

# Top 100+ Current Affairs of April 2020



1. The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed globally on which date by the United Nations?

- A. 4th April
- B. 5th April
- C. 6th April
- D. 7th April
- E. 8th April

2. Who is the author of the Biography of former Defence Minister and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar titled 'An Extraordinary Life'?

- A. Milind Karmarkar
- B. Mayabhushan Nagvenkar
- C. Sadguru Patil
- D. Prakash Javadekar
- E. Both B and C

3. Which state government has launched an online cultural competition "Mo Prativa" in collaboration with the UNICEF?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. West Bengal
- C. Tripura
- D. Odisha
- E. Bihar

4. Which of the following NGOs has been awarded the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020 in recognition of its exceptional work in the maternal and child health space in India?

- A. SEWA
- B. ARMMAN
- C. CREA
- D. Azad Foundation
- E. Centre for Social Research

5. The Ministry of Tourism has launched which portal to help foreign tourists who are stuck in various parts of the country?

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

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

A. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited

B. Apollo Munich Health Insurance Co. Ltd.

C. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd.

D. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd.

E. IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Co. Ltd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. What is the theme of the World Autism Awareness Day 2020?

- A. The Transition to Adulthood
- B. Towards Autonomy and Self-Determination
- C. Empowering Women and Girls with Autism
- D. Employment: The Autism Advantage
- E. Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neurodiversity

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

- A. Australian Open
- B. French Open
- C. Wimbledon 2020
- D. US Open
- E. None of these

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

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

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

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

14. PhonePe has launched a unique coronavirus hospitalisation insurance policy called "Corona Care" in partnership with which general insurance company?

- A. HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- B. ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- C. IFFCO TOKIO General Insurance
- D. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- E. Apollo Munich Health Insurance

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

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

16. The Competition Commission of India has approved the formation of Joint Venture between Total S.A. and which of

the following for solar power generation in India?

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

17. As per revised norms of the central government what is the limit for a person reside in J&K to become permanent resident of the UT?

- A. 10 Years
- B. 12 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 20 years
- E. 22 years

18. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) assured India of what amount of support to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. USD 2.2 billion
- B. USD 2.8 billion
- C. USD 3.5 billion
- D. USD 4.2 billion
- E. USD 5.7 billion

19. Who has authored the book titled "The Art of Her Deal," an unauthorized biography of first lady of USA Melania Trump?

- A. Richard Powers
- B. Mary Jordan
- C. Rebecca Makkai
- D. Tommy Orange
- E. Elif Batuman

20. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance?

- A. Shinjiro Hamada
- B. Chisato Kojima
- C. Rakesh Kapur
- D. Parvinder Singh Gahlaut
- E. Anamika Roy Rashtrawar

21. Which Indian institute has partnered with Australia's Griffith University to develop the COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)
- B. Indian Institute of Science (IIS)
- C. National Institute of Virology

D. All India Institute of Medical Sciences  
E. None of these

22. Which country has become the world leader in international patent filings via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)?  
A. USA  
B. Japan  
C. Germany  
D. China  
E. India

23. As per the Goldman Sachs what is India's growth forecast for the FY 2020-21 due to the lockdown & social distancing measures?  
A. 1.6%  
B. 2.2%  
C. 3.3%  
D. 3.7%  
E. 4.2%

24. Who among the following cricketers has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden?  
A. Virat Kohli  
B. Rohit Sharma  
C. Ben Stokes  
D. Steve Smith  
E. Aaron Finch

25. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti AXA Life Insurance?  
A. Akhil Kumar Gupta  
B. Harjeet Kohli  
C. Parag Raja  
D. Rajesh Sud  
E. Uma Ajay Relan

26. What amount has been allocated by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF) for COVID-19 projects in 8 member countries?  
A. USD 2 million  
B. USD 3 million  
C. USD 4 million  
D. USD 5 million  
E. USD 6 million

27. Who among the following female cricketers has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World 2020?

A. Smriti Mandhana  
B. Sana Mir  
C. Shashikala Siriwardene  
D. Ellyse Perry  
E. Mark Lane

28. The Punjab National Bank Housing Finance (PNBHF) has signed an agreement with which two agencies to raise USD 100 million to provide loans to affordable housing segment?

A. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and City Bank  
B. Asian Development Bank and City Bank  
C. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and City Bank  
D. World Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)  
E. None of these

29. Who among the following has been named as the brand ambassador of beverage Major PepsiCo?

A. Smriti Mandhana  
B. Harmanpreet Kaur  
C. Taniya Bhatia  
D. Shafali Verma  
E. Deepti Sharma

30. By which year NASA is planning to setup Artemis, the first human base camp on Moon's south pole?

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

31. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), for 2020-21?

A. Rekha M Menon  
B. UB Pravin Rao  
C. Salil Parekh  
D. D N Prahlad  
E. D Sundaram

32. Famous cricketer Jock Edwards passed away recently, he played for which country?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. England
- D. South Africa
- E. Zimbabwe

33. Who among the following has been conferred with 'Hero to Animals Award' by animal rights body PETA India?

- A. YS Jaganmohan Reddy
- B. Ashok Gehlot
- C. Captain Amarinder Singh
- D. Naveen Patnaik
- E. Mamata Bank

34. Which of the following state has topped in micro-irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Haryana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Punjab
- E. Rajasthan

35. The low-cost ventilator 'Jeevan' has been developed by which of the following entities?

- A. Indian Railway
- B. Naval Dockyard, Vishakhapatnam
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- D. IIT Roorkee
- E. None of these

36. Who has authored the book titled 'How Contagion Works: Science, Awareness and Community in Times of Global Crisis'?

- A. Paolo Giordano
- B. Dr. Neil A Feldstein
- C. Dr. Paul C McCormick
- D. Mark Olshaker
- E. None of these

