

100 Most Important May Current Affairs Q/A PDF



1. 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

Ans. B
Sol.

- 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.

2. 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

Ans. E
Sol.

- 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.

3. 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

Ans. C
Sol.

- 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.

4. 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

Ans. A
Sol.

- * 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.



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* 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

5. 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

Ans. D

Sol.

- 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.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* 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.

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

* 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].

8. 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



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Ans. A

Sol.

* 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.

9. 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

Ans. D

Sol.

* 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.

10. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

• 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.

11. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

• 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

12. 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

Ans. A

Sol.



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- 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.

13. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

* 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.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

• 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.

15. Noted personality Shyamala G. Bhavé passed away recently, she was a veteran _____.

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

Ans. B

Sol.

• Renowned vocalist Shyamala G Bhavé, who had an equal command over Hindustani and Carnatic music, passed .

• Her father, late Govind Vitthal Bhavé, trained her in Hindustani music, while she was tutored in the Carnatic stream by noted vocalists A Subbaraya and B Doreswamy. Her mother Lakshmi Bhavé was also a classical vocalist.

• She was bestowed with the title of 'Ubhaya Gaana Vidushi (expert in both styles)' by Sir M Visvesvaraya, the 19th Diwan of Mysore.

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

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



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E. Literature

Ans. A

Sol.

- 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.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- * 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.

18. Padma Shri awardee Hema Bharali passed away recently, she was a famous _____.

- A. Writer
- B. Journalist
- C. Folk Dancer
- D. Folk Singer
- E. Freedom Fighter

Ans. E

Sol.

- * Freedom fighter and Padma Shri Gandhian Hema Bharali passed away at the age of 101.
- * She was well known as Freedom Activist, social worker & Sarvodaya leader. She was born in Assam on 19th February 1919.
- * Hema Bharali participated in the relief operations during the earthquake in North Lakhimpur in 1950 and helped the people in the Assam- Arunachal Pradesh border in the Chinese aggression in 1962.
- * She joined the Bhoodan movement launched by Vinoba Bhave in 1951 and became one of its leaders.

19. 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

Ans. B

Sol.

- 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.

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

- A. Twitter
- B. You Tubes
- C. Facebook



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D. Instagram
E. WhatsApp

Ans. C
Sol.

- 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.

21. "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

Ans. A
Sol.

- "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.

22. 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

Ans. C
Sol.

- * 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.

23. 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

Ans. A
Sol.

- 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.

24. 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



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E. Assam

Ans. C

Sol.

- 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.

25. 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

Ans. D

Sol.

- 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 underprivileged and the workers in the unorganised sector.
- The scheme is being administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority through National Pension System (NPS).
- Any citizen of India can join the APY scheme. The age of the subscriber should be between 18-40 years.

- The contribution levels would vary and would be low if a subscriber joins early and increases if she joins late.

26. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.



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- Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Dr Narottam Mishra launched country's first ever 'FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana' in Bhopal
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to implement such an innovative scheme under which now people would not be required to visit police station to lodge an FIR
- 'FIR Aapke Dwar' Yojana has been started as a pilot project in 23 Police Stations including one urban and one rural Police Station at 11 Divisional Headquarters.
- For this Yojana "Dial 100" vehicle would have trained Head Constables to lodge FIR.

28. 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

Ans. C

Sol.

* 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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol. • 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.

30. 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)

Ans. C

Sol.

* 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.

31. Which institutions has launched Kisan Sabha App to connect farmers to supply



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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)

Ans. B

Sol.

- 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).

32. Recently, an IIT-Delhi start-up 'Nanosafe Solutions' has launched an antimicrobial and washable face mask called _____.

- A. 'NSafe'
- B. 'NSucure'
- C. 'NMask'
- D. 'NanoMask'
- E. 'NanoSecure'

Ans. A

Sol.

- Recently, an IIT-Delhi start-up 'Nanosafe Solutions' has launched an antimicrobial and washable face mask called 'NSafe'.
- NSafe mask is reusable up to 50 wash, thus greatly cutting down the cost of use.
- It will also provide a solution to disposal issues of single use masks.
- It is a triple-layered product consisting of inner hydrophilic layer for comfort, middle layer having antimicrobial activity and outer most layer having water and oil repellent behaviour.
- The mask has 99.2% bacterial filtration efficiency along with breathability and splash resistance.

33. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

- 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.

34. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

- * 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.



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

35. 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

Ans. B

Sol.

- 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.

36. 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

Ans. C

Sol. • 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.

37. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

38. 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

Ans. D

Sol.

- 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



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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, Apos, Banganpalli, Kesar, Neelam, Himam Pasand, Sendur, and Mallika.

39. 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

Ans. B

Sol.

- * 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.

40. 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

Ans. D

Sol.

- 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.

41. 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

Ans. B

Sol.

- * 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.

42. 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

Ans. A

Sol.

- 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



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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).

43. Franklin Templeton Trustee Services Pvt. Ltd. has appointed which bank as an advisor to work together to assist the Trustees in monetizing portfolios of the 6 schemes that are being wind up?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

* Franklin Templeton Trustee Services Pvt. Ltd. has appointed an independent advisor Kotak Mahindra Bank to work together with Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd (the AMC), to assist the Trustees in monetizing portfolios of the 6 schemes that are being wound up & make payouts to the affected investors.

* The 6 schemes are- Franklin India Low Duration Fund, Franklin India Dynamic Accrual Fund, Franklin India Credit Risk Fund, Franklin India Short Term Income Plan, Franklin India Ultra Short Bond Fund and Franklin India Income Opportunities Fund of Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund.

44. 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

Ans. C

Sol.

- 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.

45. 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

Ans. C

Sol.

• 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.



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46. 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

Ans. B

Sol.

- 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.

47. 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

Ans. D

Sol.

- 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.

48. 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

Ans. B

Sol.

- 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), Caymen Islands (\$3.7 billion), Japan (\$3.22 billion), and France (\$1.89 billion).

49. 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

Ans. A

Sol.



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- 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 be repayable on the expiration of seven years from the date of issue.

50. 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

Ans. B
Sol.

- 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 2per cent per annum interest subvention to be given in case of prompt and timely repayment/interest servicing.
- The scheme, which will be implemented through NDDB, 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.



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