

# Top 100+ Current Affairs of May 2020



1. Who will chair the 11-member committee constituted by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to monitor annual grant and affiliation fee of its members for the 2020-2021 cycle?

- A. Sekhar Chandra Biswas
- B. Adille Sumariwala
- C. D R Saini
- D. Vagish Pathak
- E. S M Hashmi

2. Which state government has constituted a 24 member high-level committee headed by C Rangarajan to assess the immediate and medium-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on various sectors of the State's economy?

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

3. Who has been awarded Christophe Merieux Prize 2020 for finding a topical gel could stop many women catching the HIV?

- A. Suman Gawani
- B. Quarraisha Abdool Karim
- C. Rajiv Joshi
- D. Shobhana Narasimhan
- E. Thalappil Pradeep

4. 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

5. Who has been conferred with the Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy for the year 2020?

- A. Akshay Kumar
- B. Anshu Bhau
- C. A.K. Chawla
- D. Kuldeep Tyagi
- E. Mohit Kumar

6. 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

7. Who has been conferred with the 25th Nikkei Asia Prizes (2020) in Science and Technology (S&T) category?

- A. Aravind G
- B. Thalappil Pradeep
- C. Aravind Kumar Chandiran
- D. Baskaran S
- E. Bhallamudi Vidya Praveen

8. Who has been elected as an International Honorary Member to the American Academy of Arts and Science?

- A. Shobhana Narasimhan
- B. Anuranjan Anand
- C. Rama Govindarajan
- D. Maneesha S. Inamdar
- E. G. U. Kulkarni

9. Which country has developed 'iFeel-You' bracelet for social distancing?

- A. China
- B. United Kingdom
- C. India
- D. Italy
- E. South Korea

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

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

11. The geological survey of which country has released the first ever digital, unified, global, geological map of the moon namely "Unified Geologic Map of the Moon"?

- A. Russia
- B. USA

- C. Japan
- D. China
- E. Israel

12. Which country becomes the first country to hold national election amidst COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. Taiwan
- B. South Korea
- C. Philippines
- D. Vietnam
- E. Thailand

13. Which country has successfully launched a new rocket named "Long March 5B" into space which will pave the way of its Moon landing plans?

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

14. Which Arabian country decided to change its currency from Rial to Toman by slashing four zeros from the rial?

- A. Iraq
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Iran
- D. UAE
- E. Oman

15. Who has been appointed as the President of the New Development Bank (NDB) as the term of KV Kamath comes to an end?

- A. Anil Kishora
- B. Paulo Guedes
- C. Marcos Troyjo
- D. Anton Siluanov
- E. Tito Titus Mboweni

16. 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

17. Benjamin Netanyahu has sworn in as the prime minister of which country for the 5th time?

- A. Italy
- B. Malta
- C. Spain
- D. Israel
- E. Ukraine

18. Who has been nominated as an envoy to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) with an Ambassador rank by US President Donald Trump?

- A. Manisha Singh
- B. Angel Gurria
- C. Raj Shah
- D. Ajit Pai
- E. Neomi Rao

19. Who has been selected as new Prime Minister of Iraq by the Iraqi Parliament?

- A. Mustafa Al Kadhimi
- B. Barham Salih
- C. Haider Al-Abadi
- D. Muqtada al-Sadr
- E. Mohamed al-Halbousi

20. Roberto Azevedo decides to resign a year before his term expires as head of which international organization?

- A. World Health Organization (WHO)
- B. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- C. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- D. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- E. World Bank (WB)

21. Recently, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has started looking into allegations against which company?

- A. Facebook
- B. Alphabet
- C. IBM
- D. Intel
- E. Proctor & Gamble

22. 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

23. Country's biggest electricity generator National Thermal Power corporation (NTPC) has signed an MoU with which another public sector unit to set up a joint venture company for renewable energy projects?

- A. NHPC
- B. OIL
- C. ONGC
- D. SAIL
- E. BHEL

24. Which research establishment of the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has developed Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitizer (DHRUVS)?

- A. Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL)
- B. Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS)
- C. Research Centre Imarat (RCI)
- D. Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL)
- E. Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL)

25. Which Railway zone has developed a robotic device, "RAIL-BOT" (R-BOT) to assist in the functions of hospital management to provide better health care to the COVID patients?

- A. Central Railway
- B. South Central Railway
- C. Northern Railway
- D. North Eastern Railway
- E. Western Railway

26. Recently, The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has prepared a compendium of Indian Technologies for combating COVID-19 pandemic. It works under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

D. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  
E. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

27. Two scientific papers on child survival published by the India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative stated that the under-5 Mortality Rate in India has dropped by what percent since 2000?

- A. 24 per cent
- B. 36 per cent
- C. 39 per cent
- D. 49 per cent
- E. 55 per cent

28. To prevent coronavirus infection which organization has launched 'e-karyalay' an electronic office application to enable the movement of files and documents without physical touch?

- A. Union Home Ministry
- B. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- C. Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO)
- D. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- E. Indian Railway

29. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced a training program on COVID-19 for which intergovernmental organization?

- A. G20
- B. ASEAN
- C. SAARC
- D. BRICS
- E. None of these

30. 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

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33. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Indian IT giant Wipro?

- A. Vineet Arora
- B. Noel Quinn
- C. Thierry Delaporte
- D. Salil Parekh
- E. UB Pravin Rao

34. Who has been recommended to appoint as the Chairman and MD of the Oriental Insurance Company (OIC) by Banks Board Bureau (BBB)?

- A. R Sreelekha
- B. SN Rajeswari
- C. Jahnabi Phookan
- D. V. Vidyavathi
- E. Shikha Sharma

35. 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

36. Which institutions has developed a biosensor called the eCovSens that is used to detect COVID-19 virus in saliva samples?

A. Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi

- B. National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad
- C. Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
- D. Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow
- E. Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata

37. Which of the following produce has been given a geographical indication (GI) tag recently by the Geographical Indications Registry?

- A. Kashmir saffron
- B. Gorakhpur Terracotta
- C. Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai
- D. Black rice of Manipur
- E. All of the above

38. Who has been appointed as the chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

- A. Shaji KV
- B. P.V.S. Suryakumar
- C. Govinda Rajulu Chintala
- D. Revathy Iyer
- E. Ashok Gulati

39. The central government has brought the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) under the Jal Shakti Ministry, presently who is Jal Shakti Minister?