37. Who has authored the book titled "Deadliest Enemy: Our War Against Killer Germs"?

- A. Paolo Giordano
- B. Dr. Neil A Feldstein
- C. Michael Osterholm
- D. Mark Olshaker

E. Both C and D

38. Renowned personality M.K. Arjunan passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Actor
- B. Singer
- C. Music Composer
- D. Historian
- E. Politician

39. Which of the following institution has designs designed full body disinfection chamber called as PSE?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- C. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- D. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- E. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)

40. There are three official mascots 'Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen' for 19th Asian Games were unveiled at a digital launch ceremony in Hangzhou, China due to COVID-19 which is collectively known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. "smart fuleco"
- B. 'triplets Lianlian'
- C. "smart triplets"
- D. "smart Zabivaka"
- E. None of these

41. Name the American songwriter, soulful singer, guitarist & 3 time Grammy award winner passed away recently?

- A. Bill Withers
- B. Adam Schlesinger
- C. Taylor Swift
- D. Carole King
- E. John Prine

42. The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 1st April
- B. 2nd April
- C. 3rd April
- D. 4th April



E. 5th April

43. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has offered volunteer cadets to assist civilian authorities to fight against covid-19 under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'. Where is the HQ of NCC located?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Nagpur
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai
- E. New Delhi

44. Which of the following organization has adopted the resolution 'Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

- A. World Health Organization (WHO)
- B. World Bank (WB)
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- E. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

45. Which country will host the 3rd edition of Asian youth games in 2021?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. Indonesia
- E. Sri Lanka

46. World Hemophilia Day is an international observance held annually on April 17. What is the theme for the year 2020?

- A. "Together, We Care"
- B. "Get + Involved"
- C. "Hear their voices"
- D. "Treatment for All, The Vision of All"
- E. None of these

47. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the World Wide Fund (WWE) India for the environmental education programme?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Mahesh Bhupathi
- C. Sania Mirza
- D. Viswanathan Anand
- E. Rahul Dravid

48. Famous sportsperson Willie Davis passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Football
- B. Hockey
- C. Cricket
- D. Badminton
- E. Swimming

49. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador of "CricKingdom" a Dubai-based cricket coaching academy?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. Rohit Sharma
- E. KL Rahul

50. Which of the following is the official mascot for 4th Asian Paralympic Games 2022, which is scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China?

- A. Congcong
- B. Lianlian
- C. Chenchen
- D. Yangyang
- E. Feifei

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

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

52. J Packirisamy has been appointed as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Union Bank of India (UBI), formerly he was Managing Director of bank?

- A. Syndicate Bank
- B. Corporation Bank
- C. Andhra Bank
- D. Allahabad Bank
- E. Oriental Bank of Commerce

53. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive of credit rating agency "CARE Ratings"?

- A. Rajesh Ramchandra Mokashi

- B. Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan
- C. Ajay Mahajan
- D. Sonal Gunvant Desai
- E. Adesh Gupta Kumar

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

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

55. Which country will host the Asian Boxing Championship in November 2020?

- A. Nepal
- B. Thailand
- C. China
- D. India
- E. Indonesia

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

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- B. National Institute of Technology-Karnataka
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- D. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- E. Defence Research and Development Organisation

57. Renowned personality Ranjit Chowdhry passed away recently, he was veteran\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Footballer
- B. Cricketer
- C. Singer
- D. Actor
- E. Journalist

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

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

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

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

60. Online agriculture trading portal Electronic- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) to complete 4 years of implementation, which is the leading agency to implement it?

- A. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
- B. National Commission on Farmers (NCF)
- C. Small Farmers Agricultural Business Association (SFAC)
- D. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- E. None of these

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

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

62. Which of the following central banks has bought 1.01% stake in HDFC Bank?

- A. People's Bank of China
- B. Federal Reserve
- C. European Central Bank
- D. Bank of England
- E. Swiss National Bank

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

- A. GMR Infrastructure Limited
- B. Larsen & Toubro Infrastructure Development Projects Limited
- C. Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- D. IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited
- E. Jaiprakash Associates Limited

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

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry for Human Resource Development
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- E. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

65. Which becomes the first station of Indian Railways (IR) to install a Walk-Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel?

- A. Mumbai Central
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Jaipur
- E. Hyderabad

66. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Karnataka Bank for next 3 years?

- A. Mahabaleshwara M S
- B. P. Jayarama Bhat
- C. Ashok Haranahalli
- D. Rammohan Rao Belle
- E. Keshav Krishnarao Desai

67. E-commerce firm Flipkart has partnered with which company to distribute essential food and beverage products to Indians?

- A. Tata Consumer Products Ltd
- B. Hindustan Unilever Limited
- C. Colgate-Palmolive
- D. Britannia Industries Limited
- E. Procter and Gamble

68. What is the rank of the Indian Football team in the latest FIFA ranking?

- A. 105<sup>th</sup>
- B. 106<sup>th</sup>
- C. 107<sup>th</sup>
- D. 108<sup>th</sup>
- E. 109<sup>th</sup>

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

- A. Andhra Pradesh

- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Odisha
- E. Delhi

70. Which of the following states becomes the first state in the country to carry out Rapid Testing for Covid 19?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Delhi

71. Which sports organization has created 'Team Mask Force' to spread awareness against COVID-19?

- A. National Sports Organization
- B. Sports Federation of India
- C. All India Football Federation
- D. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- E. National Anti Doping Agency

72. Which mobile application has been launched by the agriculture ministry to facilitate transportation of foodgrains and perishables during lockdown?

