

100 Most Important May Current Affairs Q/A PDF



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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

2. TVS group, Sundaram Medical Foundation in collaboration with which IITs has developed an automated respiratory assist device Sundaram Ventago?

- A. IIT Mumbai
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Delhi

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Sundaram Ventago is a low-cost, automated respiratory assist device which has been developed jointly by the TVS group, Sundaram Medical Foundation and IIT-Madras.

* This versatile and mobile device will assist the clinicians in constantly monitoring and reporting respiratory parameters.

* The device has been developed to provide respiratory support to patients through the

controlled and automated squeezing of a self-inflating or AMBU bag.

* To the needy patients, the Sundaram Ventago also provides safety feature such as audible alarms for line disconnection or in case that the PIP exceeds a certain threshold. With the help of this device, the respiratory support will become more affordable and available to all.

3. National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI) has partnered with which fintech start-up to build its own tech platform?

- A. DotPe
- B. PayU
- C. ETMoney
- D. LendingKart

Ans. A

Sol.

• National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI) has partnered with fintech start-up DotPe to build its own tech platform.

• This platform enables them with online payments for digital ordering, bill settlements, and contactless dining. DotPe will provide us with a tech solution.

• NRAI is the apex body of the Food and Beverage Industry in India.

• This partnership would directly take on existing food-tech aggregators, Zomato and Swiggy.

• NRAI represents over five lakh restaurant businesses. It is also looking for different delivery and logistics companies.

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

• The Defence Ministry has signed a contract worth around Rs 1,200 crore with Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division



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for Phase-II of Modernisation of Air Field Infrastructure of 37 airfields for Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

- The proposal is approved by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The project will give a boost to over 250 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) which will directly benefit from the execution of various activities of this project.

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- The "Harry Potter" author, JK Rowling will release her latest book, "The Ickabog", online for free, for the children during this lockdown period.
- The Ickabog' is a story about truth and the abuse of power.
- The first two chapters of The Ickabog are available for free.
- Rowling has pledged to donate all royalties when the book is published to "groups who've been particularly impacted by the pandemic."

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

* The book was published by HarperNonFiction.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

• The Book reveals details of the royal couple Harry and Meghan The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, quit as senior members of the royal family earlier this year stepped back as frontline royals to settle in Los Angeles, United States with their one-year son Archie.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

* The date of the book release has been pushed back from May 12, 2020 to June 23,



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2020, on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble bookseller company.

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

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

- A. Sekhar Chandra Biswas
- B. Adille Sumariwala
- C. D R Saini
- D. Vagish Pathak

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Indian Olympic Association on Wednesday constituted an 11-member committee led by Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwala to monitor annual grant and affiliation fee of its members for the 2020-2021 cycle.

- Besides Mr. Sumariwala, the panel includes D R Saini, Vagish Pathak, S M Hashmi, Sekhar Chandra Biswas, Vithal Shrigaonkar, M P Singh, D V Seetharama Rao, Abu Mehta, Madhukant Pathak and B K Roka.

- The committee will review and monitor issues concerning the disbursement of IOA's annual grant to its members in coordination with the finance department.

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

- A. Kerala
- B. Telangana
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans. D

Sol.

- Tamil Nadu constituted a 24 member high-level committee headed by C Rangarajan, ex-governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to assess the immediate and medium-term impact of the COVID-19

pandemic on various sectors of the State's economy

- The committee will examine fiscal challenge & suggest ways to improve its fiscal position including increasing the tax-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio and diversifying revenue sources and re-prioritising expenditure.

- State Finance Secretary S Krishnan will be the coordinator of the committee.

- The committee will submit its final reports to the Government within 3 months apart from the interim reports.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- South African HIV researcher, Quarraisha Abdool Karim, who found that a topical gel could stop many women catching the virus has been awarded Christophe Merieux Prize.

- Christophe Merieux Prize is one of France's top science prizes. She won the half a million-euro (\$551,000) Prize for her work for the Durban-based Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), which she heads.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Army officer and woman peacekeeper Suman Gawani who has served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) & Brazilian Naval



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Officer Commander Carla Monteiro de Castro Araujo have been selected for the prestigious United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019).