- A. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- B. Narendra Singh Tomar
- C. Shripad Yasso Naik
- D. V. Sadanand Gowda
- E. Santosh Gangwar

40. Who has been appointed as new Managing Director (MD) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank?

- A. Rajesh Kumar Chhibber
- B. Monica Dhawan
- C. Anil Kumar Misra
- D. Zubair Iqbal
- E. Sonam Wangchuk

41. Who among the following has been appointed as the Director-General of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)?

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- A. AMV Subramanyam
- B. Vijay Kumar S Nair
- C. V. Vidyavathi
- D. R Kalaiselvan
- E. G Elanchezhian

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

- A. 53<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 54<sup>th</sup>
- C. 55<sup>th</sup>
- D. 56<sup>th</sup>
- E. 57<sup>th</sup>

43. Who among the following has been appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)?

- A. Manoj Ahuja
- B. R.P. Singh
- C. Moushumi Sarkar
- D. Rakesh Sharma
- E. Renu Sethi

44. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla?

- A. Mallikarjun Kharge
- B. Rahul Gandhi
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- E. Manish Tiwari

45. 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

46. 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

47. Who among the following has been appointed as the Director (Operation) of State-owned power giant National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)?

- A. Ramesh Babu V
- B. Arvind Kumar Sharma
- C. Giridhar Aramane
- D. Vivek Kumar Dewangan
- E. Ashish Upadhyaya

48. Who has been appointed as the permanent representative of India to the United Nations (UN)?

- A. T S Tirumurti
- B. Navtej Sarna
- C. Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- D. Arun Kumar Singh
- E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu

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

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

50. Renowned personality Jerry Stiller passed away recently, he was associated with which field?

- A. Acting
- B. Journalism
- C. Politics
- D. Music
- E. Literature

51. Famous sportsperson Chuni Goswami passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Cricket
- C. Football
- D. Kabaddi
- E. Tennis

52. What is the name has been given to the plan to modernize the fisheries sector

which is part of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)?

- A. Mitra Sagar
- B. Swath Sagar
- C. Suman Sagar
- D. Sea Environment
- E. Swachh Sagar

53. Which social media platform has launched a group calling application named as "CatchUp"?

- A. Twitter
- B. You Tubes
- C. Facebook
- D. Instagram
- E. WhatsApp

54. "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

55. Which state has launched its first cyber security-specific accelerator programme 'H.A.C.K' for start-ups recently?

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

56. Which initiative 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?

- A. Manodarpan
- B. DIKSHA
- C. SWAYAM
- D. Manoranjan
- E. None of these

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

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha

- C. West Bengal
- D. Tripura
- E. Assam

58. Which flagship social security scheme of the Government of India has completed five years of its implementation in May 2020?

- A. Soil Health Card Scheme
- B. POSHAN Abhiyaan
- C. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission
- D. Atal Pension Yojna
- E. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna

59. The flagship social security scheme of the Government of India - 'Atal Pension Yojana' (APY) - has completed five years of implementation. What should be the age limit of the subscriber for the scheme?

- A. 18-40 years
- B. 20-55 years
- C. 25-55 years
- D. 30-65 years
- E. 25-65 years

60. Which of the following entity has launched virtual 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' to ensure well being of senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic in association with Piramal Foundation?

- A. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)
- B. Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- C. National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
- D. Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E. None of these

61. Which state government has decided to start the "Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojna"?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

62. Which sports organization has launched the campaign "#WeWillWin" to pay a special tribute to health workers and other professionals?

- A. International Cricket Council (ICC)
- B. International Hockey Federation (IHF)
- C. Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)
- D. International Boxing Federation (IBF)
- E. International Tennis Federation (ITF)

63. Which institutions has launched Kisan Sabha App to connect farmers to supply chain and freight transportation Management systems?

- A. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- B. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- C. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- D. ASSOCHAM
- E. Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)

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

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

65. Which Indian sportsperson has been re-inducted into the Disciplinary Panel of National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA)?

- A. Akhil Kumar
- B. Sushil Kumar
- C. Vijender Singh
- D. Pawan Kumar
- E. Vikas Krishn Yadav

66. Which country will host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in 2021 which was postponed due COVID 19 pandemic?

- A. Brazil
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Japan
- E. Germany

67. The governing body of swimming the Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) has postponed the 2021 aquatics world championships to 2022. The tournament is scheduled to be held in which country?

- A. France
- B. Philippines
- C. Japan
- D. China
- E. Italy

68. Who becomes the first Indian to be nominated for the Fed Cup Heart Award from the Asia/Oceania zone?

- A. Sania Mirza
- B. Somdev Devvarman
- C. Rohan Bopanna
- D. Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- E. Yuki Bhambri

69. The Mango Board and Marketing Corporation which state signed a memorandum of understanding with e-commerce firm Flipkart to sell mangoes on its platform?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka
- E. West Bengal

70. Which state government has launched "Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana" on the occasion of death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Punjab
- E. Kerala

71. Which state government has levied 2% Krishak Kalyan fees on agricultural produce brought or bought or sold in mandis?

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



72. Who represented India at the 7 nation meeting initiated by the United States of America to gain support from the participating nations?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Narendra Modi
- E. Prakash Javadekar

73. Which Technology company has join hand with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to distribute micro insurance products of LIC?

- A. Vakrangee Limited
- B. AccountantsWorld
- C. VisionSoft Global
- D. Amazech Solutions
- E. SpringPath

74. Which international financial institutions has approved \$1 billion social protection package for India linked to Central government's programmes?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- C. World Bank (WB)
- D. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- E. European Bank

75. Which bank has launched Safety Grid campaign which was conceptualized by Leo Burnett India to help people maintain social distancing?

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

76. The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of which co-operative bank?

- A. Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank
- B. Mapusa Urban Co-operative Bank of Goa Ltd
- C. Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank
- D. Bharat Cooperative Bank
- E. Saraswat Bank

77. Which Bank has switched to the Cash Budget Based Assessment (CBBA) method of assessment for corporates?

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

78. Which country emerged as the largest source of FDI in India during the last fiscal, with \$ 14 .67 billion investments?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Singapore
- C. China
- D. Japan
- E. Netherlands

79. The Indian government has decided to withdraw which of the following Bonds?

- A. Savings Bonds Scheme
- B. Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme
- C. Capital Gains Bonds Scheme
- D. Cash management bills
- E. None of these

80. What is the percentage Subvention given by "Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector" to the dairy sector loans?