- A. Kisan Rath
- B. Kisan Mobile
- C. Kisan Express
- D. Kisan Udaan
- E. Kisan Samarth

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

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

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

- A. 19<sup>th</sup> April
- B. 20<sup>th</sup> April
- C. 21<sup>st</sup> April
- D. 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- E. 23<sup>rd</sup> April



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

79. Who among the following becomes the new president of International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA)?

- A. Pawan Munjal
- B. D J Balaji Rao
- C. Manish Kejriwal
- D. Rakesh Sharma
- E. Gita Piramal

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

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

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

- A. Douglas V. Mastriano
- B. Thomas P. McKenna
- C. Adam Higginbotham
- D. Logan Beirne
- E. None of these

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

- A. 165th
- B. 156th
- C. 142nd
- D. 134th
- E. 120th

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

- A. 22nd April
- B. 23rd April
- C. 24th April
- D. 25th April
- E. 26th April

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

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

85. Eminent personality Usha Ganguly passed away recently, she was associated with which field?

- A. Theater
- B. Politics
- C. Journalism
- D. Sports
- E. Education

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

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNESCO

- C. UNODC
- D. UNDP
- E. UNCTAD

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

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

88. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) for a period of 3 years?

- A. Rajiv Gauba
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. Rajiv Maharishi
- D. Ajay Narayan Jha
- E. Subhash Chandra Garg

89. Who among the following has been appointed as the Vigilance Commissioner in the anti-corruption watchdog CVC?

- A. Sharad Kumar
- B. Suresh N Patel
- C. Anand Prakash Maheshwari
- D. Rajesh Ranjan
- E. Harsh Vardhan Shringla

90. Every year 30<sup>th</sup> April is celebrated as which of the following days?

- A. National Polio eradication Day
- B. Ayushman Bharat Diwas
- C. National Maritime Day
- D. World Hemophilia Day
- E. World Heritage Day

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

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

92. What is the theme of the 2020 World Day for Safety and Health at Work?

- A. Workplace Stress: A collective challenge
- B. Optimize the collection and use of Occupational safety health data
- C. Safety and Health and the Future of Work
- D. Safety and health at work can save lives
- E. Occupational safety health vulnerability of young workers

93. What is the theme of the World Immunization Week 2020?

- A. Close the immunization gap
- B. Protect your world – get vaccinated
- C. VaccinesWork for All
- D. Immunization saves lives
- E. Protected Together – Vaccines Work

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

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

95. Which organization has recently, released a map showing Aksai Chin region of Ladakh as a part of China with a dotted line and colour code?

- A. UNDP
- B. World Health Organization
- C. World Trade Organization
- D. UNICEF
- E. UNESCO

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

- A. 25,000 crores
- B. 30,000 crores
- C. 40,000 crores
- D. 50,000 crores
- E. 60,000 crores

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

- A. "Creativity – the next generation"
- B. "Innovate for a Green Future"
- C. Movies – a Global Passion

- D. Get Up, Stand Up for Music
- E. Digital Creativity - Culture Reimagined

98. Sana Mir of which country announced her retirement from international cricket?

- A. England
- B. South Africa
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Afghanistan

99. The 11th edition of World Games 2022 scheduled to be held in which country has unveiled an updated logo and title?

- A. Canada
- B. Japan

- C. USA
- D. England
- E. China

100. Which state government has rolled out "e-sanjeevani-opd" for free online medical consultation to sick people?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Gujarat

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

- The United Nations celebrates 6th of April every year as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.
- To celebrate International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2020, the United Nations requests people around the world to be active, stay healthy and exhibit solidarity during this period of physical and social distancing as this team spirit is going to help us all in getting through the current challenges together.
- For the International Day of Sport 2020, the UN has appealed to people to #BeActive and healthy to beat #COVID19.

2. Ans. E.

- The biography of Manohar Parrikar titled 'An Extraordinary Life' has been written by Sadguru Patil and Mayabhushan Nagvenkar.
- Published by Penguin Random House the book describes in great detail the events of the evening the surgical strikes were supposed to take place.
- The book on former Defence Minister and Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar reveals just what went on, on the eve of the surgical strikes against Pakistan (announced on September 29, 2016) after the Uri attack that killed 18 Indian soldiers and left more than 30 injured.

3. Ans. D.

- The Odisha government has launched an online cultural competition "Mo Prativa" in collaboration with the UNICEF.
- The cultural competition "Mo Prativa" has been launched in order to keep children engaged at home during the lockdown period.
- The competition will enable children to participate in various activities such as painting, writing of slogans, short stories, poems etc.

4. Ans. B.

- ARMMAN, an India-based non-profit organization (NPO), has been awarded the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020 in recognition of its exceptional work in the maternal and

child health space in India, along with 4 other awardees.

- ARMMAN is the only organization from Asia and Africa, selected from 700 organizations.

5. Ans. B.

- The Ministry of Tourism has launched a portal 'Stranded in India' to help foreign tourists who are stuck in various parts of the country.
- Its web address is strandedinindia.com.
- The portal consists of information around COVID-19 helpline numbers and call centres that foreign tourists can reach out for help.

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

6. Ans. A.

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

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

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

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

7. Ans. D.

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

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

corruption in India's recent history & is published by Rupa Publication.

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8. Ans. C.

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

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

9. Ans. C.

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

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

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

10. Ans. A.

- World Autism Awareness Day observed globally on 2 April every year.

- This year is the 13th annual World Autism Awareness Day.

- This day is observed to highlight the need to improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

- The very first World Autism Day was observed in the year 2008 on April 2.

- This year the World Autism Awareness Day 2020 Theme is 'The Transition to Adulthood'.

