

75+ Current Affairs Questions (June 2020)



1. Which football club has won the English Premier League 2019-20?

- A. Manchester City
- B. Liverpool
- C. Chelsea
- D. Newcastle United

Ans. B

Sol.

- Liverpool clinched the 2019-20 English Premier League season with 7 games still left in the season.
- This is the first time that Liverpool has won the English Premier League title.
- As of 26th June 2020, Liverpool by winning 28 of their 31 games in the season has accumulated 86 points.
- Manchester City with 63 points in 31 games is at the second place of the standing table. With 7 games remaining in the season, 3 points are being awarded for winning a game, if Liverpool loses their remaining 7 games as well then also Manchester City can finish the 2019-20 season with a maximum of 84 points.

2. Name the Indian film actor and filmmaker named among the 50 ambassadors at 45th edition Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2020?

- A. Dipika Padukone and Karan Johar
- B. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Anurag Basu
- C. Priyanka Chopra and Anurag Kashyap
- D. Kareena Kapoor and Shekhar Kapoor

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra and filmmaker Anurag Kashyap named among the 50 ambassadors at 45th edition Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2020.
- This year 45th edition Toronto International Film Festival is to be held virtually.
- The 45th edition of TIFF will take place from September 10-19.
- This is the 1st time TIFF will launch a digital platform for the festival, offering new opportunities to connect with audiences beyond Toronto.
- TIFF has partnered with Shift72 to develop this industry-leading online platform.

- The selection for 2020 comprises 50 new feature films, 5 programmes of short films, interactive talks, film cast reunions, and Q&As with cast and filmmakers.

3. As per the Annual Tuberculosis Report 2020 released by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare what is the percentage rise in TB patient in 2019?

- A. 7 per cent
- B. 9 per cent
- C. 11 per cent
- D. 14 per cent

Ans. D

Sol.

- In accordance with the report, there were around 24.04 lakh TB patients in 2019, a 14% increase in as compared to the year 2018.
- It should be noted that the sustainable goal of eradicating TB globally is 2030, but the Indian government is committed to achieve this target in the country by 2025.

4. Which state's Panchayati Raj Department won the 1st prize under e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Haryana

Ans. A

Sol.

- Himachal Pradesh state Panchayati raj department wins 1st prize under e-Panchayat Puraskar-2020. This prize was given by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- All the 3,226 panchayats of the state have been provided internet facility and people can access various services online.
- The various services such as family register, registration of birth, death and marriages are registered online in the panchayats.

5. Which becomes the 1st airport in India to get an indigenously-developed Aviation Weather Monitoring System (AWMS) at both ends of the runway?

- A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

- B. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
C. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
D. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad

Ans. C

Sol.

- Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru becomes the 1st airport in India to get an indigenously-developed Aviation Weather Monitoring System (AWMS) at both ends of the runway.
- AWMS is installed by Bangalore International Airport (BIAL).
- The technology is developed by Bengaluru-based CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL).
- The AWMS sensor has been installed on a 10 meters mast which is a 1st of its kind, designed by NAL.
- It has many unique features including eco-friendly, light weight & has a life span of over 60 yrs. The sliding mechanism enables easy maintenance .

6. As a commemorations of the 6th International Yoga Day, world's first Yoga University outside India was launched in which city of United State?

- A. New York
B. Chicago
C. Los Angeles
D. Massachusetts

Ans. C

Sol.

- The world's first Yoga University outside India was launched on 23rd June 2020 at United State's Los Angeles city.
- The Yoga University has been named after Swami Vivekananda.
- The university will be known by the name- Vivekananda Yoga University.
- The University was launched as a part of the commemorations for the 6th International Yoga Day.
- Chancellor of SVYASA- Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, Dr. H R Nagendra will be the first Chairman of the Vivekananda Yoga University.

- SVYASA was founded in the year 2002, it is the first Yoga University of India and also of the World.

7. What is the budget outlay for the recently approved Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) by the Union Cabinet?

- A. 15,000 crore
B. 20,000 crore
C. 25,000 crore
D. 40,000 crore

Ans. A

Sol.

- The aim of setting up AHIDF is to unlock private sector investments in the animal husbandry sector.
- Through the fund, Infrastructural developments will be promoted in dairy, animal feed, and meat processing plants.
- As per Government estimate, the fund will help in creating up to 35 lakh jobs across the country.
- The total budget for the fund is Rs 15,000 crores. Beneficiaries of the fund will be MSMEs, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), private Companies, Section 8 companies, and Individual Entrepreneurs working in the Animal Husbandry Sector.
- Beneficiaries will be provided with a 3 percent interest subvention by the Government of India.

8. Who has been named as the first female president of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in its 233 year-old history?

- A. Clare Connor
B. Charlotte Edwards
C. Sarah Taylor
D. Anya Shrubsole

Ans. A

Sol.

- Former England captain Clare Connor is set to become the first female president of the Marylebone Cricket Club in its 233 year-old history.
- Connor is the current England and Wales Cricket Board's managing director of women's cricket. The 43-year-old will take up the post on 1 October, 2021.

