the respiratory health of the residents?

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

49. Which CSIR institute has developed a Non Invasive BiPAP Ventilator "SwasthVayu" to treat COVID-19 patients?

- A. National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore
- B. Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad
- C. Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
- D. Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology, Delhi
- E. Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh

50. Name the Indian journalist who has been named for Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award 2020?

- A. Ravis Kumar
- B. Punya Prasun Bajpai
- C. Siddharth Varadarajan
- D. Arfa Khanam Sherwani
- E. Vinod Dua

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. D.

- Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 440 metre-long tunnel as part of the Chardham Connectivity Project in Chamba.
- The tunnel will significantly reduce the time taken by travellers on the Rishikesh-Dharasu and Gangotri stretch of the Chardham Highway (NH 94).

2. Ans. B.

- Renowned vocalist Shyamala G Bhawe, who had an equal command over Hindustani and Carnatic music, passed .
- Her father, late Govind Vitthal Bhawe, trained her in Hindustani music, while she was tutored in the Carnatic stream by noted vocalists A Subbaraya and B Doreswamy. Her mother Lakshmi Bhawe was also a classical vocalist.
- She was bestowed with the title of 'Ubhaya Gaana Vidushi (expert in both styles)' by Sir M Visvesvaraya, the 19th Diwan of Mysore.

3. Ans. C.

- Indian Army officer and woman peacekeeper Suman Gawani who has served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) & Brazilian Naval Officer Commander Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo have been selected for the prestigious United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019).
- Suman Gawani becomes the 1st Indian peacekeeper to win the award.
- The award will be given during an online ceremony presided over by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on May 29, the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

4. Ans. B.

- REC Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), has partnered with TajSATS to provide specially-made nutritious meal packets for medical staff in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.
- REC is already providing cooked meals and ration to the needy across the nation in collaboration with various district

authorities, NGOs and electricity distribution companies.

- Every day, 300 food packets are being delivered as a gesture of gratitude to the frontline healthcare warriors of New Delhi.
- Now with REC- TajSATS initiative, over 18,000 meals will be delivered in New Delhi.

5. Ans. C.

- Airtel Payments Bank has collaborated with Mastercard to create customised financial products for Indian farmers and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- These financial products particularly for those territories where there is less access to bank administrations.
- The coordinated effort will unite Mastercard's worldwide and nearby involvement with developing advanced financial solutions and Airtel Payments Bank's circulation system to arrive at the last mile and its large customer base.

6. Ans. C.

- Former Tamil Nadu footballer and coach R. Shanmugam passed away. Shanmugam, who was born in Burma in 1943, represented the Burmese junior and senior national teams in 1966-67.
- Shanmugam played for Mohun Bagan in 1968, Indian Railways in the 1969 Nowgong senior Nationals, Tamil Nadu in the 1970 Jalandhar & '71 Chennai senior Nationals.
- He's played for the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) from 1969-77 in the top-tier of the Chennai Football Association (CFA) league.
- He attended the FIFA Coca Cola coaching course in 1978 & '91, and the Olympic solidarity course in 1996.
- He obtained diplomas in football coaching from the National Institute of Sports in 1975-76 and the Brazilian Football Academy in 1995.

7. Ans. C.

- Noted Urdu author, humorist and satirist Mujtaba Hussain passed away. He was born on July 15, 1936, in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- Hussain was described as the Mark Twain of Urdu. He began his literary career from "Siasat", a leading Urdu daily published from Hyderabad.
 - Hussain was awarded the Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian award, in 2007.
 - He published a book titled "Mujtaba Hussain Jaisa Dekha Jaisa Paya" and "Mujtaba Hussain Aayeinon ke Beech."
8. Ans. A.
- The "Harry Potter" author, JK Rowling will release her latest book, "The Ickabog", online for free, for the children during this lockdown period.
 - The Ickabog' is a story about truth and the abuse of power.
 - The first two chapters of The Ickabog are available for free.
 - Rowling has pledged to donate all royalties when the book is published to "groups who've been particularly impacted by the pandemic."
9. Ans. B.
- NASA has renamed its next-generation space telescope "Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope (WFIRST)", which is set to launch in 2025, in honour of Nancy Grace Roman.
 - Nancy Grace Roman is the US space agency's first chief astronomer, who paved the way for space telescopes focused on the broader universe.
 - She left behind a tremendous legacy in the scientific community when she died in 2018.
 - The newly named Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope help to research long-standing astronomical mysteries, like the force behind the universe's expansion and look for distant planets beyond our system.
10. Ans. D.
- Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Narinder Batra has been appointed as a member of the Olympic Channel Commission.
 - In a letter to International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach, Mr. Batra, who had become an IOC member in June last year, expressed his gratitude after being selected for the role.