11. Ans. C.

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

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

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

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

12. Ans. B.

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

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

13. Ans. A.

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

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

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

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

14. Ans. D.

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

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

- The entire policy purchase process takes less than 2 minutes and customers will be instantly issued their policy documents inside the PhonePe app.

15. Ans. C.



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

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

16. Ans. A.

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

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

17. Ans. C.

- A new definition for domicile for Jammu and Kashmir was introduced which has stated that a person residing in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for at least 15 years or has studied for a period of seven years in Jammu and Kashmir and appeared in Class 10 or 12 examinations will now be eligible to be a permanent resident of the UT.

- This new rule was issued under the Section 3A of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Adaptation of State Laws Order 2020, under the Jammu and Kashmir civil services decentralisation and recruitment Act.

18. Ans. A.

- \* Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masatsugu Asakawa assured Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of \$2.2 billion (about ₹ 16,500 crore) support to India in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

- \* ADB assistance for India will be further increased if needed. We will consider all financing options available with us to meet India's needs, including emergency assistance, policy-based loans, and

budget support to facilitate swift disbursement of ADB funds.

19. Ans. B.

- \* A Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The Washington Post, Mary Jordan's has written an unauthorized biography of first lady Melania Trump.

- \* Mary Jordan's "The Art of Her Deal," which draws upon more than 100 interviews, comes out June 16.

- \* Jordan began working on the book in 2015, well before Donald Trump's surprise victory in the presidential election.

- \* She investigated everything from Melania Knauss' childhood in Slovenia to her years as a model to her relationship with her husband.

20. Ans. E.

- \* IFFCO Tokio General Insurance has appointed Anamika Roy Rashtrawar as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the company.

- \* She will take over Warendra Sinha who was leading the company from past three years.

- \* After taking over as the MD & CEO of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance, Anamika Roy Rashtrawar will become the first woman MD and CEO of a large private sector general insurance company in India.

21. Ans. A.

- \* Hyderabad-based Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) has partnered with Australia's Griffith University to develop the COVID-19 vaccine.

- \* Scientists from IIL and Griffith University will jointly develop a "live attenuated SARS - CoV-2 vaccine" or COVID-19 vaccine using the "latest codon de-optimization technology".

- \* The vaccine is expected to provide long-lasting protection with a single dose administration with an anticipated safety profile similar to other licensed vaccines for active immunization.

22. Ans. D.

- \* China has become the world leader in international patent filings via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) with a total of 58,990 applications surpassing

the United States (US), which was at top spot since the PCT began operations in 1978.

\* It should be noted that for the third consecutive year, Chinese telecoms giant Huawei topped the global ranking in 2019 with 4,411 PCT applications. It was followed by Mitsubishi of Japan, which made 2,661 filings, Samsung of South Korea with 2,334 filings and Qualcomm of the US with 2,127 filings.

23. Ans. A.

\* Goldman Sachs lowered India's growth forecast for Financial Year (FY) 21 from 3.3% (estimated on March 22, 2020) to 1.6% due to the lockdown & social distancing measures so as to control the COVID-19 pandemic spread.

\* It stated that the revised growth will be deeper when compared to the recession India has experienced in 1970's, 1980's & 2009.

\* Many analysts like Fitch, Moody are downgrading India's growth rate due to the pandemic.

\* Goldman Sachs is an American multinational investment bank and financial services company.

24. Ans. C.

\* England's all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden.

\* Andrew Flintoff was the last English player to win the award in 2005. Ben Stokes was the hero of the Cricket World Cup 2019 final as he guided England to their maiden triumph in the 50-over showpiece tournament at Lord's on July 14.

25. Ans. C.

\* A Life Insurance company, Bharti AXA Life Insurance has appointed Parag Raja as managing director and chief executive officer of the company.

\* Parag Raja will be succeeding Vikas Seth, who is leading the insurance company for the past two-and-a-half years and is set to retire after April 30, 2020.

\* Parag Raja has an extensive experience in the domestic life insurance industry and has exhibited his leadership across different areas such as the agency,

bancassurance, broking and direct sales force channels.

26. Ans. D.

\* The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF) has allocated USD 5 million (about Rs 38 crore) for COVID-19 projects in 8 member countries, in an effort to mitigate the financial losses and severe socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

\* The approval process, project implementation, funding disbursement, management, monitoring and reporting will be in accordance with the existing SDF-Board approved policy and the procedures of the SDF and social Window.

\* This project will be funded by the SDF under its Social Window thematic areas. SDF's social window primarily funds projects on poverty alleviation, social development focusing on education, health, and human resource development, among others.

\* Currently, SDF operates 90 projects in SAARC countries under its 3 funding windows, with a total financial commitment or allocation of USD 198.24 million.

27. Ans. D.

\* Australia's Ellyse Perry has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World.

\* Perry scored the highest runs and took the most wickets as Australia successfully retained their Women's Ashes title against England last year.

28. Ans. A.

\* The Punjab National Bank Housing Finance (PNBHF) has signed an agreement with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to raise USD 75 million & with Citibank for USD 25 million to provide loans to affordable housing segment so as to improve the lives of low-income households & to promote sustainable economic growth in India.

\* It is a 5-year long term loan which helps to balance the company's Asset Liability Management (ALM) position.

\* It is JICA's first debt funding in India's housing finance sector.

29. Ans. D.

\* Beverage Major PepsiCo has named Shafali Verma, 16 years old, Indian Women Cricketer, as one of its brand ambassadors for one year.

\* Pepsi will be Shafali's first contract with a major brand. The beverage firm recently signed Bollywood star Salman Khan as its face for 2 years.

30. Ans. D.

\* NASA unveils plan to setup Artemis, the first human base camp on Moon's south pole by 2024.