- Current president, former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara, has been offered to stay in the role for a second tenure in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.
- The former Sri Lanka captain had become the first non-British President of the club when he assumed office on October 1 last year.

9. Which country has decided to join the multilateral Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)?

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

Ans. B

Sol.

- The people's Republic of China will join the multilateral Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), this was decided during a three-day meeting from 18th June to 20th June of the top lawmaking committee in China-Legislative Affairs Committee.
- China was one of the 23 countries back in 2013 when it abstained from the vote to adopt the treaty at the United Nations.
- The U.S. President has announced in April 2019 that the U.S. will never ratify the Arms Trade Treaty under his administration (the U.S has signed the treaty but was yet to ratify).

10. Famous sportsperson K Raghunath passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Volleyball
- B. Basketball
- C. Football
- D. Baseball

Ans. B

Sol.

- Former India and Karnataka basketball player K Raghunath passed away.
- Raghunath represented Indian All-Star team which toured Sri Lanka in 1962.
- He played for Karnataka with distinction in 1960s
- He was one of the founding members of the still-popular Beagles Basketball Club. Raghunath's tryst with basketball began in 1958.

11. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS)?

- A. T Rabi Sankar
- B. Debashish panda
- C. N Chandrasekaran
- D. Mayank Agarwal

Ans. A

Sol.

- Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS) has announced the appointments of T Rabi Sankar as the Chairman of the organization.
- IFTAS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India.
- T Rabi Sankar, currently serving as Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India for Payment Systems, Information Technology, Risk Management and Fintech has taken over concurrent charge, ex officio, as the Chairman of IFTAS.
- Agency also appoints Dr N Rajendran as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the organization.

12. Renowned personality Vishwa Bandhu Gupta passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Journalist
- B. Writer
- C. Sportsperson
- D. Historian

Ans. A

Sol.

- Former MP and a veteran journalist Vishwa Bandhu Gupta, who was nicknamed as Balloon Man around the age of 93 he passed away in Delhi.
- He was associated with the National Congress party and became the Member of Parliament (MP) in April 1984.
- He represented Delhi in Rajya Sabha from 1984 to 1990.
- He served as the Vice-President and District President of Delhi Congress.
- He was the chairman and chief editor of the Tej-Bandhu group of publications, The Weekly Sun, The North-East Sun, Treasure monthly and Flash newspaper.
- He was the President of All India Newspaper Editors Conference(AINEC)

and one of the founding members of the Press Club of India (PCI).

13. A Five-day Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene Expo was organized by which of the following industry bodies?

- A. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- B. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- C. Indian Banks Association (IBA)
- D. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

Ans. B

Sol.

- The five-day Virtual Healthcare & Hygiene Expo was e-inaugurated on 22nd June 2020 by Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers).
- As Digital India is making a way forward, the exhibition is the first-ever virtual exhibition in India.
- The event is to create a self-reliant ecosystem in the Pharmaceuticals and Health & Hygiene Sector by ramping up domestic production. In our resolute fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, this sector has a greater significance.

14. Which state government is to launch a job guarantee scheme to provide 100-day work guarantee to the unskilled workers living in the urban areas of the state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

- The state government of Jharkhand is likely to become the second state after Kerala in the country to launch a job guarantee scheme that will be on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA).
- The scheme unlike MNREGA, will focus on providing 100-day work for the unskilled workers living in the urban areas of the state.
- The scheme aimed to enhance the livelihood security for the urban poor will

be named Mukhyamantri SHRAMIK (Shahri Rozgar Manjuri For Kamgar).

- Ayyankali Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme (AUEGS) is the 100-day employment guarantee scheme of the Kerala Government for urban poor.

15. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA)' via video conference from which district of Bihar?

- A. Khagaria
- B. Begusarai.
- C. Buxar
- D. Aurangabad

Ans. A

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a massive rural public works scheme, the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan to create jobs for millions of migrant workers who returned home during the coronavirus pandemic.
- The outlay of this campaign is Rs 50,000 Crores and the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is the nodal Ministry for its implementation.
- GKRA was launched via video conference from village Teliha, Block Beldaur, district Khagaria Bihar
- GKRA, the mission mode campaign of 125 days will cover 116 districts comprising more than 25,000 returnee migrant workers each across 6 states viz. Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha.

16. Which Maharatna company has entered into the partnership with NITI Aayog's flagship initiative Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), to actively support the key innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across India?

- A. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- B. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- C. Coal India Limited
- D. GAIL India Limited

Ans. C

Sol.

- Coal India Limited (CIL) has entered into the partnership with NITI Aayog's flagship initiative Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), to actively support the latter's key

innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across India.

- A Statement of Intent (SoI) between the CIL's Director (Technical) Binay Dayal and AIM's Mission Director R Ramanan, was signed and exchanged in a virtual e-summit for the same on June 19, 2020.
- The tie up will help the talented youth of our country to develop great innovations that have not developed or fallen short and thus enable them to have a AtmaNirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India). This will also create employment at the local level in the coming years.
- According to the SOI, the partnership is classified according to the program in which CIL helped select ATL schools to adopt, conduct teacher training sessions to students.

17. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) India has partnered with which IIT to support state and national governments in achieving food and nutrition security?

- A. IIT Mumbai
- B. IIT Jaipur
- C. IIT Rohtak
- D. IIT Delhi

Ans. D

Sol.

- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) India and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi have joined hands to support state and national governments in achieving food and nutrition security.
- The overall objective of this partnership is to use advanced analytics and operations research to develop practical solutions that support long term strategic planning of procurement, storage, and movement of food grains by agencies such as the Food Corporation of India (FCI).
- It also focuses on to create cost-effective supply chain networks for distribution of food grains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) at the state level.

18. Who has been selected for the 2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade?

- A. MS Swaminathan
- B. Jagdish Bhagwati
- C. Amartya Kumar Sen
- D. Kaushik Basu

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian economist, philosopher and Nobel Laureate Amartya Kumar Sen (86) has been selected for 2020 Peace Prize by the Board of Trustees of the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for his decades-long work around issues of global justice.
- He will be presented with the award by German Publishers' and Booksellers' Association, Borsenverein in a ceremony that will take place on October 18, 2020, in Paulskirche (Germany).
- Every year since 1950, the German Book Trade Peace Prize has been given.
- In 2019, the award was presented to famous Brazilian photographer and photo journalist Sebastiao Ribeiro Salgado.

19. Who has authored the book "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India"?

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Aravind Adiga
- D. Prashant Joshi

Ans. A

Sol.

- Best-selling author and the Director of Nehru Centre, London (since 2019) Amish Tripathi released his fiction book, "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India".
- The book is published by Westland Publications Pvt Ltd.
- The book is about the Indian King Suheldev who struggles to defend his homeland, makes tremendous personal sacrifices, shows glorious leadership & unites everyone in the country irrespective of their religion, caste, region, or status in society.

20. With which country India signed a credit financing agreement promising 200 million euros to support the social welfare system and India's covid response?

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

D. Spain

Ans. B

Sol.

- France and India signed a credit financing agreement promising 200 million euros (Rs. 1709 crore) to support the social welfare system and India's covid response.
- The fund will be provided to India through the AFD, French Development Agency.
- The agreement was signed in India by C.S. Mohapatra, Additional Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs, and Bruno Bosle, Director of AFD, French Development Agency in the virtual presence of Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India.

21. Name the Indian tennis player who has been elected as a player member to ITF World Tennis Tour Player Men's panels?

- A. Saketh Myneni
- B. Yuki Bhambri
- C. Niki Poonacha
- D. Prajnesh Gunneswaran

Ans. C

Sol.

- The International Tennis Federation has declared the list of players, who chose for the ITF World Tennis Tour Player Panels.
- India's Niki Poonacha is elected as a player member to ITF World Tennis Tour Player Men's panels.
- The Men's and Women's Panel will be headed by Mark Woodforde and Mary Pierce respectively who are the athlete representatives on the ITF board of directors.
- Poonacha is chosen as one of the two players from Asia/Oceania locale with a second-most noteworthy number of votes (62) among all challenging players.

22. Which state government has decided to start 'Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho' – meaning 'Play Little, Study Little' scheme?

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Tripura
- D. Jharkhand

Ans. C

Sol.

- The state government of Tripura has decided to start a scheme for school students from 25th June 2020. The scheme is named 'Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho' –meaning 'Play Little, Study Little'.
- The scheme will be implemented via SMS or WhatsApp. For students, those who have access to smartphones of their parents will be able to access the scheme through WhatsApp. For students having feature phones, they will be able to access through SMS.
- The objective of the scheme is to make sure that students invest their time in studies during these times of uncertainty as it could still take a couple of months for schools to reopen due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As per the scheme name 'Play little', students apart from studies will also be provided with fun and games activities.

23. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)?

- A. Raguram Rajan
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Arvind Subramanian
- D. Arvind Panagariya

Ans. B

Sol.

- Urjit Patel has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP). It is an economic think tank which is based in New Delhi, India.
- The appointment of the Urjit Patel has been made for a period of four years. He will be replacing the outgoing chairman Vijay Kelkar.
- Urjit Patel has earlier served as the Governor as well as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He resigned as the Governor of RBI in December 2018.

24. Name the Indian-American who has been appointed as the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) by the US senate?

- A. Anit Kotwani
B. Sethuraman Panchanathan
C. Arun Singhal
D. Rajiv Topno

Ans. B

Sol.

- The U.S. Senate has appointed Indian-American scientist Dr Sethuraman Panchanathan as the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- He will replace France Cordova, whose six-year term ended in March, as the 15th director of the NSF. He is expected to take office on July 6.
- Panchanathan is the second Indian-American ever to be nominated to the prestigious science position with the first being Dr Subra Suresh who served from October 2010 to March 2013.
- National Science Foundation is a top American body supporting fundamental research in non-medical fields of science and engineering.