- Suman Gawani becomes the 1st Indian peacekeeper to win the award.
- The award will be given during an online ceremony presided over by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on May 29, the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

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

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

Ans. A
Sol.

- Lieutenant Commander Akshay Kumar was awarded the Vice Admiral G.M. Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy for the year 2020.
- He commissioned in Anti-Submarine Warfare School of the Southern Naval Command in Kochi. The award ceremony was held at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Kochi, Kerala.
- This trophy was instituted in 2013 for the officer performing best in tactics during the year-long warfare specialisation course. The trophy was instituted within the memory of the late flag officer GM Hiranandani, who was the commissioned naval officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Naval Command from 1985 to 1987 and retired as Vice Chief of Naval Staff in 1989.

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

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

Ans. A
Sol.

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has honoured North Korean leader Kim Jong Un with a commemorative World War II medal to mark the 75th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany.
- The medal was awarded to Kim for the role he played in safeguarding the memories of Soviet soldiers who died in the territory of North Korea.
- Russian ambassador in North Korea, Alexander Matsegora presented the award to North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Songwon.

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

- A. Aravind G
- B. Thalappil Pradeep
- C. Aravind Kumar Chandiran
- D. Baskaran S

Ans. B
Sol.

- A faculty member at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras and Padma Shri awardee Professor Thalappil Pradeep has been conferred with the 25th Nikkei Asia Prizes (2020) in Science and Technology (S&T) category.
- He is awarded in recognition of his pioneering work in nanotechnology-based water purification.
- Prof T. Pradeep is Institute Professor and Deepak Parekh Institute Chair Professor at the Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras.
- The prize includes a cash component of 3 Million Yen and an award certificate and is scheduled to be awarded in Tokyo, Japan later 2020.

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

- A. Shobhana Narasimhan
- B. Anuranjan Anand
- C. Rama Govindarajan
- D. Maneesha S. Inamdar

Ans. A



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Sol.

- Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan from the Theoretical Sciences Unit (TSU) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), has been elected as an International Honorary Member to the American Academy of Arts and Science (AAAS).
- JNCASR is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology.
- AAAS honors such scholars and leaders who have distinguished themselves in the sciences, arts, humanities, and public life.

17. Which becomes the first country in Europe to declare an end to its COVID-19 epidemic?

- A. Italy
- B. Switzerland
- C. Denmark
- D. Slovenia

Ans. D

Sol.

- * Slovenia has become the first in Europe to get rid of the deadly COVID-19.
- * The country officially marked an end to its virus epidemic after the government authorities confirmed less than seven new cases each day for the past two weeks.
- * Slovenia, a country with a population of two million, has also opened its borders after declaring the end of the virus. The country shares its borders with Croatia, Austria, Italy and Hungary, and now people have started arriving in Slovenia from other European Union states.

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

- A. China
- B. United Kingdom
- C. India
- D. Italy

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Genoa-based Italian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed 'iFeel-You' bracelet for social distancing.

- This bracelet will help users respect social distancing rules.
- The bracelet has been developed as the measures for safeguarding against the coronavirus lockdown is being gradually lifted.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Israel has named a street in Tel Aviv after celebrated Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore as a tribute on his 159th birthday on 08 May.
- Israel named it 'Tagore Street' to commemorate the poet's birth anniversary.
- Tagore, who wrote his poetry, novels, stories and plays in Bengali, In 1913 he won the prestigious Nobel prize in literature and till now, he is the only poet from India to have done so.

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

- A. Russia
- B. USA
- C. Japan
- D. China

Ans. B

Sol.