\* NASA is working on the Artemis program that aims to land humans on the moon by 2024.

\* NASA submitted a 13-page report to the National Space Council on 2 April.

\* As per the report, the base camp will demonstrate the US's continued leadership in space and will eventually help them prepare to undertake humanity's first mission to Mars.

31. Ans. B.

\* Infosys' chief operating officer, UB Pravin Rao, has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom), for 2020-21.

\* He will succeed Keshav Murugesh, Group CEO, WNS Global Services.

\* Rekha M Menon, Chairman and Senior Managing Director, Accenture in India, will be the Vice-Chairperson for the industry body.

\* The newly appointed leadership, along with President Debjani Ghosh, will help the industry body achieve its 2025 vision for the industry.

32. Ans. B.

\* Former New Zealand wicket-keeper batsman Jock Edwards passed away. He had made his Test debut in the home Test series against Australia in 1976-77 as a specialist batsman.

\* He played the last of his eight Tests against India in 1981.

33. Ans. D.

\* Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik has been conferred with 'Hero to Animals Award' by animal rights body PETA India.

\* He has been awarded by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for allocating funds to feed community animals in Odisha during the lockdown over the novel coronavirus pandemic.

\* The lockdown has not only affected people but animals as well. In the concern that the animals do not go starving in such conditions, CM approved of Rs 54 lakhs from a relief fund to feed animals of the community.

\* The initiative undertaken to feed animals are conducted in five municipal corporations and all 48 municipalities of Odisha.

34. Ans. C.

\* The state of Tamil Nadu has topped the all-India level for micro-irrigation (MI), under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), with a coverage of 2,06,853.25 ha for the year financial year 2019-20.

\* The state is followed by Karnataka and Gujarat with 1,41,103.56 Ha and 1,08,322.00 Ha of coverage respectively.

35. Ans. A.

\* The Indian Railways has developed a low-cost ventilator 'Jeevan' at its premier coach production unit, Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala in Punjab. The cost of "Jeevan" is around Rs 10,000 without the compressor and it will not rise over Rs 30,000 even after adding a few more indicators. The ventilator is now awaiting the final clearance from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

36. Ans. A.

\* To provide better understanding and prevention of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) the book is authored by Italian physicist Paolo Giordano.

\* The book will explain how contagion works and why people should limit their exposure to the outside world.

\* It should be noted that Giordano's first novel, "The Solitude of Prime Numbers", was translated into more than 40 languages worldwide and won the Premio Strega, the most prestigious Italian literary award.

\* The book will be published by **Hachette**, United States (US).

37. Ans. E.

\* To provide better understanding and prevention of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) the book has been authored by epidemiologist Michael Osterholm and author Mark Olshaker.

\* The book will be published by **Hachette**, United States (US).

\* **Deadliest Enemy** is a high scientific drama, a chronicle of medical mystery and discovery, a reality check and a practical plan of action.

38. Ans. C.

- M.K. Arjunan, the last of the composers from the golden period of Malayalam cinema, passed away in Kochi.

- In career that spanned over five decades, he tuned about 700 songs, many of them among the biggest hits of all time.

- Some of his songs were so good, many believed they were tuned by Devarajan, one of the most prolific and gifted composers of Indian cinema.

39. Ans. C.

- Vehicle Research Development Establishment, VRDE Ahmednagar which is a DRDO Laboratory has designed full body disinfection chamber called as PSE.

- This walk through enclosure is designed for personnel decontamination.

- This is a portable system equipped with sanitiser and soap dispenser.

- The decontamination starts using a foot pedal at the entry.

- On entering the chamber, electrically operated pump creates a disinfectant mist of hypo sodium chloride for disinfecting.

- The mist spray is calibrated for an operation of 25 seconds and stops automatically indicating completion of operation.

40. Ans. C.

- The official mascots of the 19th Asian Games, to be from 10 to 25 September 2022, were unveiled at a 20 minutes digital launch ceremony in Hangzhou, China. The ceremony was conducted online due to the coronavirus pandemic.

- There are three mascots namely Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen, which represents the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization) World Heritage sites of Hangzhou in eastern China.

- These three mascots for the XIX Asiadare collectively known as the "smart triplets".

41. Ans. A.

- American songwriter, soulful singer, guitarist & 3 time Grammy award winner Bill Withers passed at 81, due to heart complications in Los Angeles.

- He was born on July 4, 1938, in the coal-mining town of Slab Fork, West Virginia, United States.

- He is well known for these compilations- Lean on Me, Ain't No Sunshine, Just the two of us (for which he received Grammy awards) & Lovely Day.

42. Ans. D.

- The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on April 4 globally to create awareness on landmines, other threats and progress towards their eradication.

- In 2005, the UN (United Nations) General Assembly declared April 4 as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

- The United Nations Mine Action Service specializes in coordinating and implementing the activities to limit the threat posed by mines, explosives remnants of war and improvised explosive devices.

43. Ans. E.

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has offered its volunteer cadets to assist the civilian authorities to fight COVID-19 under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'.

- It has issued guidelines for the temporary employment of its cadets to enhance the operations of various organizations involved in relief efforts & fighting the pandemic.

- The tasks for NCC cadets include- manning of helpline, call centres; distribution of relief materials, medicines, food, essential commodities; community assistance; data management and queue & traffic management.

- It is operated under the Ministry of Defence and its headquarter is located in New Delhi.



- It is the largest uniform youth organization in the country which involves various social service and community development activities.

- It contributes to the national cause during natural calamities like floods, cyclones, etc.

44. Ans. D.

- The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution, co-sponsored by 188 nations including India, on COVID-19, calling for intensified international cooperation to defeat the pandemic that is causing "severe disruption to societies and economies."