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

81. As per the data released by the Registrar General of India which state has least Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) among the large state?

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

82. Which agency has been appointed as the implementing agency to handle the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)?

- A. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA).

- B. Association of Renewable Energy Agencies of States (AREAS)
- C. National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)
- D. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)
- E. None of these

83. What additional amount has been allocated for MGNREGS which will help in generating total work of nearly 300 crore person days?

- A. 30,000 crores
- B. 40,000 crores
- C. 50,000 crores
- D. 55,000 crores
- E. 61,000 crores

84. Central Government has set up a new body Rice Export Promotion Forum to give impetus to rice exports under the aegis of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
- B. Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Promotion Development Authority (APEDA)
- C. Department of Agricultural Research and Education
- D. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- E. None of these

85. 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 which is almost \_\_\_\_\_ percent of India's GDP.

- A. 5 per cent
- B. 7 per cent
- C. 9 per cent
- D. 10 per cent
- E. 12 per cent

86. While announcing the 20 lakh crores economic package Prime Minister also mentioned 5-Pillars to make India self-reliant, which one is not among them?

- A. Dividend
- B. Infrastructure
- C. Technology
- D. Demography

E. Demand

87. Which of the following steel companies of India has withdrawn its membership from the Indian Steel Association (ISA)?

- A. JSW Steel Ltd
- B. Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)
- C. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL)
- D. Tata Steel
- E. Jindal Steel And Power Ltd (JSPL)

88. What amount of multi-year financial support has been approved by the World Bank for India?

- A. USD 100 million
- B. USD 200 million
- C. USD 300 million
- D. USD 400 million
- E. USD 500 million

89. Under its 'Bachpan Ka Rakshak' program which entity is to provide football coaching to under-privileged girls?

- A. Life Insurance Corporation of India
- B. Tata AIA Life Insurance
- C. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co. Ltd
- D. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- E. HDFC Standard Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

90. 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)

91. Which bank has released a song titled #HumHaarNahiMaanenge to keep hopes up amidst the ongoing national lockdown and Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. ICICI Bank

- B. State Bank of India
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Axis Bank
- E. Yes Bank

92. Which of the following Grameen Bank has launched 'Vikas Abhaya' a loan scheme to provide some relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) borrowers.

- A. Kaveri Grameena Bank
- B. Maharashtra Gramin Bank
- C. Meghalaya Rural Bank
- D. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- E. Jammu And Kashmir Grameen Bank

93. Market Regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹7 lakh on which of the following PSUs for delay in disclosing financial results?

- A. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- B. Gas authority of India Limited (GAIL)
- C. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- D. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- E. National Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC)

94. In the first meeting of the 15th Finance Commission's on Fiscal Consolidation Roadmap it estimated India's GDP growth to \_\_\_\_\_ in the financial year 2020-21.

- A. -6% to 1%
- B. -5% to 1%
- C. -6% to 0.5%
- D. -5% to 0.5%
- E. -3% to 1%

95. As per the data released by the Registrar General of India which state has largest Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)?

- A. Odisha
- B. Bihar
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

96. 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

97. The Defence Ministry has signed a contract with which of the following companies for Phase-II of Modernisation of Air Field Infrastructure of 37 airfields for Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard?

- A. Tata Power
- B. Larsen & Toubro
- C. GMR Infrastructure Limited
- D. IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited
- E. Jaiprakash Associates Limited

98. Who authored the book titled "Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City"?

- A. Amy Tan
- B. Hua Yu
- C. Fang Fang
- D. Gao Xingjian
- E. Mo Yan

99. Biography of Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle "Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of A Modern Royal Family" has been authored by?

- A. Omid Scobie
- B. Carolyn Durand
- C. Marina Hyde
- D. Amelia Gentleman
- E. Both A and B

100. Who has authored the book titled "The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir"?

- A. John Bolton
- B. Richard Powers
- C. Mary Jordan
- D. Rebecca Makkai
- E. Tommy Orange

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

- The Indian Olympic Association on Wednesday constituted an 11-member committee led by Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwala to monitor annual grant and affiliation fee of its members for the 2020-2021 cycle.
- Besides Mr. Sumariwala, the panel includes D R Saini, Vagish Pathak, S M Hashmi, Sekhar Chandra Biswas, Vithal Shrigaonkar, M P Singh, D V Seetharama Rao, Abu Mehta, Madhukant Pathak and B K Roka.
- The committee will review and monitor issues concerning the disbursement of IOA's annual grant to its members in coordination with the finance department.

2. Ans. E.

- Tamil Nadu constituted a 24 member high-level committee headed by C Rangarajan, ex-governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to assess the immediate and medium-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on various sectors of the State's economy
- The committee will examine fiscal challenge & suggest ways to improve its fiscal position including increasing the tax-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio and diversifying revenue sources and re-prioritising expenditure.
- State Finance Secretary S Krishnan will be the coordinator of the committee.
- The committee will submit its final reports to the Government within 3 months apart from the interim reports.

3. Ans. B.

- South African HIV researcher, Quarraisha Abdool Karim, who found that a topical gel could stop many women catching the virus has been awarded Christophe Merieux Prize.
- Christophe Merieux Prize is one of France's top science prizes. She won the half a million-euro (\$551,000) Prize for her work for the Durban-based Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), which she heads.

4. 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.

5. Ans. A.

- Lieutenant Commander Akshay Kumar was awarded the Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy for the year 2020.

• 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.

6. 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.

7. Ans. B.

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- A faculty member at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras and Padma Shri awardee Professor Thalappil Pradeep has been conferred with the 25th Nikkei Asia Prizes (2020) in Science and Technology (S&T) category.

- He is awarded in recognition of his pioneering work in nanotechnology-based water purification.

- Prof T. Pradeep is Institute Professor and Deepak Parekh Institute Chair Professor at the Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras.

- The prize includes a cash component of 3 Million Yen and an award certificate and is scheduled to be awarded in Tokyo, Japan later 2020.

8. Ans. A.

- Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan from the Theoretical Sciences Unit (TSU) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), has been elected as an International Honorary Member to the American Academy of Arts and Science (AAAS).