- The Olympic Channel Commission advises the IOC Session, the IOC Executive Board and the IOC president and provides guidance throughout the launch and operation of the Olympic Channel.
 - The 63-year-old Batra had earlier served as the president of Hockey India (2014-2016) and Asian Hockey Federation (2003-2013). He was also the treasurer of Delhi & District Cricket Association between 2003 to 2013.
11. Ans. C.
- Former Bear Stearns executive Carmen Reinhart has been appointed as new vice president and chief economist of the World Bank.
 - 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.
 - Reinhart has a Ph.D. from Columbia University and currently teaches international economics at the Harvard Kennedy School. She has also worked at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, International Monetary Fund and the University of Maryland.
12. Ans. C.
- The Union Cabinet has extended the PMVY or Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana, till March 31, 2023.
 - 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.
13. Ans. A.
- Flipkart and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company have partnered to offer a digital motor insurance policy to customers of the e-commerce major.
 - 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.

14. Ans. D.

- Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K has started an initiative "SUKOON – COVID-19 Beat the Stress" programme.

- 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.

- The aim of the programme is to ensure that people stay mentally fit and cope with the fears related to COVID-19 with a sound mind.

15. Ans. A.

- Indian Steel Association (ISA) has appointed Dilip Oommen as its new President.

- 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.

- Oommen is a veteran of the steel industry with more than 37 years of experience and an alumnus of Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K).

16. Ans. B.

- National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on 21 May every year in India. The day aims to raise awareness about the anti-social act of terrorism and its impact on human suffering and lives.

- The day marks the death anniversary of the Former Prime Minister of India.

- The day also aims to spread the message of peace and humanity and to promote unity among people.

- The seventh Prime Minister of India Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated on 21 May 1991. He was killed in Tamil Nadu in a campaign by the terrorist.

- Following this tragedy, under the V.P. Singh government, the Centre has decided to observe 21 May as Anti Terrorism Day.

17. Ans. A.

- Every year, on May 21, the United Nations observes International Tea Day.

- The resolution to celebrate International Tea Day was adopted in 2019 by the United Nations food and Agriculture Organization.

- The International Tea Day is being celebrated since 2005 in major tea producing countries of the world namely Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Nepal, Kenya, Malaysia, Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania.

- It aims to draw the attention of citizens, governments about the impact of global tea trade.

18. Ans. D.

- The major exploration by the Oil India Limited beneath the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park of Assam received environmental clearance.

- There were concerns that the project would affect the flora and fauna in the region.

- The park is the only region in India that supports feral horses.

- The Oil India Limited (OIL) has received environmental clearance from MoEFCC (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) to extend drilling and testing of hydrocarbons.

- The OIL is to implement extended reach drilling technology for which the company had obtained permission in 2016.

- The company will down carry out hydrocarbon exploration 1.5 km outside the demarcated area of the park. The company has been performing explorations in the region for more than 15 years.

19. Ans. A.

- "Mee Annapurna" initiative has been launched in Maharashtra by an IRDA licensed insurance intermediary "Integrated Risk Insurance".

- 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.

20. Ans. D.

- In view of the ongoing lockdown in the country due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), Kotak Mahindra Bank has become the 1st bank in India to allow video Know your customer (KYC) facility for its customers opening savings account (SA) on Kotak 811 platform.

- 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.

21. Ans. B.

- * Axis Bank Limited and Max Financial Services Limited (MFS) announced the signing of definitive agreements to become joint venture partners in Max Life Insurance Company Limited (Max Life).

- * Axis Bank will hold 30% stake in Max Life post transaction closure.

- * Max Financial Services presently holds a 72.5% stake in Max Life and Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance (MSI) owns 25.5% stake.

- * Axis Bank also has a minor stake in the life insurer.

- * Post completion of the series of transactions, Max Life will become a 70:30 joint-venture between MFS and Axis Bank.

- * The proposed transactions are subject to approval of requisite corporate and regulatory authorities (including IRDAI, RBI and CCI).

- * Axis Bank is the third largest private bank and Max Life is the fourth largest private life insurer in India.

22. Ans. A.

- The Medical and Health Department of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has launched 'Covid Pharma', a mobile application(app) to keep a track of people buying medicines over-the-counter (OTC) for cough, cold and fever from medical stores across the state.