- The resolution titled 'Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)' was the first such document on the global pandemic to be adopted by the world organization.

- The UN Security Council is yet to discuss the coronavirus outbreak, even as the total number of coronavirus cases across the world crossed one million.

45. Ans. C.

- The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced the 3rd edition of Asian Youth Games, which will be hosted in the coastal city of Shantou in Southern China from November 20 to 28, 2021.

- OCA Director General Husain Al Musallam mentioned that the venue and dates of the programme were decided by OCA in coordination with the Shantou 3rd Asian Youth Games Organising Committee (SAYGOC).

46. Ans. B.

- World Hemophilia Day observed globally on 17 April every year.

- This day is observed to raise awareness for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

- The date was chosen in honour of the World Federation of Hemophilia founder Frank Schnabel birthday.

- This year is the 30th edition of World Haemophilia Day.

- The theme of World Haemophilia Day 2020: "Get + Involved".

47. Ans. D.

- WWF (World Wide Fund) India has appointed World chess champion

Viswanathan Anand as its ambassador for the environmental education programme.

- Anand lends his support to the conservation and protection of the environment.

- This year WWF India is celebrating its 50th year of conservation in India.

- WWF India was found in November 1969.

- WWF India's environmental education programme is as old as the organisation itself, starting way back in 1976 with the Nature Clubs of India (NCI) initiative.

- The environmental education programme currently reaches out to over 5,00,000 children across 2000 schools in the country.

48. Ans. A.

- Former American football player Willie Davis passed away. He was inducted into the National Football League's (NFL) Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981.

- He becomes the first African-American captain in Green Bay Packers' history in 1965.

- He played 12 seasons in the National Football League (NFL) and played for the Cleveland Browns (1958-59) and the Green Bay Packers (1960-69).

49. Ans. D.

- Limited-overs Vice-captain of Indian cricket team Rohit Sharma was named brand ambassador of "CrickKingdom" a Dubai-based cricket coaching academy which provides a platform for online coaching after the global COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

- It provides support on booking of coaches, ground/nets with the management of academies.

- They are trying to merge the modern scientific training methods with the time-tested theories of the legends in the game.

50. Ans. E.

- The mascot for the 4th Asian Para Games scheduled to be held here from October 9 in 2022 was unveiled by the organizing committee of Hangzhou Asian Games.

- The design of 'Feifei' is inspired by the motif of the 'Divine Bird' in the Liangzhu Culture.



- The first fei' of the mascot represents the birds flying, implying inclusiveness, respect, and fraternity of human society, whereas the 2nd fei' represents the mental tenacity of the athletes with disabilities pursuing dreams and reaching beyond themselves.

51. Ans. D.

- The Jharkhand state government has launched the Mukhya Mantri Didi Kitchen (MMDK) to provide free food to the most-needy, differently abled, children and identified poorest of the poor households in the villages.

- At present about 4185 community kitchens are being run in as many numbers of Panchayats in the state.

52. Ans. C.

- Andhra Bank Managing Director (MD) J Packirisamy has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Union Bank of India (UBI).

- The appointments come after some of the public sector banks were merged by the government with effect from April 2020.

- Packirisamy has been appointed as OSD on supernumerary basis in the Union Bank of India, with effect from April 1, 2020 or the date of assumption of office till the age of his retirement in February 2021.

- Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank have merged with Union Bank of India from April 1, 2020.

53. Ans. C.

- Ajay Mahajan has been appointed as Managing Director & Chief Executive of credit rating agency "CARE Ratings".

- He will replace Rajesh Mokashi, who resigned in December 2019.

- Mahajan started his career with Bank of America in 1990 and went on to become MD & Country Head of Global Markets Group.

- Ajay Mahajan earlier worked at IDFC First Bank.

54. Ans. A.

- Paytm has appointed Vineet Arora as new managing director and chief executive officer of Paytm General Insurance Ltd.

- Prior to this, he has served as managing director and chief executive officer of Aegon Life Insurance Company.

- The appointment is a step for Paytm to further its journey into the insurance sector with an instantaneous specialise in general insurance.

55. Ans. D.

- India will host the Asian Boxing Championships for men and women in November-December this year.

- It was announced by the National Sports Federation of India.

- The host city of the competition is not yet decided.

- India last hosted the men's Asian meet back in 1980 in Mumbai, while it conducted the women's event in 2003 in Hisar.

- The tournament became a combined event for men and women last year.

56. Ans. B.

- In view of increasing pandemic coronavirus (Covid-19) cases, a team of researchers from National Institute of Technology-Karnataka (NIT-K) at Surathkal, has designed a disinfection chamber called 'ZERO-COV' to disinfect personal protective equipment (PPE) tools, surgical masks, vegetables, packaged food items, currency notes and other day-to-day items within 15 minutes.

57. Ans. D.

- Film, television and theatre actor Ranjit Chowdhry has passed away.

- Ranjit was best known for his work in movies Baton Baton Mein, Mississippi Masala, Khubsoorat and Bollywood/Hollywood.

58. Ans. B.

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

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

59. Ans. C.

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

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

60. Ans. C.

- \* Online agriculture trading portal Electronic- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), to complete 4 years of implementation.

- \* The Small Farmers Agricultural Business Association (SFAC) is the leading agency to implement it, under the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Tribal Welfare of the Government of India.

- \* It was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 21 mandis on 14th April, 2016.

- \* It is an innovative initiative in the marketing of agriculture, to improve farmers' access to many markets and buyers digitally and to bring transparency in trade transactions & also to realize the vision of "One Nation, One Market" for Agri-produce.

61. Ans. D.

- \* Former pro golfer Doug Sanders passed away.