- JNCASR is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology.

- AAAS honors such scholars and leaders who have distinguished themselves in the sciences, arts, humanities, and public life.

9. Ans. D.

- 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.

- The bracelet has been developed as the measures for safeguarding against the coronavirus lockdown is being gradually lifted.

10. 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.

11. Ans. B.

- The scientists from United States Geological Survey (USGS) Astrogeology Science Center, in collaboration with NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and the Lunar Planetary Institute have virtually released the first ever digital, unified, global, geological map of the moon namely "Unified Geologic Map of the Moon".

- It will serve as a blueprint for future human missions and a source of research and analysis for the educators and the general public interested in lunar geology.

- It should be noted that the moon is the closest cosmic body to Earth.

12. Ans. B.

- South Korea holds national election amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

- The ruling democratic party of President Moon Jae won the election taking 180 seats.

- The opposition United Future Party took 103 seats. There are 300 seats in the South Korea National Assembly.

- There were 14,000 polling booths set up for elections and at every polling booth the temperature of the voters was checked before they were allowed to vote.

13. Ans. D.

- China has successfully launched a new rocket named "Long March 5B" into space as it steps up Moon landing plans.

- This rocket is launched in Wenchang launch site that is located on the island of Hainan, china.

- The rocket is a massive vehicle and is being compared with deep space Orion capsule of NASA.

- The rocket in the future will help China transport astronauts to space station by 2022.

- The rocket launch will also aid China in its plans of building a huge space station called "Tiangong". Tiangong is the space station programme of China.

14. Ans. C.

- \* Iran's parliament has passed a bill allowing the government to slash four

zeros from the rial and authorizing its replacement with another basic unit of currency called the toman (redenomination).

\* Under the bill, Iran's national currency will be changed from the rial to the Toman, which is equal to 10,000 rials.

\* It is the process whereby a country's currency is revalued due to significant inflation and currency devaluation, or when a country adopts a new currency and needs to exchange the old currency for a new one at a fixed rate.

\* In simpler words, it is exchanging old currency for new currency, or changing the face value of existing notes in circulation.

\* After its approval, the Central Bank of Iran will have two years to implement the change for removing rial from circulation and issuing toman instead.

15. Ans. C.

• Marcos Prado Troyjo, former deputy economy minister of Brazil will replace KV Kamath as the president of the New Development Bank's (NDB).

• The board of governors also appointed Anil Kishora, an Indian, as vice president of the NDB. Kishora, a banker, has 38 years of experience at India's largest bank, State Bank of India (SBI).

• Before joining the NDB, he worked as the deputy managing director and chief risk officer of the state-run SBI.

• NDB is a multilateral financial institution set up to mobilise resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies.

• KV Kamath was appointed president of NDB on July 7, 2015 at the inaugural meeting of the board of governors on the eve of the Ufa Summit, when the bank formally came into existence as a legal entity.

16. 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.

17. Ans. D.

\* Benjamin Netanyahu has been sworn as the Israel Prime Minister for the 5th time after signing of power-sharing deal with rival-turned-partner Benny Gantz of Blue and White Party.

\* He will now chair the post until 13 November 2021.

\* With this, the longest political deadlock in the Israel'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.

18. Ans. A.

• United States President Donald Trump nominated senior Indian American diplomat Manisha Singh as his envoy to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development(OECD) with an Ambassador rank.

• US President Donald Trump announces his intent to nominate Manisha Singh, who is in her late 40's, as the US envoy to OECD on 27th April 2020

• Manisha Singh served as the acting secretary of Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment and the deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs of the State Department.

• She served as the Deputy Chief Counsel to the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

19. Ans. A.

\* Iraq's Parliament chose an American-backed former Intelligence Chief, Mustafa al-Kadhimi as the new Prime Minister today.

\* Al-Kadhimi assumes the premiership as Iraq faces oil revenues that will likely prompt austerity measures, a rising daily

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tally of coronavirus cases, and other issues.

20. Ans. B.

- In an unprecedented move, the Head of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Roberto Azevedo has decided to resign, a year before his term expires.
- 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.
- He said, the decision will serve the best interests of the organization.

21. Ans. B.

- \* Recently, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has started looking into allegations against the Alphabet Inc's Google.
- \* According to the allegations, Google is abusing its market position to unfairly promote its mobile payments app (Google Pay) in the country.
- \* The complaint alleges the USA tech giant more prominently showcases its Google Pay app inside its Android app store in India, giving it an unfair advantage over apps of competitors.
- \* Google Pay allows users to do digital transactions, inter-bank fund transfers and bill payments.
- \* It competes with Softbank-backed Paytm and Walmart's PhonePe, both of which are prominently used in India.

22. 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.

23. Ans. C.

- \* India's top oil and gas producer ONGC and country's biggest electricity generator NTPC have signed a preliminary agreement to set up a joint venture company for renewable energy projects.
- \* The MoU will enable both companies to achieve their respective targets in renewable energy business.
- \* As per the MoU, NTPC and ONGC will explore and set up renewable power assets including offshore wind, in India and overseas, and explore opportunities in the fields of sustainability, storage, e-mobility and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) compliant projects
- \* Through this collaboration with NTPC, ONGC envisages significant growth in its presence in the renewable power sector.

24. Ans. C.

- The Research Centre Imarat (RCI) of Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has developed Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitizer (DHRUVS).
- The RCI of DRDO based in Hyderabad has developed a Ultra Violet Cabinet to sanitize mobile phones, laptops, iPads, passbooks, challans and paper.
- It can also be used to sanitize currency notes and papers. It provides 360-degree exposure to UV rays to the objects placed inside the cabinet.
- DHRUV is a contactless ultraviolet sanitization cabinet that is highly useful to sanitize electronic gadgets.

25. Ans. B.

- South Central Railway zone has developed a robotic device, "RAIL-BOT" (R-BOT) to assist in the functions of hospital management to provide better health care to the COVID patients.
- 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.
- The R-BOT holds sensor-based features to read the blood heat of patients and transmit an equivalent for display on Mobile phones.

26. Ans. A.

- The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has prepared a compendium of Indian Technologies for combating COVID-19 pandemic.
- It works under administrative control of the Dept. of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology.
- The technologies are categorized under 3T's of tracking, testing and treating.
- This is an attempt to compile the relevant and emerging innovative technologies including the technologies in the research stage to combat against the COVID-19.