- The pharmacies in the State is expected to download the app and register the details of persons, including their mobile number, making OTC purchases of medicines for common ailments & even those who buy medicines with a prescription and share with the health department for better monitoring.

23. Ans. E.

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the 'Jagananna Vidya Deevena' scheme, in order to provide 100 per cent fee reimbursement to all students across the state.

- Under the scheme, the reimbursed amount will directly be credited into the accounts of the mothers of the students in four installments every year. Over Rs 4,000 crores along with the pending due of Rs 1,880 crore was released and the amount was directly credited in the accounts of the mothers.

- The scheme is aimed at providing financial assistance to nearly 14 lakh students across the state and ensure that students from lower-income households get financial assistance for their education.

24. Ans. A.

- Automobile giant Maruti Suzuki has developed low-cost ventilators for helping the government in the fight against COVID-19.

- The production is going on in Gautam Buddha Nagar of Uttar Pradesh, where the company is supporting a start-up Agva Healthcare to scale-up ventilator production.

- The low-cost ventilators were designed by Agva Healthcare and Maruti Suzuki is enhancing the production by pouring in the vendors and doing the quality control.

25. Ans. C.

- Nokia and Bharti Airtel has signed a deal of about \$1 billion in order to enhance the network capacity of Bharti Airtel.
- A multi-year agreement has been signed by the two companies to deploy Nokia's SRAN solution across nine circles in India.
- This \$1 billion deal aims to improve customer experience of Bharti Airtel's customers by providing them best-in-class connectivity.

26. Ans. B.

- NTPC Ltd, India's largest power producer and a central PSU under Ministry of Power, has invited Global Expression of Interest (EoI) to provide 10 Hydrogen Fuel Cell (FC) based electric buses and an equal number of Hydrogen Fuel Cell based electric cars in Leh and Delhi.
- The EoI has been issued by NTPC's wholly owned subsidiary, NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam (NVTN) Limited.
- The move to procure Hydrogen Fuel Cell based vehicles is first of its kind project in the country, wherein a complete solution from green energy to the fuel cell vehicle would be developed.
- The initiative, which has been undertaken with support of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, will also harness renewable energy for generation of hydrogen and develop its storage and dispensation facilities as part of pilot projects at Leh and Delhi. The move to launch hydrogen powered vehicles aims at decarbonizing mobility segment.

27. Ans. E.

- * The task force on National Infra Pipeline (NIP) chaired by economic affairs secretary Atanu Chakraborty submitted its Final Report on NIP for FY 2019-25 to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- * The task force has projected total infrastructure investment of Rs 111 lakh crore during a 5 year span of FY 2019-20 to FY 2024-25.
- * The report highlighted policy deficits and challenges in India's infrastructure sector and recommended reforms to scale up investment in the sector.
- * NIP is a first-of-its-kind, whole-of-government exercise to provide world-

class infrastructure across the country and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

- * It aims to improve project preparation, attract investments into infrastructure.
- * It will play a major role for India in becoming a \$5 trillion economy by FY 2025.

28. Ans. D.

* Chhattisgarh has topped all states in providing employment to 18,51,536 MNRGA workers despite the lockdown, as per data released by the Ministry of Rural Development.

* Chhattisgarh provided employment to over 18(18.51) lakh unskilled labourers, followed by Rajasthan (2nd) to 10.79 lakh workers & Uttar Pradesh(3rd) to around 9.06 lakh workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

* As per the data released by the Union Rural Development Ministry around 77.85 lakh people are engaged in different work under the scheme across the country.

29. Ans. D.

* According to Mercom India Research's 'India Solar Market Leaderboard 2020' report, India has installed 7.3 Giga Watt (GW) of solar power in Calendar Year(CY) 2019.

* India has total solar installations of approximately 35.7 GW by the end of December 2019.

* Mercom Communications India, a subsidiary of global clean energy communications and consulting firm Mercom Capital Group, has released its report 'India Solar Market Leaderboard 2020.'

30. Ans. A.

* According to the 7th edition of 'Open Budget Survey 2019' conducted by International Budget Partnership (IBP), India has been ranked at 53rd position among 117 nations in terms of budget transparency and accountability with the score of 49 out of 100. While at the same time New Zealand has been topped the list with a score of 87.

* The global average transparency score on this survey was 45.

* The survey ranked the countries in 5 different categories based on their scores.[0-20: scant, 21-40: minimal, 41-60:limited, 61-80:substantial,81-100:extensive].

31. Ans. A.

- CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) and TATA Sons signed an MoU for licensing of KNOWHOW for FNCAS9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay (FELUDA) for rapid diagnosis of COVID-19.