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

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

62. Ans. A.

- \* China's central bank raised its stake in Housing Development Finance Corp. Ltd.

- \* People's Bank of China (PBOC) raised its stake to 1.01% from 0.8%,

- \* With this, now China's central bank holds 1,74,92,909 crore equity shares in HDFC Ltd in accordance with the quarterly (ending March 2020)

shareholding pattern disclosure by the latter to the stock exchanges.

63. Ans. A.

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

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

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

64. Ans. B.

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

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

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

65. Ans. C.

- \* The Ahmedabad railway station at Kalupur, Gujarat of Western Railway became the first station of Indian Railways (IR) to install a Walk-Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel to ensure the safety of staff and passengers in the view of the COVID-19. The tunnel was inaugurated by Ahmedabad DRM (Divisional Railway Manager) Deepak Jha.

- \* The tunnel uses WHO (World Health Organization) approved sanitizer and fitted with a sensor, so that when a passenger approaches the tunnel entrance it starts fogging automatically.

- \* The distance of the tunnel is 20 feet long which can be covered within 10 seconds. The tunnel has a capacity of sanitizing 25 to 30 people per minute & consumes approximately 20 ml sanitizer per person.

66. Ans. A.

\* Private sector lender Karnataka Bank received RBI approval for the re-appointment of Mahabaleshwara M S as MD and CEO for next 3 years.

\* The RBI has also approved for reappointment of Polali Jayarama Bhat as part time non-executive chairman.

\* Mahabaleshwara took charge as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank on April 12, 2017 and has over 29 years of banking experience both at operational and administrative levels.

67. Ans. A.

\* E-commerce firm Flipkart and Tata Consumer Products Ltd have partnered to distribute essential food and beverage products to Indians.

\* This will be made through a system where the latter's distributors will list as marketplace sellers on the former's platform

\* Consumers can use the Flipkart platform to buy different combo packs of essential products such as beverages (Tata Tea and Coffee) and food (Tata Sampann Spices, pulses and others) offered by Tata Consumer Products.

68. Ans. D.

\* India football team retained its 108th spot in the latest FIFA rankings.

\* Belgium and France retained their first and second positions respectively in the latest rankings. Brazil is on the third place followed by England.

\* In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the whole raft of international fixtures including qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup and other major tournaments has been postponed.

69. Ans. C.

• Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to geotag its 7,368 community kitchens and community shelters across 75 districts which produce 12 lakh food packets a day.

• The State Government of Uttar Pradesh joined hands with Google to geo tag community kitchens in the state. The kitchens produce 12 lakh food packets per day.

• The State Government mobilized state resources on massive scale to establish the kitchens. This was done through

religious organizations and non-governmental organizations.

70. Ans. A.

• Rajasthan became the first state in the country to carry out rapid testing for Covid-19

• The health department started rapid tests at 5pm and 52 persons were tested for Covid-19 at the urban primary health centre of Topkhana Desh

71. Ans. D.

• Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has created a video to promote wearing masks in public places and help the country to fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

• The 'Team Mask Force' has been formed to spread awareness about wearing masks in public places.

• The 'Team Mask Force' has shot a video message and featured Virat Kohli, Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Smriti Mandhana, Rohit Sharma, Harbhajan Singh, Harmanpreet Kaur, Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid and Mithali Raj.

• All of them speaking about the importance of wearing masks.

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72. Ans. A.

• Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched a mobile application "Kisan Rath". This farmer friendly app has been launched to facilitate transportation of foodgrains and perishables during lockdown.

• The mobile application "Kisan Rath" has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to provide farmers & traders in finding transport vehicles for Primary and Secondary transportation for movement of Agriculture & Horticulture produce.

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73. Ans. C.

• Sports journalist, V. Krishnaswamy, authored a book titled "Shuttling to the Top: The Story of P.V. Sindhu", released. The book narrates the journey of badminton player PV Sindhu, from her early life to becoming a world champion and what lies ahead.

• The book has been published by HarperCollins Publishers India.

• Sindhu is India's first and only woman athlete to win silver at the Olympics as well as the only Indian named in Forbes' list of world's top 10 highest-paid female athletes.

74. Ans. C.

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

75. Ans. D.

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

76. Ans. D.

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

77. Ans. B.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the re-appointment of N Kamakodi as the Managing Director (MD)

& Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of City Union Bank (CUB).

- He joined CUB as Deputy General Manager (DGM) in 2003, elevated as General Manager in 2005, Executive Director in 2006 & as MD and CEO with effect from May 1, 2011.

- The reappointments will be effective from 1 May 2020.

78. Ans. B.

- HSBC Bank appointed Noel Quinn as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He served as the interim CEO of the bank since August 2019. He was the successor of John Flint.

- Noel joined HSBC in 1987 and has proven the outstanding candidate to take on a role permanently as CEO.

- Quinn will earn a base salary of 1.27 million pounds per annum.

79. Ans. D.

- International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA) has elected Rakesh Sharma, Executive Director, Bajaj Auto as its President for a 2-year tenure.

- He had been holding office as vice-president in IMMA, since May 2019.

- Sharma will replace Johannes Loman, Director of PT Astra International Tbk and Executive Vice President Director PT Astra Honda Motor (AHM) Indonesia.

80. Ans. B.

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- The purpose of this day to pay tribute to all those writers and authors who have respectable contributed to the social and cultural progress of humanity.

- Every year UNESCO and other international organisations representing the books publishing and books seller industries select a World Book Capital for a period of 1 year effective from 23 April and for 2020 its Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- The slogan for 2020 is "KL Baca – caring through reading".

81. Ans. C.

- Adam Higginbotham's book "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster" wins the William E. Colby Award.