- The scientists from United States Geological Survey (USGS) Astrogeology Science Center, in collaboration with NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and the Lunar Planetary Institute have virtually released the first ever digital, unified, global, geological map of the moon namely "Unified Geologic Map of the Moon".
- It will serve as a blueprint for future human missions and a source of research



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and analysis for the educators and the general public interested in lunar geology.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- South Korea holds national election amidst COVID-19 pandemic.
- The ruling democratic party of President Moon Jae won the election taking 180 seats.
- The opposition United Future Party took 103 seats. There are 300 seats in the South Korea National Assembly.
- There were 14,000 polling booths set up for elections and at every polling booth the temperature of the voters was checked before they were allowed to vote.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- China has successfully launched a new rocket named "Long March 5B" into space as it steps up Moon landing plans.
- This rocket is launched in Wenchang launch site that is located on the island of Hainan, china.
- The rocket is a massive vehicle and is being compared with deep space Orion capsule of NASA.
- The rocket in the future will help China transport astronauts to space station by 2022.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* Iran's parliament has passed a bill allowing the government to slash four zeros from the rial and authorizing its replacement with another basic unit of currency called the toman (redenomination).

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Anil Kishora
- B. Paulo Guedes
- C. Marcos Troyjo
- D. Anton Siluanov

Ans. C

Sol.

- Marcos Prado Troyjo, former deputy economy minister of Brazil will replace KV



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Kamath as the president of the New Development Bank's (NDB).

- The board of governors also appointed Anil Kishora, an Indian, as vice president of the NDB. Kishora, a banker, has 38 years of experience at India's largest bank, State Bank of India (SBI).
- Before joining the NDB, he worked as the deputy managing director and chief risk officer of the state-run SBI.
- NDB is a multilateral financial institution set up to mobilise resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies.
- KV Kamath was appointed president of NDB on July 7, 2015 at the inaugural meeting of the board of governors on the eve of the Ufa Summit, when the bank formally came into existence as a legal entity.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Former Bear Stearns executive Carmen Reinhart has been appointed as new vice president and chief economist of the World Bank.
- Reinhart's experience and insights would prove invaluable during the current unprecedented crisis triggered by the coronavirus pandemic and the economic havoc it is wreaking around the globe. She will start her new job on June 15.
- Reinhart has a Ph.D. from Columbia University and currently teaches international economics at the Harvard Kennedy School. She has also worked at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, International Monetary Fund and the University of Maryland.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

* With this, the longest political deadlock in the Israel's history came to an end.

* During the standoff, the caretaker government held the reins for more than 500 days and no one got a clear majority in three successive elections.

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

- A. Manisha Singh
- B. Angel Gurría
- C. Raj Shah
- D. Ajit Pai

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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



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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

* Al-Kadhimi assumes the premiership as Iraq faces oil revenues that will likely prompt austerity measures, a rising daily tally of coronavirus cases, and other issues.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- In an unprecedented move, the Head of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Roberto Azevedo has decided to resign, a year before his term expires.

- Mr Azevedo, a former diplomat from Brazil, will step down on August 31st, cutting short a seven-year tenure marked in recent years by intense pressure from US President Donald Trump.

- In a special meeting of WTO delegations, Mr Azevedo said, it is a personal decision - a family decision.

- He said, the decision will serve the best interests of the organization.

30. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad is training

community leaders online to combat COVID-19 in collaboration with _____.

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNEP
- D. UNDP

Ans. A

Sol.

- More than 28.33 lakh community leaders are being trained through online programmes to practise social behaviours required to control the transmission of COVID-19 cases in villages, the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR).

- Both the organization is training over 28.33 lakh community leaders through online programs to practice social behaviours required to control the transmission of COVID-19 cases in villages in association with the governments of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Karnataka.

- The online training program was initiated along the line of a detailed risk communication plan to build capacities of panchayat raj institutions (PRI), self-help groups (SHG), National Service Scheme (NSS) officials, volunteers and community radio stations (CRS) to control the spread of Coronavirus in their groups and village communities.

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

- A. Facebook
- B. Alphabet
- C. IBM
- D. Intel

Ans. B

Sol.

- * Recently, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has started looking into allegations against the Alphabet Inc's Google.

- * According to the allegations, Google is abusing its market position to unfairly promote its mobile payments app (Google Pay) in the country.



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* The complaint alleges the USA tech giant more prominently showcases its Google Pay app inside its Android app store in India, giving it an unfair advantage over apps of competitors.

* Google Pay allows users to do digital transactions, inter-bank fund transfers and bill payments.

* It competes with Softbank-backed Paytm and Walmart's PhonePe, both of which are prominently used in India.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- REC Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), has partnered with TajSATS to provide specially-made nutritious meal packets for medical staff in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

- REC is already providing cooked meals and ration to the needy across the nation in collaboration with various district authorities, NGOs and electricity distribution companies.