25. Who has authored the book titled 'Klara and the Sun'?

- A. Alice Munro
B. Kazuo Ishiguro
C. Peter Handke
D. Bob Dylan

Ans. B

Sol.

- The book titled 'Klara and the Sun' has been authored by the Nobel Prize winner (2017) Japan born british author Kazuo Ishiguro.
- The novel will be published by Faber & Faber in the United Kingdom, Alfred A. Knopf in the United States and Knopf in Canada on March 2, 2021.
- This is the first novel by him since he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature
- The book is about the artificial being called Klara and her desire to find a human owner.

26. Which city's Municipal Corporation has launched a mobile application "Air-Venti" to provide information on ICU beds, ventilators?

- A. New Delhi
B. Chennai
C. Mumbai

D. Kolkata

Ans. C

Sol.

- Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) has launched a mobile application "Air-Venti" to provide information on ICU beds, ventilators.
- Octaware Technologies Limited, in partnership with Probit Soft Pvt Ltd, has developed this mobile application for MCGM and therefore the data regarding the ICU beds and Ventilators vacant status.
- The mobile app 'Air-Venti' launched by the civic body in Mumbai aims to supply overall statistics of ICU beds and ventilators that are occupied and vacant in both govt and private hospitals besides location map, ability to contact hospital through telephonic call and email is additionally available.

27. Who has been elected president of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly?

- A. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
B. Volkan Bozkir
C. Peter Thomson
D. John William Ashe

Ans. B

Sol.

- Turkish's diplomat Volkan Bozkir has been elected president of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly. The 75th session of the UN General Assembly begins in September 2020.
- Bozkir won the unanimous support of the 178 UN members. He will take over from Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, the present General Assembly president. A General Assembly president has a one-year term.

28. Who has authored the book titled "A Burning"?

- A. Kritika Pandey
B. Megha Majumdar
C. Meghna Pant
D. Ira Trivedi

Ans. B

Sol.

- The book titled "A Burning", is debut novel of Megha Majumdar.

- She is New York based writer who was born and raised in Kolkata.
- The book is about the lives of three characters, Tommy Orange, Yaa Gyasi and Jhumpa Lahiri who want to rise to the middle class, to political power, to gain fame in the film industry and how their lives changed in Indian society.
- The book was published on 2nd June 2020 by Knopf Doubleday publishing Group.

29. Which country has been elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term from the Asia-Pacific category for the 2021-22 term?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. Japan

Ans. C

Sol.

- India was elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term after winning 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly.
- Along with India, Ireland, Mexico and Norway also won the Security Council elections held last night. India was a candidate for a non-permanent seat from the Asia-Pacific category for the 2021-22 term.
- India's two-year term will begin on January 1, 2021.
- This is the eighth time that India will sit at the UN high-table, which comprises five permanent members and 10 non-permanent members.

30. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a massive rural public works scheme, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan in how many states of India?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 10

Ans. B

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a massive rural public works

scheme, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan, in six states this Saturday.

- The campaign aims to provide livelihood opportunities to the returnee migrant workers and rural citizens.
- The campaign of 125 days will be implemented on mission mode.
- It will involve intensified and focused implementation of 25 different types of works to provide employment to the migrant workers and create infrastructure in the rural regions of the country.
- The scheme entails a resource envelope of 50 thousand crore rupees.
- A total of 116 Districts with more than 25 thousand returnee migrant workers across six States, namely Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha have been chosen for the campaign which includes 27 Aspirational Districts.

31. India will send 75-member Tri-Service contingent to participate in the military parade to which country on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the victory in the Second World War?

- A. UAS
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Russia
- D. France

Ans. C

Sol.

- India will send a 75-member Tri-Service contingent to participate in the military parade in Moscow on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the victory in the Second World War.
- The parade will honour the heroism and sacrifices made by the Russian and other friendly people.
- Defence Minister of Russia had invited an Indian contingent to take part in the Victory Day Parade scheduled to be held on 24th of this month.
- The participation will be a mark of tribute and solidarity with the people of Russia at a time when they remember their heroes of the Great Patriotic War.

32. Which state/UTs has been conferred with three prestigious Deen Dayal Upadhyay Sashaktikaran Puraskar for its

outstanding contribution to the socio-economic development of the Gram Panchayats across the state/UTs?

- A. Bihar
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jammu and Kashmir

Ans. D

Sol.

- Jammu & Kashmir has been conferred with three prestigious Deen Dayal Upadhyay Sashaktikaran Puraskar awards for its outstanding contribution to the socio-economic development of the Gram Panchayats across the Union Territory.

- Panchayat Rathal, (Block Rajouri) and Panchayat Badakana, (Block Thana Mandi) of District Rajouri and Panchayat Meej, (Block Pampore) of Pulwama district were adjudged the best performing panchayats in recognition of their work in improving the delivery of services for socio economic development and implementation of various schemes.