27. Ans. D.

- The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative has recently published two scientific papers.
- The initiative has given its report on district-level trends of child growth and child mortality.
- The findings show there were 1.04 million under-5 deaths in 2017, down from 2.24 million deaths in 2000.
- The child mortality rate has dropped by 49% between 2000 and 2017.
- According to the report, though child mortality and child growth has improved, the inequality between the districts is high
- The inequality among states between the period has grown by 6 times and among the districts in a state has grown by 11 times.
- According to the report, 46% of the child in India are with short gestation, 21% are with child growth failure.

28. Ans. B.

- Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched 'e-karyalay' an electronic office application to enable the movement of files and documents without physical touch so as to prevent coronavirus infection.

- Designed by its in-house technical team for the usage of the 1.62 lakhs personnel & it resembles each and every function of traditional file movement.

- Has digital signature features to handle various securities related concerns and keep pace with existing standards.

- Hosted on the CISF Cloud with all security arrangements to safeguard the data & a data recovery site is established to maintain around-the-clock services.

- Gives the same visual appearance as the file with the notes on the left and all the correspondence and attachments on the right & Files can be opened, worked, parked and closed.

- App's 'Dak' or letters management section handles all sorts of communication between various levels of functional hierarchy & it enables to transfer the dak (snail mail) directly to the file noting.

29. Ans. C.

- The External Affairs Ministry has announced a training programme on COVID-19 from April 17 for healthcare professionals from SAARC countries.

- It will be carried out by the Central Government's Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme.

- It is to take forward the Prime Minister's (PM) 'Prepare Not Panic' for 'SAARC fights Corona'.

- PM Narendra Modi has suggested that the health professionals of the member nations come together to fight the coronavirus pandemic at the India-initiated video conference of SAARC leaders on March 15.

30. 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.

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33. Ans. C.

- \* Wipro has appointed Thierry Delaporte as its chief executive officer and managing director from next week to replace outgoing Abidali Neemuchwala.

- \* Delaporte, who was the chief operating officer of Capgemini, becomes the second member from the French IT giant to head an Indian IT services provider after Infosys CEO Salil Parekh.

- \* He will be based in Paris and report to Chairman Rishad Premji.

- \* Thierry has a Bachelor's degree in Economy and Finance from Sciences Po Paris and a Masters in Law from Sorbonne University.

- \* He is also the co-Founder and President of the not-for-profit organization Life Project 4 Youth.

34. Ans. B.

- \* New India Assurance, General Manager, SN Rajeswari, has been selected as the Chairman and MD of the Oriental Insurance Company (OIC) by Banks Board Bureau (BBB).

- \* She will replace AV Girija Kumar, who retiring this month end after reaching 60. BBB had conducted virtual interviews of five senior general managers of the public sector general insurance industry, with two years of residual services until May 2022, to select a CMD of OIC.

35. 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).

36. Ans. B.

- The scientists in National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad have developed a biosensor called the eCovSens.

- The sensor is used to detect COVID-19 virus in saliva samples.

- The researchers from NIAB have developed non-invasive bio-sensor testing device called eCovSens to detect COVID-19.

- The lens can help detect COVID-19 virus within 10 to 30 seconds of testing.

- The National Institute of Animal Biotechnology was established in 2010. It was established by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

37. Ans. E.

- Spice and health rejuvenator Kashmir saffron has been given a geographical indication (GI) tag.

- Longer and thicker stigmas, natural deep-red colour, high aroma, bitter flavour, chemical-free processing and high quantity of crocin are unique characteristics of Kashmir saffron.

- The recognition was formally published in the latest GI Journal by the GI Registry

- Recently, Gorakhpur Terracotta, Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai, and Black rice of Manipur also received GI tag.

38. Ans. C.

- The government has appointed Govinda Rajulu Chintala as chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

- 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.

39. Ans. A.

- \* The central government has brought the Cauvery Water Management

Authority (CWMA) under the Jal Shakti Ministry, which was earlier under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

- \* This decision is a formality of business allotment, which means that the authority must report to the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

- \* The move will have no impact on the independent nature of the functioning of the authority.

- \* Water management authorities of other rivers have also been brought under the ministry, which was earlier under the same ministry as CWMA.

- \* Jal Shakti Ministry was formed by merging Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation in May 2019

40. Ans. D.

- Senior vice president of HDFC Bank, Zubair Iqbal has appointed as new managing director of Jammu and Kashmir Bank by Jammu and Kashmir Government.

- Iqbal will have a three-year tenure.

- RK Chibber, who currently holds the position of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of J&K Bank, will continue to serve as the Chairman of the bank for the next three years.

- 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.

41. Ans. C.

- \* IAS officer V. Vidyavathi is appointed as the new Director-General of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) effective from 12th May 2020.

- \* She is a 1991 batch Karnataka cadre officer.

- \* Vidyavathi will be serving in the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

- \* Her appointment is confirmed by the order of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

42. 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].

43. Ans. A.

\* Odisha cadre IAS, Manoj Ahuja has been appointed the new chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

\* He is currently served as Special Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Department of Personnel and Training.

\* He will replace Anita Karwal as the chairman of the CBSE.

44. Ans. D.

\* Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Congress Leader of Lok Sabha was reappointed as Chairperson of the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee(PAC) by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

\* The PAC is the oldest Parliamentary Committee in which 15 members from the Lok Sabha and 7 from the Rajya Sabha are elected every year for the 22 member panel of PAC.

\* The PAC examines the annual finance accounts of the government and others and accounts the sums granted by the parliament for the expenditure of the Government.

45. 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.

46. 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

47. Ans. A.

• State-owned power giant NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) appointed Ramesh Babu V as director (operations).

• He was the successor of Prakash Tiwari who retired on April 30, 2020.

• Babu graduated as a mechanical engineer from NIT (National Institutes of Technology) Srinagar and completed his Masters degree in thermal engineering from IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology) Delhi.

• Babu as a professional manager and strategic planner has led several initiatives for improving reliability and efficiency of power stations.

48. Ans. A.

\* Government of India has appointed TS Tirumurti an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1985 batch the permanent representative of India to the United Nations (UN) at New York.

\* Currently, he is serving as the Secretary, Economic Relations in the Ministry of External Affairs.