- The award is given for an outstanding book on military or intelligence history.



- The award is named for the late CIA director William E. Colby. The Colby award was established in 1999.

82. Ans. C.

- India has dropped two places on a global press freedom index to be ranked 142nd out of 180 countries in the annual Reporters Without Borders analysis.

- The World Press Freedom Index 2020' said that with no murders of journalists in India in 2019, as against six in 2018, the security situation for the country's media might seem, on the face of it, to have improved.

- Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF), or Reporters Without Borders, is a non-profit organisation that works to document and combat attacks on journalists around the world.

- Norway is ranked first in the Index for the fourth year running. China at 177th position is just three places above North Korea, which is at 180th.

83. Ans. C.

- \* Nation celebrates National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April every year.

- \* The Ministry of Panchayati Raj organizes the National Panchayati Raj day or the National Local Self Government Day.

- \* India celebrates the first National Panchayati Raj Day or the National Local Government Day on April 2010.

- \* On this day, in 1993, the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 came into force that has institutionalized Panchayati Raj through the village, Intermediate and District level Panchayats.

84. Ans. B.

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

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

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

85. Ans. A.

- \* Eminent theatre director, actor and activist, Usha Ganguly passed away. She was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for direction in 1998.

- \* She has also been honoured by the West Bengal Government as the best actress for the play Gudia Ghar.

- \* She was credited for introducing an alternative Hindi theatre in West Bengal, in the 1970s and 1980s.

86. Ans. C.

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

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

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

87. Ans. B.

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

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

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



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

88. Ans. B.

\* The former finance secretary Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) for a period of 3 years.

\* He is a 1984-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre. His appointment is confirmed by Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

\* He will replace Kapil Dev Tripathi who took over as the Secretary to the President Ram Nath Kovind.

89. Ans. B.

\* Suresh N Patel took oath as the Vigilance Commissioner in the anti-corruption watchdog CVC. He took the oath of office by Central Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari through video conference.

\* He will have a tenure of over two years, till late December 2022, in the CVC.

\* Prior to this, he worked as the executive director in Oriental Bank of Commerce before taking over as the Managing Director and CEO of Andhra Bank in 2015.

90. Ans. B.

\* Ayushman Bharat Diwas 2020: It is observed on 30 April across the country.

\* The day is celebrated to provide help and promote affordable medical facilities in remote areas of the country.

\* Ayushman Bharat Yojana was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018.

91. Ans. C.

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

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

\* The government will pay them Rs 11 per mask.

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

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

92. Ans. D.

\* World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed globally on 28 April every year.

\* This day is observed to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally and raise awareness to ensure health and safety at the workplace.

\* The theme for 2020 is Stop the pandemic: Safety and health at work can save lives.

\* The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work.

\* It is persisted 28 April and has been observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) since 2003.

93. Ans. C.

\* World Immunization Week 2020 will be observed from 24th April to 30th April 2020.

\* World Immunization Week is observed every year in the last week of April to encourage the use of vaccines in order to protect the people of all ages against disease.

\* Immunization is being recognized as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health interventions but still there are around 20 million children in the world today who are not getting the vaccines as per their needs.

\* The theme of World Immunization Week 2020 is #VaccinesWork for All. The theme for year 2020 emphasizes on how vaccines as well as the people who develop, deliver and receive them, are heroes by working to protect the health of everyone, everywhere.

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95. Ans. B.

- The World Health Organisation(WHO) map shows the Aksai Chin region as a part of China with a dotted line and colour code & also marks Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) with dotted lines, suggesting it as a disputed territory.

- Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) and the rest of India are marked in different colour codes.

- Many United Nations (UN) maps have shown parts of Kashmir as 'disputed' territory in the past, but this is the 1st time that Ladakh and J&K are shown in different colour codes than the rest of India.

96. Ans. D.

- To ease liquidity pressures on mutual funds, Reserve Bank of India today announced a special liquidity facility of ₹50,000 crore for mutual funds.

- The RBI's liquidity facility for mutual funds will be effective from today till May 11, 2020 or up to utilization of the allocated amount, whichever is earlier.

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

- Under this facility, the RBI will provide funds to banks at lower rates and banks can avail funds for exclusively meeting the liquidity requirements of mutual funds.

- Banks can extend loans to mutual funds, undertaking outright purchase of and/or repos against the collateral of investment grade corporate bonds, commercial papers (CPs), debentures and certificates of deposit (CDs) held by mutual funds.

97. Ans. B.

- World Intellectual Property Day is observed globally on April 26 every year. It was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and

designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the world".

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

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

98. Ans. C.

- Former Pakistan women's skipper Sana Mir announced her retirement from international cricket.

- She featured in 226 international matches for Pakistan, including 137 as captain from 2009 to 2017.

- The 34-year-old cricketer is currently ranked 9th and 41st in the ICC's ODI and T20I bowlers' lists.

- She is one of the nine women cricketers to have taken 100 wickets and scored 1,000 runs in ODIs.

99. Ans. C.

- \* The 11th edition of World Games which is to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, US (United States) has unveiled an updated logo and title after being delayed a year because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

- \* The World Games was initially scheduled for July 2021, but it will now be held from July 7 to 17, 2022.

- \* The World Games 2021 Birmingham has been renamed to World Games 2022 Birmingham.

- \* The first event of World Games was held in 1981 in Santa Clara, California, United States (US).

100. Ans. C.

- Himachal Pradesh government has rolled out "e-sanjeevani-opd" for free online medical consultation to sick people.

- The "e-sanjeevani-opd" has been launched to provide free online medical consultation to sick people at their residence throughout the state.

- Hence, through this new initiative, the Himachal Pradesh government will

ensure the facility of health services to the people in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic.

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