33. Which IT company has partnered with IBM to co-develop to accelerate digital and cognitive enterprise transformation?

- A. Infosys Ltd
- B. Wipro Ltd
- C. TCS
- D. HCL Limited

Ans. C

Sol.

- Information technology giant, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Ltd, and IBM have expanded their global partnership to help clients accelerate their digital transformations to IBM public cloud using IBM Cloud Paks.

- As part of the tie up, TCS will establish an IBM Enterprise Cloud Architecture Unit, which will include technical professionals from both companies.

- TCS and IBM plan to co-develop solutions designed to help clients migrate workloads across applications, analytics, data estate and platforms.

34. What amount of loan has been confirmed by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for India to

enable the legislature to fortify its fight against the antagonistic effect of COVID-19 on poor and vulnerable households?

- A. USD 350 million
- B. USD 450 million
- C. USD 250 million
- D. USD 750 million

Ans. D

Sol.

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has affirmed a USD 750 million (around Rs 5,714 crore) loan to India to enable the legislature to fortify its fight against the antagonistic effect of COVID-19 on poor and vulnerable households.

- AIIB's total sovereign advances to India that have just been affirmed add up to USD 3.06 billion, including an ongoing USD 500 million COVID-19 emergency response.

- The current credit will be the second for India under AIIB's COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (CRF).

35. The 4th edition of Asian Youth Para Games to be held in which country in December 2021?

- A. Oman
- B. UAE
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Bahrain

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) has announced that the 4th edition of Asian Youth Para Games to be held in Bahrain in December 2021.

- Around 800 athletes under 20 years aged are expected to compete in nine sports: athletics, badminton, boccia, goalball, para taekwondo, powerlifting, swimming, table tennis and wheelchair basketball.

- The event is being organised in conjunction with the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Bahrain with the support of the government.

36. What is India's rank in the annual World Competitiveness Index 2020 compiled by Institute for Management Development (IMD)?

- A. 28th

- B. 34th
C. 43rd
D. 48th

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Institute of Management Development recently released the World Competitive Index.
- India ranked 43rd in the ranking.
- In 2019, India was at the 43rd ranking. Since 1989, India had ranked 41st in the World Competitiveness Ranking.
- However, it slipped to 45th rank in 2017 and secured 44th in 2018.
- The continuous low ranking of India is mainly due to poor infrastructure and insufficient education investment.
- Singapore secured the top position in the ranking system. Denmark was at the second position, followed by Switzerland, Netherlands, Hong Kong.

37. Which organization has won the Biodiversity award 2020 of Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation?

- A. The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI)
B. Deccan Development Society (DDS)
C. Satpuda Foundation
D. Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI)

Ans. B

Sol.

- Hyderabad Based NGO, the Deccan Development Society (DDS), has won the Biodiversity award 2020 and a grant of 40000 Euros (approx. Rs. 35 Lakhs) of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation for the contribution of DDS women in rehabilitation of degraded lands and to promote biodiversity.
- The award was announced in a teleconference by Olivier Wenden, Vice President and CEO of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.
- The award is given to recognise the individuals for their actions and the organisations for their contribution in preserving the planet in the three priority areas of the foundation.

38. Which state government has launched Karma Bhumi, a job portal to

help IT professionals who have lost their jobs after the outbreak of COVID-19 and returned to the state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Bihar
C. Jharkhand
D. West Bengal

Ans. D

Sol.

- West Bengal government has launched a job portal 'KarmaBhumi' for IT professionals who have returned to the state amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- IT professionals can use the portal 'Karma Bhumi' to connect with companies based in the state.
- A web portal will act as a medium between the professionals and IT companies in Bengal.
- There are around 700 IT and ITes companies at Salt Lake Sector V and Rajarhat where at present around 2.5 lakh people work.
- IT professionals now connect to IT companies of Bengal through karmabhumi.nltr.org.

39. Which has become the top state in India to provide employment to the workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)?

- A. Chhattisgarh
B. Bihar
C. Jharkhand
D. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. D

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh has become the top state in India to provide employment to the workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA).
- According to the data released, 57 lakh 12975 workers got employment is around 57 thousand village panchayats of the state which is 18% of the total work generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country.
- The state government has generated 7.93 crore man-days and the government will provide jobs to 10 lakh more workers.

40. According to the SIPRI Yearbook 2020 what is India's position as nuclear weapons holder in the world?

- A. 3rd
- B. 4th
- C. 5th
- D. 6th

Ans. D

Sol.

- In accordance with the "SIPRI Yearbook 2020-Armaments, Disarmament and International Security" of Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), from 2019 there is an increase in the nuclear weapons stockpile of India and China.
- However, India's overall possession of nuclear weapons is less than half of Beijing's and also slightly lower than what Pakistan possesses.
- The number of nuclear warheads in the Indian arsenal pegged at 150 in comparison to the 2019 report (on the basis of 2018) when India had 130-140.
- On the other hand, China's nuclear arsenal calculated at 320 as compared to 290 of SIPRI's 2019 report while Pakistan's nuclear arsenal remained constant at 160 in comparison to 2019's 150-160.