\* He will replace Syed Akbaruddin following his retirement.

49. 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.

50. Ans. A.

- US comedian Jerry Stiller passed away recently. He was renowned for his recurring role as George Costanza's father on TV's Seinfeld for which he was also nominated for Emmy Awards in 1997.

- His other popular roles includes that of Arthur Spooner in TV sitcom "The King of Queens".

- He received joint star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame along with his wife Meara in year 2007.

51. Ans. C.

- \* Former India Football captain Chuni Goswami passed away.

- \* He was the captain of Indian Football Team that won the 1962 Asian Games gold medal. Under his captaincy, India finished as runner-up at the Asian Cup in 1964.

- \* Chuni Goswami commenced his international career in 1957 and emerged as one of the biggest stars of the national team.

- \* At the age of 27, he quit international football in 1964.

- \* He played for Mohun Bagan in Club Football. He was also a good cricketer as he was appointed the captain of Bengal Ranji Trophy team in 1971-72 season.

52. Ans. B.

- As a part of PMMSY, there will be 'Swath Sagar' plan, which is envisaged with modernizing of the fisheries sector

including promotion of Bio-toilets, Insurance coverage for fishing vessels, Fisheries Management Plans, E-Trading/Marketing, Fishers and resources survey and creation of National IT-based databases.

- Also, Government will register "Sagar Mitra" and encourage formation of Fish Farmers Producer Organizations (FFPOs) to help achieve the PMMSY goals by enhancing domestic fish consumption with corresponding health benefits.

53. Ans. C.

- Social networking giant Facebook has launched another group calling app, called CatchUp.

- The app has been developed by Facebook's NPE Team (new product experimentation) and is being tested in the United States for a limited time on iOS and Android operating systems.

- The app allows its users to engage in group calling with up to 8 members.

- However, this is not the first platform from Facebook that gives users this facility including WhatsApp, Messenger Rooms, etc.

- The main differentiating factor between CatchUp and several other Facebook-owned group calling platforms is that CatchUp tells its users when other users of the are available to talk.

54. 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.

55. Ans. C.

- \* Karnataka launched its first cyber security-specific accelerator programme 'H.A.C.K' for start-ups recently.

- \* 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.

56. Ans. A.

• 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.

57. Ans. C.

• West Bengal Government has launched 'Matir Smristi' scheme to utilise 50,000 acres of barren land in 6 districts.

• 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.

58. Ans. D.

• The flagship social security scheme of the Government of India - 'Atal Pension Yojana' (APY) - has completed five years of implementation and garnered over 2.2 crore subscribers.

• The scheme was launched on 9th May, 2015, with the objective of creating a universal social security system for all Indians, especially the poor, the under-privileged and the workers in the unorganised sector.

• The scheme is being administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority through National Pension System (NPS).

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60. Ans. C.

\* The National Institution for Transforming India(NITI) Aayog in association with Piramal Foundation(the philanthropic arm of the Piramal Group) launched virtually the 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' campaign to ensure well being of senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

\* The aim of the campaign is to create awareness about various aspects of senior citizens' health and lifestyle including preventive measures and requisite behavioural changes in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

\* It focus on behaviour change, access to services, early detection & tracking of COVID-19 symptoms

61. Ans. D.

• The cabinet of Himachal Pradesh decided to starts the "Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojna".

• In this Yojna, 120 days" assured employment will be provided to people living in urban areas. It is being launched to revive the coronavirus-hit economy of the state.

• Adequate training will be given to the people for their skill upgrade if required.

• The cabinet also decided to provide an assistance of Rs 2,000 to each of the 1 lakh workers registered under the

Building and Other Construction Workers Board.

62. Ans. C.

\* Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has launched a campaign called "#WeWillWin".

\* Through this campaign FIFA tribute a special video to health workers and other professionals who ensure the society continues to function among COVID-19 pandemic.

\* Former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia who is also featured among 50 past and present football stars.

63. Ans. B.

• CSIR has launched Kisan Sabha App to connect farmers to supply chain and freight transportation Management systems.

• It aims to provide economical and timely logistics support to the farmers.

• It will also help in providing the best market rates of crops by comparing the nearest mandis, booking of freight vehicles at the cheapest cost thereby giving maximum benefit to the farmers.

• The App is developed by CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI).

64. Ans. A.

• The Bundesliga of Germany becomes the world's first major sports event to resume after COVID-19 lock down.

• Though the sports events are beginning, they will not be played the same way.

• 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.

65. Ans. A.

\* Former Commonwealth gold medalist Indian boxer Akhil Kumar was re-inducted into the Disciplinary Panel of National Anti-Doping Agency's (NADA).

\* Akhil, who is also serving in [Haryana Police](#) as ACP Gurugram, was formerly in the panel from 2017 to 2019.

\* The Arjuna award-winning Olympian is among the most accomplished names in Indian boxing and has also been the government observer for the sport between 2017 and 2019.

\* The NADA ADDP also features track-and-field Arjuna awardee Ashwini Nachappa among others.

66. Ans. B.

• The All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup confirmed that the tournament will be held from February 17 till March 7, 2021.

• FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup was scheduled to be held in India from November 2 to 21, 2020 across 5 venues and has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

• FIFA announced that the tournament will keep original eligibility criteria despite the postponement: players born on or after 1 January 2003 and on or before 31 December 2005 will be eligible to compete.

67. Ans. C.

• Following the postponement of 2020 Tokyo Olympics to 2021 the governing body of swimming Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) has postponed the 2021 aquatics world championships, Fukuoka, Japan to May 12 to May 29 of 2022 due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

• FINA had to move the championships because the 2021 slot of Jul 16 to Aug 1 clashed with the new date for the Tokyo Games, which were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

68. Ans. A.

• Sania Mirza became the first Indian to be nominated for the Fed Cup Heart Award from the Asia/Oceania zone along with Indonesia's Priska Medelyn Nugroho.

• Sania had recently made a comeback to Fed Cup after four years.

• With her 18-month son Izhaan present in the stands, Sania had helped India qualify for the Play-offs for the first time

• The winners of the Heart Awards will be determined by online voting by fans

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which will go live on May 1 and will go on until May 8.

69. Ans. D.

- The Karnataka State Mango Board and Marketing Corporation signed a memorandum of understanding with e-commerce firm Flipkart to sell mangoes on its platform.