- The license includes the transfer of the knowledge for scaling up the KNOWHOW in the form of a kit that can be deployed for COVID-19 testing on ground in May 2020.

- A completely indigenous scientific invention, FELUDA for COVID-19 was designed for mitigating the ongoing COVID-19 situation and cater to mass testing.

- The technology is highly affordable, relative ease of use, and non-dependency on expensive Q-PCR machines.

- The technology was initiated and developed at CSIR IGIB under sickle cell mission and utilizes an indigenously developed cutting edge CRISPR Cas9 technology to specifically recognize the COVID-19 sequence in the given sample.

- The new technology will help to rapidly assess and establish the presence of viral infection in a sample.

32. Ans. C.

- Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad has partnered with a Bengaluru-based company, Eystem Research Private Limited, to take up research activities on COVID-19.

- The collaboration aims to grow novel coronavirus in human cell lines, which will enable in vitro testing of potential drugs and vaccines against the COVID-19.

- CSIR-CCMB is known for its cutting-edge research work on cellular and molecular biology. Eystem Research Private Limited is a cell therapy start-up incubated at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP), Bengaluru.

- C-CAMP is an initiative of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

33. Ans. D.

- Professor Saurabh Lodha from Electrical Engineering, IIT Bombay, received the Young Career Award in Nano Science & Technology for the year 2020.

- The award is instituted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

- The award recognized his contributions in the development of logic transistor technologies beyond silicon and nanoelectronic devices based on two-dimensional Van der Waals materials.

34. Ans. B.

- Indian Navy launched Operation Samudra Setu, meaning Sea Bridge, as a part of a national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas. Indian Naval Ships (INS) Jalashwa and Magar are presently en route to the port of Malé, the Republic of Maldives to commence evacuation operations from 8 May 2020 as part of Phase-1.

- The operation aims to evacuate personnel who repatriate Indian citizens from overseas.

- Under the operation, a total of 1000 persons are planned to be evacuated during the first trip, catering for COVID-related social distancing norms vis-a-vis the carrying capacity and medical facilities available onboard.

- This operation is done by the Ministries of Defence, External Affairs, Home Affairs, Health, and various other agencies of Central/State governments.

35. Ans. A.

- Government of India has nominated Secretary of Economic Affairs Department Ministry of Finance Tarun Bajaj as a director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- The nomination of Bajaj is effective from 5 May 2020.

- Tarun Bajaj is a 1988-batch Haryana cadre IAS officer. He assumed charge as the Economic Affairs Secretary on 1 May.

- He has served as the Additional Secretary in Prime Minister's Office and

worked as Joint Secretary and Director in the Department of Financial Services.

36. Ans. C.

- An "Exit App" has been launched by the West Bengal government. This app has been launched for people from other states who are stucked in West Bengal amid the nationwide lockdown and desires to return to their native place.
- "Exit App" will enable these people who are willing to go back to their native states, by applying online on this app. The permission for the exit of these people would be granted in an automatic and extremely easy manner.
- The "Exit App" can be accessed by the stranded people from the West Bengal government's 'Egiye Bangla' website.
- Hence, this initiative of the West Bengal government will help large number of people who are stuck, in their return to their native state.

37. Ans. A.

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has honoured North Korean leader Kim Jong Un with a commemorative World War II medal to mark the 75th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany.
 - The medal was awarded to Kim for the role he played in safeguarding the memories of Soviet soldiers who died in the territory of North Korea.
 - Russian ambassador in North Korea, Alexander Matsegora presented the award to North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Son-gwon.
38. Ans. B.
- United States President, Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American lawyer Ashok Michael Pinto as US representative to World Bank's lending arm International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
 - He was nominated as US Alternate Executive Director of IBRD for a period of 2 years.
 - He currently serves as Counsellor to the Under Secretary for International Affairs at the United States (US) Department of the Treasury.
39. Ans. C.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will launch 'India SME

Services Platform', a digital platform to educate stakeholders in the small and medium enterprises (SME) ecosystem and have information on coronavirus-related initiatives for the sector.

- The platform will provide Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) information about starting operations, getting finance, credit enhancement and other support services.
- The platform will bring together all MSMEs, MSME ecosystem stakeholders, financiers, corporates, government, regulators, employees and associations in an interactive platform, where all will be at one place & one place for all kinds of initiatives.