- Every day, 300 food packets are being delivered as a gesture of gratitude to the frontline healthcare warriors of New Delhi.

- Now with REC- TajSATS initiative, over 18,000 meals will be delivered in New Delhi.

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

- A. NHPC
- B. OIL

C. ONGC

D. SAIL

Ans. C

Sol.

* India's top oil and gas producer ONGC and country's biggest electricity generator NTPC have signed a preliminary agreement to set up a joint venture company for renewable energy projects.

* The MoU will enable both companies to achieve their respective targets in renewable energy business.

* As per the MoU, NTPC and ONGC will explore and set up renewable power assets including offshore wind, in India and overseas, and explore opportunities in the fields of sustainability, storage, e-mobility and ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) compliant projects

* Through this collaboration with NTPC, ONGC envisages significant growth in its presence in the renewable power sector.

34. The National Skills Development Corp. (NSDC), along with an artificial intelligence company will create a platform to map_____.

- A. skilled workers
- B. certified workers
- C. migrant workers
- D. Both A and B

Ans. D

Sol.

* The National Skills Development Corp. (NSDC), along with an artificial intelligence company, is working on a new platform to map skilled and certified workers with demand clusters based on industrial requirements.

* The skill management information system aims to create a local ecosystem in every region to minimise the need to depend on migrants, as well as to provide workers with opportunities closer to their homes.

* NSDC is the implementing body of the ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship.

* The platform will map details of skilled professionals by region, as well as demand



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across industries, using artificial intelligence-based solutions.

35. As per the report by PwC titled "A Report on Impact of Energy Efficiency Measures" what is the reduced energy density in 2018-19 in India as against 2005 level?

- A. 10 per cent
- B. 15 per cent
- C. 20 per cent
- D. 25 per cent

Ans. C

Sol.

- Recently the Ministry of Power and New & Renewable Energy released a report on the "Impact of energy efficiency measures for the year 2018-19".

- This report was prepared by an Expert agency PwC Ltd, who was engaged by Bureau of Energy efficiency (BEE) for an independent verification to assess the resultant annual savings in energy as well as CO₂ emissions through various initiatives in India.

- As per the report India has reduced the energy intensity by 20% compared to 2005 levels which is a very good performance indeed.

- Implementation of various energy efficiency schemes have led to total electricity savings to the tune of 113.16 Billion Units in 2018-19, which is 9.39% of the net electricity consumption.

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

- A. Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL)
- B. Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS)
- C. Research Centre Imarat (RCI)
- D. Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL)

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Research Centre Imarat (RCI) of Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has developed

Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitizer (DHRUVS).

- The RCI of DRDO based in Hyderabad has developed a Ultra Violet Cabinet to sanitize mobile phones, laptops, iPads, passbooks, challans and paper.

- It can also be used to sanitize currency notes and papers. It provides 360-degree exposure to UV rays to the objects placed inside the cabinet.

- DHRUV is a contactless ultraviolet sanitization cabinet that is highly useful to sanitize electronic gadgets.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

- R-BOT is getting used to supply medicines, medical accessories and to serve food to the patients, with none need for physical contact.

- Using this device will enable doctors, nurses and other support medical staff to remain faraway from the danger of contracting infections.

- The R-BOT is operated through a singular mobile application developed as a part of the Innovation, supported by Wi-Fi-facility.

- The R-BOT holds sensor-based features to read the blood heat of patients and transmit an equivalent for display on Mobile phones.

38. Recently, the National Crisis Management Committee reviewed the



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preparedness for the impending cyclone _____.

- A. Phailin
- B. Amphan
- C. Hudhud
- D. Fani

Ans. B

Sol.

* Recently, the National Crisis Management Committee reviewed the preparedness for the impending cyclone Amphan.

* At the national level, Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) and National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) are the key committees involved in the top-level decision-making related to Disaster Management.

* Cyclone Amphan (pronounced as UM-PUN) is a tropical cyclone formed over Bay of Bengal that has intensified and likely to turn into a "super cyclonic storm (maximum wind speed is 120 knots)".