- The latest tie-up is part of Karnataka government's efforts to enable farmers to sell their produce online as the covid-19 induced lockdown has hit sales and their earnings.

- Farmers produce organisations from Bengaluru Urban, Kolar, Haveri, Hubballi-Dharwad and Belgaum will be onboarded on the Flipkart platform as sellers. The mangoes will be available in batches of 3 kgs, and consumers will have access to popular varieties such as Alphonso, Badami, Apoos, Banganpalli, Kesar, Neelam, Himam Pasand, Sendur, and Mallika.

70. Ans. B.

- \* Chhattisgarh government has launched "Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana" on the occasion of death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

- \* The farmer centered scheme aims to stimulate the rural economy in the state, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

- \* The provision of the scheme was made in the Budget 2020-21. The scheme is expected to benefit over 1.87 million farmers.

71. Ans. D.

- 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.

72. Ans. B.

- \* The External Affairs ministers represented India at the 7 nation meeting initiated by the United States.

- \* The meeting was held on the same day, the US Senate passed an act directing the Secretary of the State to frame a strategy to make Taiwan an observer at the World Health Organization.

- \* The meeting was held to gain support from the participating nations. It includes Australia, India, Brazil, Japan, Israel and Republic of Korea.

73. Ans. A.

- Vakrangee Limited has entered into a partnership with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to distribute latter's micro insurance products in unserved and underserved areas through its Nextgen Vakrangee Kendra network spread across India.

- Vakrangee kendras will also act as a renewal premium collection point for all micro insurance policies of LIC irrespective of whether these policies have been procured at the kendra or not. In addition, Follow up for Collection and remittance of renewal premium of LIC's micro insurance policies will be enabled at the kendras.

- Vakrangee Limited is a technology company based in Mumbai (Maharashtra).

74. Ans. C.

- The World Bank has approved \$1 billion social protection package for India linked to Central government's programmes.

- The billion-dollar social protection package was in addition to the previous package of \$1 billion allocated to India for COVID-19 emergency response and health systems.

- This package will be linked to the programmes launched by the Government of India.

- Hence, it will support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households who severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

75. Ans. C.

- In order to encourage consumers to follow social distancing, HDFC Bank launched its #HDFCBankSafetyGrid campaign to help people maintain the World Health Organisation (WHO) prescribed distance while waiting in a queue at a shop or an establishment.

- It has created physical markers on the ground using the outer grid of its logo at a distance of 1 meter from each outside the outlets like pharmacies, grocery stores, Automated teller machines (ATMs) among others.

- It has been implemented in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune, Chandigarh and Bhubaneswar at 1,750 essential services stores & will be implemented at over 4,000 essential services stores across the 8 cities.

76. Ans. B.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled Mapusa Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd's (MUCB) banking licence, paving the way for its liquidation since multiple attempts at the merger route have failed.

- The central bank has issued an order, barring the bank to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on April 16, 2020.

- Hence, the Urban Co-operative Bank has been refrained from running the business of 'banking' which comprises of acceptance of deposits as well as repayment of deposits as defined in Section 5 (b) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 with immediate effect.

77. Ans. D.

- State Bank of India (SBI) has switched to "Cash Budget Based Assessment (CBBA)" from "Projected Balance Sheet (PBS)" method of Fund Based Working Capital (FBWC) limits for assessment of the working capital requirement for corporates or large advances.

- CBBA of limits has been initiated for assessment of the FBWC limits for units with total FBWC exposure of more than ₹50 crore from the banking system.

- SBI has also started Risk Intel, an email service, advising the business units of rating actions in respect of units it has funded.

78. Ans. B.

- Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India grew by 13 per cent to a record of \$ 49.97 billion in the 2019-20 financial year, according to official data. The country had

received FDI of \$ 44.36 billion during April-March 2018-19.

- Sectors which attracted maximum foreign inflows during 2019-20 include services (\$7.85 billion), computer software and hardware (\$7.67 billion), telecommunications (\$4.44 billion), trading (\$4.57 billion), automobile (\$2.82 billion), construction (\$2 billion), and chemicals (\$1 billion), the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data showed.

- Singapore emerged as the largest source of FDI in India during the last fiscal, with \$ 14.67 billion investments.

- It was followed by Mauritius (\$8.24 billion), the Netherlands (\$6.5 billion), the US (\$4.22 billion), Cayman Islands (\$3.7 billion), Japan (\$3.22 billion), and France (\$1.89 billion).

79. Ans. A.

- The government has decided to withdraw 7.75% Savings (Taxable) Bonds scheme from the close of banking business on Thursday due to declining interest rates.

- The scheme, commonly known as RBI Bonds or GOI bonds, is popular among retail investors who looking for safety of principal and a regular income.

- The Reserve Bank of India too has notified the Cessation of 7.75% Savings (Taxable) Bonds, 2018. Interest on the Bonds is taxable.

- The Bonds are issued at par at ₹100. The minimum subscription was fixed at ₹1,000.

- As per the scheme, the Bonds are repayable on the expiration of seven years from the date of issue.

80. Ans. B.

- The latest announcements under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan will help ease out the working capital crisis for handling surplus milk and enable timely payment to farmers.

- To offset the economic impact of Covid-19 and the lockdown, on the dairy sector, the Government introduced a new scheme "Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for dairy sector" for Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and



Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities (SDC&FPO)

- The latest scheme provides interest subvention of 2 per cent per annum, with an additional incentive of 2 per cent per annum interest subvention to be given in case of prompt and timely repayment/interest servicing.
- The scheme, which will be implemented through NDDDB, will help to ease out the working capital crisis for handling surplus milk and enable timely payment to the farmers. It will unlock ₹5,000 crore additional liquidity.

81. Ans. B.

- Data released by the Registrar General of India stated that India's infant mortality rate (IMR) has improved very marginally from 33 per 1,000 live births in 2017 to 32 in 2018.
- The report stated that Madhya Pradesh has the worst IMR in the country at 48 and Nagaland stands the best at 4. In 2017, Madhya Pradesh's IMR stood at 47.
- Among large states, Kerala has performed best with an IMR in single digits at 7. Also, only Kerala state has now achieved the United Nations' sustainable development goal in this regard.
- The report stated that the largest decline in IMR has been registered by Mizoram, with a decline from 15 to 5. Undivided Jammu and Kashmir has shown a decline and is at 22, well below the national average of 32.