41. Which IIT has developed an Artificial Intelligence-powered COVID-19 test, which can be performed at an affordable cost?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Guwahati
- D. IIT Hyderabad

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad researcher has developed an Artificial Intelligence-powered COVID-19 test, which can be performed at an affordable cost.
- The test kit can produce results in around 20 minutes for symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.
- The test kit has already been field-tested at ESIC Medical College and Hospital in Hyderabad to ascertain its efficiency.

• It can be transported quickly, enabling the test to be conducted at the point-of-care.

- A major benefit of this testing kit is that it does not require RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction).

42. Which initiative has been launched the United Nations to fight the spreading of misinformation about COVID-19 with fact-based accurate information?

- A. Sensitive
- B. Verified
- C. Boon
- D. Fact Check

Ans. B

Sol.

- The United Nations launched 'verified', an initiative to combat the growing scourge of Covid-19 misinformation by increasing the volume and reach of trusted.
- India with 12 other countries lead the "Verified" initiative.
- The initiative is led by the United Nations Department of Global Communication(DGC) with an aim to provide facts about COVID-19 in the digital space.
- The initiative recruits information volunteers – "Digital first responders" who will receive daily feeds on verified facts and will spread the information to counter the misinformation.
- This collaboration of the world's leading social mobilization organisation and supported by IKEA foundation and Luminate.

43. Who has authored the book titled "Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism", the biography of Dadabhai Naoroji?

- A. Dinyar Patel
- B. Kadambari Murali
- C. V. Krishnaswamy
- D. Sushil Dhoshi

Ans. A

Sol.

- Historian Dinyar Patel's biography of Dadabhai Naoroji, "Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism" was published by the Harvard University Press in May 2020.

- Patel is an assistant professor at the Department of History at the University of South Carolina.
- He researched the life and career of Indian Nationalist Leader Dadabhai Naoroji.
- He focused on the Indian Nationalist Movements, the city of Bombay and the Parsi Zoroastrian community.

44. Indian Railways has created a new world benchmark by successfully running first Double-Stack Container Train in high-rise in Over Head Equipment electrified territory on _____.

- A. Western Railway
- B. Eastern Railway
- C. Central Railway
- D. North East Railway

Ans. A

Sol.

- Indian Railways has created a new world record by successfully running first Double Stack Container Train in high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) electrified sections.
- This achievement is a first of its kind in the entire world and will also boost the ambitious mission of Green India.
- The Operations successfully commenced on 10th June from Palanpur and Botad stations in Gujarat.
- This initiative expected to bring innovation, speed and customisation in freight operations

45. Which country has announced 'Jet Zero' plan to drive down aviation emissions and to make carbon-free transatlantic flights possible?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- The U.K. aims to drive down greenhouse gas emissions from aviation to make carbon-free transatlantic flights possible within a generation.
- The U.K. is chasing a target to make the country a net-zero economy by 2050, and

transport emissions are proving among the toughest to get down.

- Aviation emissions currently account for more than 2% of global greenhouse gases, and have risen by 70% since 2005.
- The International Civil Aviation Organization forecasts that they will rise another 300% by 2050 in the absence of measures to bring them down.

46. Who has taken charges as the Chief of Staff of Eastern Naval Command (ENC)?

- A. Vice Admiral S.N Ghormade
- B. Vice Admiral Murlidhar Sadashiv Pawar
- C. Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta
- D. Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta took charge as the Chief of Staff of Eastern Naval Command (ENC).
- He replaced Vice Admiral S.N Ghormade, who has been appointed as Controller Personnel Services at the Integrated Headquarters, New Delhi.
- Mr Dasgupta was an alumnus of the NDA and commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1985.
- He has commanded frontline ships including the missile corvettes INS Nishank, INS Karmuk, stealth frigate INS Tabar and the aircraft carrier INS Viraat.

47. Which IIT has developed an Artificial Intelligence-based cyber-physical system to monitor social distancing in public places?

- A. IIT Kharagpur
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Roorkee

Ans. A

Sol.

- The researchers at IIT- Kharagpur has developed an Artificial Intelligence-based cyber-physical system to monitor social distancing in public places.
- The device will play a proximity alert sound through audio output, whenever any violation will occur.

- It captures images of the field view and computes the distance as per criteria set by the government.

- The system has been successfully tested by installing three prototypes of the device within the IIT-Kharagpur campus.

48. Which of the following construction company becomes the first of its kind in the construction sector to go fully digital?

- A. Hindustan Construction Company
 - B. Ircon International Limited
 - C. Tata Projects
 - D. National Highway Authority of India
- Ans. D

Sol.

- The National Highway Authority of India has become the first of its kind in the construction sector to go fully digital.

- With the launch of cloud-based and artificial intelligence-powered big data analytics platform Data Lake and Project Management Software, the entire project management workflow of NHAI has been transformed from manual to the online portal based.

- All project documentation, contractual decisions and approvals are now being done through the portal only.