40. Ans. A.

- Max Bupa Health Insurance has appointed Krishnan Ramachandran as its new managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO).
- He succeeds Ashish Mehrotra, who has decided to pursue another opportunity after a successful stint of almost five years.
- Ramachandran has over 23 years of experience in health insurance, healthcare and life sciences segments
- He last served as the CEO of Apollo Munich Health Insurance

41. Ans. C.

- The technology centres that are operating under the Ministry of MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) are manufacturing critical parts of the RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction) machines.
- The technology centres in Jamshedpur, Bhubaneswar and Kolkata that are operating under Ministry of MSME are now manufacturing parts of RT-PCR machines.
- However, these machines are variants of the main RT-PCRs.
- They are called the Real Time Quantitative Micro PCR System.
- These machines give results in less than an hour.
- Also, they are compact and can be easily carried for testing anywhere.

42. Ans. B.

- Every year, May 12 is commemorated as International Nurse Day.
- The birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale is celebrated as the International Nurse Day.
- She was also known as Lady with the Lamp. She was the founder of modern nursing and was a British social reformer and statistician.
- International Council of Nurses has published its theme for the year 2020 around the COVID-19 pandemic on its official website icn.ch "Nurses: A Voice to lead-Nursing the World to Health".
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated the year 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

43. Ans. C.

- Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd has announced the launch of 'Own-Online', an end-to-end online vehicle ownership solution.
- Mahindra Own-Online will be a one-stop available 24X7 where customers can finance, insure, exchange, accessorise and own a Mahindra vehicle in four steps, without having to visit a dealership.
- This platform has been launched by (M&M) to offer its customers a transparent, seamless and contactless experience from selection to the delivery of the vehicle.
- Through this platform, a customer can own a Mahindra vehicle in four simple steps, from their homes, in few clicks.
- The company's pan-India network has been integrated with this platform through back-end technology and process cohesion.

44. Ans. C.

- Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Dr Narottam Mishra launched country's first ever 'FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana' in Bhopal
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to implement such an innovative scheme under which now people would not be required to visit police station to lodge an FIR
- 'FIR Aapke Dwar' Yojana has been started as a pilot project in 23 Police Stations including one urban and one

rural Police Station at 11 Divisional Headquarters.

- For this Yojana "Dial 100" vehicle would have trained Head Constables to lodge FIR.

45. Ans. A.

- State Bank of India(SBI) General Insurance has launched the standard health insurance policy named "Aarogya Sanjeevani Health Insurance Policy".
- This policy provides hospitalisation cover anywhere in India with sums insured ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakhs.
- This policy has been designed at the instance of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) with standard coverage and affordable premiums.
- Arogya Sanjeevani Policy will cover the hospitalisation treatment cost of COVID-19 and will help in making affordable health care more accessible in times like these.

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47. Ans. C.

- Israel has named a street in Tel Aviv after celebrated Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore as a tribute on his 159th birthday on 08 May.
- Israel named it 'Tagore Street' to commemorate the poet's birth anniversary.
- Tagore, who wrote his poetry, novels, stories and plays in Bengali, In 1913 he

won the prestigious Nobel prize in literature and till now, he is the only poet from India to have done so.

48. Ans. C.

- The Bengaluru City Corporation recently launched "Pranavayu Programme" to create awareness about the respiratory health of Bengaloreans.
- The initiative aims to help people in increasing oxygen level of the people by themselves.
- This will help them to keep track about their health before their ailments become fatal.
- There are several deaths reported in the country due to Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI).
- Especially, COVID-19 causes Hypoxia (deficiency of oxygen in tissues). This is like starving the body of oxygen.

49. Ans. A.

- A Non-Invasive BiPAP Ventilator "SwasthVayu" has been developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore to treat COVID-19 patients.
- The unique features of the Non-Invasive BiPAP Ventilator "SwasthVayu" helps to alleviate the fear of the virus spread.
- The ventilator is very simple to use without any specialized nursing and is

cost effective, compact and configured with majority of indigenous components.

- A BiPAP Non Invasive Ventilator "SwasthVayu" is a microcontroller-based precise closed-loop adaptive control system.
- It has a built-in biocompatible "3D printed manifold & coupler" with Highly Efficient Particulate Air (HEPA) filter.

50. Ans. C.

- On the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2020, i.e. on May 3, 2020, 17 journalists from 14 countries have been named for Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award 2020 who have disappeared or been arrested or threatened because of their reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- India's Siddharth Varadarajan one among them.
- Siddharth Varadarajan, one of the founding editors of non-profit online newspaper The Wire, was handed a notice for appearance by a police team on April 10, 2020 following a story about a politician violating COVID-19 guidelines by participating in a religious ceremony.
- The Wire was accused of "causing a riot" and "leading to panic."

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