82. Ans. A.

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on its behalf in the amended clause has appointed the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) as the implementing agency to handle the Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II & all issues regarding the time-extension and dispute resolution on inevitable events.
- IREDA will conduct bidding for solar power projects allocation in the Scheme with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) amount as a bid parameter to select project proponents. MNRE will timely review the

maximum permissible VGF amount & will reduce if the cost difference comes down.

- In Case of the existing clause, the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) handled the scheme on behalf of the ministry.

83. Ans. B.

- Government of India has decided to allocate an additional amount of Rs 40,000 crore under MGNREGS which will help in generating total work of nearly 300 crore person-days.
- 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 lead to the creation of a larger number of durable and livelihood assets including water conservation assets.
- Hence it is expected to boost the rural economy through higher production.

84. Ans. B.

- 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.

85. Ans. D.

- 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 announced economic package is 10% of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2019-20.
- The amount includes packages already announced at the beginning of the lockdown incorporating measures from the RBI and the payouts under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana.
- The package is expected to focus on land, labour, liquidity and laws.

86. Ans. A.

- Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi addressed his countrymen and announced an Economic Package of Rs 20 Lakh crore, giving stress on land, labour, liquidity and law.
  - This package will intend to support farmers, labourers, fishermen, migrants and the industry of the country.
  - Through this package, PM announced to ensure the rural India from the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - During his speech, Prime Minister also mentioned 5-Pillars to make India self-reliant. These 5 pillars are, Economy, Infrastructure, System, Demography, Demand.
87. Ans. D.
- Tata Steel Ltd has withdrawn its membership from the Indian Steel Association (ISA), an apex steel industry body.
  - Subsequent to it, the company's CEO and Managing Director (MD) T V Narendran has also stepped down from the Presidentship of the Association, tenure of which was scheduled to end in August.
  - An ISA President is elected for a period of two years.
88. Ans. D.
- The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 400 million multi-year financial support to help India enhance its coastal & marine resources, protect marine resources & coastal populations from pollution, erosion, sea-level rise, and improve livelihood opportunities for coastal communities over the next decade.
  - It will help protect coastal resources by focusing on the rehabilitation of coastal beaches and mangroves
  - The 1st phase covers 8 coastal States and 3 coastal Union Territories, with USD 180 million in funding, for Enhancing Coastal and Ocean Resource Efficiency (ENCORE).
  - The loan from the international bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a final maturity of 14.5 years including a grace period of 5 years.
89. Ans. B.

- In order to create interest in education for the under-privileged girls aged 12-16 years, by using football coaching as a medium, Tata AIA Life Insurance has launched a 'Bachhpan Ka Rakshakaran' program in association with Mumbai based Non-profit 'Oscar Foundation'.
  - It is a joint venture company formed by Tata Sons Ltd and AIA Group Ltd (AIA).
  - It also conducted a full day coaching session at Astra Turf, WIFA (Western India Football Association), Cooperage, Colaba in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
90. 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.
91. Ans. C.
- HDFC Bank has released a song titled #HumHaarNahiMaanenge to keep hopes up amidst the ongoing national lockdown and Covid-19 pandemic.
  - The lyrics of the song has been penned by Prasoon Joshi and music has been composed by AR Rahman.
  - HDFC Bank has announced that it will contribute Rs 500 each time the song is shared via social media towards the PM-CARES Fund.
92. Ans. D.
- \* Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched 'Vikas Abhaya' a loan scheme to provide some relief to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) borrowers.
  - \* This scheme is for those borrowers whose business activities are disrupted

on account of the COVID-19 pandemic in Dharwad, Karnataka.

\* The loan will be for the existing MSME customers who have been regular as on February 29, a maximum loan of up to Rs 1 lakh will be provided and no collateral security is emphasized & is repayable within 36 months.

\* It is an additional credit facility to the eligible existing MSME borrowers & helps them to assist over the current crisis and ensures the continuation of viable business activity.

93. Ans. A.

• Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has imposed a penalty of ₹7 lakh on the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for delay in disclosing financial results.

• The market regulator observed that NHAI had delayed filing half yearly financial results between FY16 and FY19. The delays ranged from 4 days to 78 days.

• According to Sebi's listing obligation and disclosure norms (LODR), the half yearly results have to be filed within 45 days from the end of the half year.

94. Ans. A.

• The first meeting of the 15th Finance Commission's (XVFC) committee on Fiscal Consolidation Roadmap was held through video conferencing (VC).

• The committee headed by Nand Kishore (NK) Singh has recommended the judgement of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on monetisation of fiscal deficit.

• The committee supported the Centre's decision of allowing states to borrow up to 5% of gross state domestic product (GSDP)

• The Committee also estimated India's GDP growth to -6% to 1% in the financial year 2020-21.

• The nominal GDP will accelerate to 4-5% in FY2021-22.

95. Ans. E.

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96. 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.

97. Ans. A.

• The Defence Ministry has signed a contract worth around Rs 1,200 crore with Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division for Phase-II of Modernisation of Air Field Infrastructure of 37 airfields for Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

• The proposal is approved by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

• The project will give a boost to over 250 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) which will directly benefit from the execution of various activities of this project.

98. Ans. C.

\* The book called "Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City" authored by Chinese literary writer Fang Fang.

\* This book is a compilation of online diary entries and social media posts that document 60 days of lockdown during COVID-19.

\* The book was published by HarperNonFiction.

99. Ans. E.

• Biography of Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle "Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of A Modern Royal Family" by royal reporters Omid Scobie and Carolyn Durand scheduled to release on 11th August tops the pre order charts as it went online in Amazon.

• The Book reveals details of the royal couple Harry and Meghan The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, quit as senior members of the royal family earlier this

year stepped back as frontline royals to settle in Los Angeles, United States with their one-year son Archie.

• The authors Omid Scobie and Carolyn Durand have witnessed the lives of this royal couple as the members of the selected reporters who covered the British Royal Family and their engagements.

100. Ans. A.

\* A book titled "The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir" authored by John Bolton.

\* The date of the book release has been pushed back from May 12, 2020 to June 23, 2020, on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble bookseller company.

\* The book was published by an American publishing company Simon & Schuster.

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