49. Name the AI enabled robot launched by Indian Railway to intensify the screening and surveillance of railway passengers and railway staff?

- A. ARJUN
- B. CHAMPION
- C. SARTHI
- D. TULIP

Ans. A

Sol.

- Indian Railways' Central Railway zone has launched an AI enabled robot 'Captain Arjun to intensify the screening and surveillance of railway passengers and railway staff.

- The full form of ARJUN is 'Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice'.

- This innovation will help Indian Railways to modernise its security measures at the time of covid-19

- The robot is launched to screen passengers while they board trains and keep a watch on anti-social elements.

50. Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) has provided a line of credit (LOC) of \$215.68 million to which country for Drinking Water Supply Scheme?

- A. Malawi
- B. Tanzania
- C. Senegal
- D. Congo

Ans. A

Sol.

- Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) has provided a line of credit (LOC) of \$215.68 million to the Malawi government.

- This assistance will be used on drinking water supply schemes and other development projects includes supply of irrigation network, tobacco threshing plant, cotton processing facilities, green belt initiative, sugar processing equipment, fuel storage facility and construction of a new water supply system from Likhubula river in Mulanje to Blantyre.

- Exim Bank is a specialized financial institution wholly owned by Government of India (GoI).

51. Name the National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies with the involvement of manufacturers, suppliers and customers?

- A. Aarogyasetu
- B. Aarogyapath
- C. Aarogyasanjivani
- D. Pawandoot

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal Aarogyapath to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies with the involvement of manufacturers, suppliers and customers.

- This national healthcare supply chain portal will remove supply chain

bottlenecks during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The vision of this initiative is to set up an information management and forecasting database platform at national level.
- It will capture demand and supply scenarios for key healthcare needs items.
- This public platform will help healthcare users like hospitals, pathology laboratories, research institutes, medical colleges and patients.
- It will also provide seamless access to suppliers, manufacturers and importers for prevailing needs and demand related to medical equipment, diagnostic instruments, drugs, Personal Protective Equipment, respiratory assistance devices.

52. Who has been conferred with prestigious World Food Prize 2020?

- A. Ruchir Sharma
- B. Raj Chetty
- C. Rattan Lal
- D. Pranab Bardhan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Eminent Indian-American soil scientist Rattan Lal was named this year's recipient of World Food Prize 2020.
- He was named as the 2020 World Food Prize Laureate for developing and mainstreaming a soil-centric approach to increasing food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change.
- He will get USD 250,000 as prize money.
- The first recipient of this prestigious award in 1987 was Indian agricultural scientist Dr M S Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution.

53. Which IT company has announced to launch of 'Summer of Ideas' initiative for university students worldwide, an online learning programme?

- A. Wipro
- B. Infosys
- C. Tech Mahindra
- D. Tata Consultancy Services

Ans. B

Sol.

- IT major Infosys on announced the launch of 'Summer of Ideas' initiative for university students worldwide.
- The global eight-week ideathon, powered by Infosys' digital learning platform Wingspan, will help the global student and academic community overcome the loss of learning opportunities as a result of the disruption caused by COVID-19.
- The initiative will allow students access to Infosys mentorship and specially curated learning materials virtually.

54. Which state government has launched 'Panchvati Yojana' for the senior citizens of rural areas of the state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttara Pradesh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Haryana

Ans. C

Sol.

- Himachal Pradesh government has launched 'Panchvati Yojana' for the senior citizens of rural areas of the state.
- Under the yojana parks & gardens will be established in every development block with mandatory facilities under Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) 2005, Scheme of Rural Development Department.
- About 100 such parks will be developed in different parts of the state during FY 2020.
- Main objective of the yojana is to enable elderly to spend their leisure time in these parks & gardens.

55. Which state government has decided to rename the state's Environment Ministry as 'Environment and Climate Change Ministry'?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand

Ans. B

Sol.

- the Maharashtra cabinet chaired by its Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Bal Thackeray has approved a proposal to

rename the state's Environment Ministry as 'Environment and Climate Change Ministry' with the aim to play an active role in climate change mitigation.

- The department, which is handled by Shiv Sena MLA Aaditya Thackeray, will work on five elements of the nature (earth, water, fire, air, and space).

- The decision to change the name comes just weeks after the state was hit by a severe cyclonic storm Nisarga on June 3, 2020.

- Maharashtra is one among a few states like Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana in India which have a dedicated department to address climate change.

56. Famous sport person Tony Dunne, passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- Former defender of Manchester United Tony Dunne, passed away at the age of 78. He was born on 25th July 1941 in Dublin, Ireland.

- He joined Manchester United at the age of 18 in 1960 and debuted on 16th October 1960 against Burnley (A) league.

- He was a part of the winning side of the European Cup in 1968.

57. Who has been chosen for the 'Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)'?

- A. Lisa Singh
- B. Binoy Kampmark
- C. Suresh Rajan
- D. Shobha Sekhar

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian Musician Shobha Sekhar, the founder of Kalakruthi a music organisation in Australia receives the Medal of the Order of Australia(OAM) in the Queen's Birthday 2020 for her service to Indian music and dance.