* According to the India Meteorological Department forecast, it will make landfall as a very severe cyclone between the Sagar islands of West Bengal and the Hatiya islands of Bangladesh.

* It has been named by Thailand.

* Affected Regions: West Bengal, Odisha and Bangladesh.

* Amphan is the second pre-monsoon cyclone to form in the Bay of Bengal in two years. The first one was Cyclone Fani.

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

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- D. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Ans. A

Sol.

• The National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) has prepared a compendium of Indian Technologies for combating COVID-19 pandemic.

• It works under administrative control of the Dept. of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology.

• The technologies are categorized under 3T's of tracking, testing and treating.

• This is an attempt to compile the relevant and emerging innovative technologies including the technologies in the research stage to combat against the COVID-19.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

• The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative has recently published two scientific papers.

• The initiative has given its report on district-level trends of child growth and child mortality.

• The findings show there were 1.04 million under-5 deaths in 2017, down from 2.24 million deaths in 2000.

• The child mortality rate has dropped by 49% between 2000 and 2017.

• According to the report, though child mortality and child growth has improved, the inequality between the districts is high

• The inequality among states between the period has grown by 6 times and among the districts in a state has grown by 11 times.

• According to the report, 46% of the child in India are with short gestation, 21% are with child growth failure.

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

- A. Union Home Ministry



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- B. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- C. Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO)
- D. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

Ans. B

Sol.

- Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) launched 'e-karyalay' an electronic office application to enable the movement of files and documents without physical touch so as to prevent coronavirus infection.
- Designed by its in-house technical team for the usage of the 1.62 lakhs personnel & it resembles each and every function of traditional file movement.
- Has digital signature features to handle various securities related concerns and keep pace with existing standards.
- Hosted on the CISF Cloud with all security arrangements to safeguard the data & a data recovery site is established to maintain around-the-clock services.
- Gives the same visual appearance as the file with the notes on the left and all the correspondence and attachments on the right & Files can be opened, worked, parked and closed.
- App's 'Dak' or letters management section handles all sorts of communication between various levels of functional hierarchy & it enables to transfer the dak (snail mail) directly to the file noting.

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

- A. G20
- B. ASEAN
- C. SAARC
- D. BRICS

Ans. C

Sol.

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

- It will be carried out by the Central Government's Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme.
- It is to take forward the Prime Minister's (PM) 'Prepare Not Panic' for 'SAARC fights Corona'.
- PM Narendra Modi has suggested that the health professionals of the member nations come together to fight the coronavirus pandemic at the India-initiated video conference of SAARC leaders on March 15.

43. Who launched the mobile application 'AYUSH Sanjivani' App and two AYUSH based studies related to COVID-19 situation?

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. Narendra Singh Tomar
- C. Harsh Vardhan
- D. Amit Shah

Ans. C

Sol.

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Health & Family Welfare Minister launched the mobile application 'AYUSH Sanjivani' App and two AYUSH based studies related to COVID-19 situation.
- The app was developed by the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY).
- The AYUSH Sanjivani mobile app will help to generate data on acceptance and usage of AYUSH advocacies and measures among the population and its impact on the prevention of COVID-19.
- It is expected to reach out to a target of 50 lakh people.

44. India's first "COVID-19 test bus" has been launched by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Alumni Council in which city of India?

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- B. Delhi
- C. Indore
- D. Jaipur

Ans. A

Sol.



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* The COVID-19 Testing bus will reduce 80% of the testing cost without compromising on the testing capacity.

* According to the IIT alumni council, a global alumni body for all the 23 IITs this will increase the testing capacity within 100 days and support the health department in controlling the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Vineet Arora
- B. Noel Quinn
- C. Thierry Delaporte
- D. Salil Parekh

Ans. C
Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

49. Who has been recommended to appoint as the Chairman and MD of the Oriental

Insurance Company (OIC) by Banks Board Bureau (BBB)?

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

Ans. B
Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. A
Sol.

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

• He is presently the CEO of Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India. He was unanimously appointed as President for the next two years.

• He will replace Tata Steel CEO TV Narendran, who stepped down as President on May 1.

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



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