- She started the Kalakruthi in 1994 affiliated with The Music Academy,

Chennai and has been training many aspirants of Carnatic music.

- The medal of the order of Australia is awarded to the individuals contributing to their community or to Australia globally or domestically.

- The recipients are nominated and assessed independently as worthy of recognition.

58. What is India's rank in the recently compiled by Nature Research, a division of the international scientific publishing company 'Springer Nature'?

- A. 9th
- B. 10th
- C. 12th
- D. 17th

Ans. C

Sol.

- In the recently-released Nature Index table 2020, India is placed twelfth globally in science research output. The top five positions have gone to the United States of America, China, Germany, United Kingdom and Japan.

- The Nature Index is a database of author affiliation information collated from research articles published in an independently selected group of 82 high-quality science journals.

- The database is compiled by Nature Research, a division of the international scientific publishing company Springer Nature that publishes academic journals. Nature Research's flagship publication is Nature, a weekly multidisciplinary journal first published in 1869.

- The Nature Index provides a close to real-time proxy of high-quality research output and collaboration at the institutional, national and regional level.

59. Which institution has signed an MoU with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for joint research, testing and validation of different products through ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)?

- A. National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM)
- B. Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI)

C. Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI)

D. Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO)

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO) signs MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for joint research, testing and validation of different products through ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).
- The agreement enables the centers to disperse technological advancements through training programs, campaigns, field trials and demonstrations for the benefit of farmers.
- Objective of the collaboration is to reduce farmers' consumption of chemical fertilizers by effective use of technology.

60. A Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex was inaugurated in which place?

A. Kochi

B. Tuticorin

C. Port Blair

D. Vishakhapatnam

Ans. D

Sol.

- A Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command (ENC) in Visakhapatnam.
- Equipped with the state-of-the-art facilities, the complex is designed to accommodate the newly inducted submarine rescue system and store the DSRV assets in the rescue-ready state.
- The DSRV system consists of a submarine rescue vessel, a remote operations vehicle and side scan sonar and associated equipment.
- It has diver decompression chambers and hyperbaric medical equipment to decompress submariners after being rescued from sunken submarines.
- It can be mobilised by air or road to facilitate submarine rescue operation even at distant locations.

61. Which institution has developed an anti-microbial five-layered face mask that annihilates pathogenic microorganisms that are stuck to its outer surface and thereby limit the spread of secondary infections?

A. IIT-Delhi

B. IIT-BHU

C. IIT-Madras

D. IIT-Kanpur

Ans. B

Sol.

- Dr. Marshal and his team at the School of Biomedical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-BHU), have developed an anti-microbial five-layered face mask.
- This face mask can annihilate pathogenic microorganisms that are stuck to its outer surface and thereby limit the spread of secondary infections.
- The mask that is available in the market currently acts as a filter to stop the entry of microbes to oral and nasal airways but does not have any effect on the microbes stuck to the mask surface.

62. Name the Indian economist who has been included in the 8-member panel formed by the Asian Development Bank to find solutions for speedy recovery of COVID-19 in Southeast Asia?

A. Urjit Patel

B. Raghuram Rajan

C. Manmohan Singh

D. Amartya Sen

Ans. B

Sol.

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has constituted a 8-member high-level panel of leading experts in economics, finance, and health, moderated by ADB Vice-President Ahmed M. Saeed, to help ministers, central bank governors, and other senior officials identify solutions for Southeast Asian economies to tap into to quickly recover after the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- The 8 member panel includes, Jane Halton, Rema Hanna, Karen Tay Koh, Ramayya Krishnan, Raghuram Rajan, Andrew Sheng and Nicholas Stern,

- The ADB on April 13, 2020 has allocated \$20 billion financial response to its members to help fight the pandemic and reboot its economy after months of lockdown.

63. Former European high jump champion, Alexander Shustov banned for four years by Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), he held from which country?

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Ukraine
- C. Russia
- D. Romania

Ans. C

Sol.

- Former European high jump champion (2010) Alexander Shustov of Russia banned for 4 years for the use or attempted use of a banned substance or method (doping) & did not provide any further details.
- This was confirmed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- The Russian Athletics Federation stated that his ban was dated from June 5, and his results had been disqualified for a period from 2013 to 2017.
- He would be retaining his European title but will be disqualified from the 7th place at the 2013 world championships in Moscow.

64. Which institute has developed Nano-Technology based disinfectant spray ANANYA to fight against COVID-19?

- A. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- B. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- C. Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT)
- D. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Pune based Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) has developed Nano-Technology based disinfectant spray to fight against COVID-19.
- The spray has been named ANANYA.

- The spray can be used by common man, health care workers. Also, the spray can be used on a large-scale use as well. It can be used on masks, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), elevator buttons, contaminated surfaces such as medical instruments, door knobs, rooms and corridors.

- The spray has been prepared based on Nano-Technology assisted formulation. It will not only stop COVID-19 from entering the body but will also kill the virus that comes in direct contact.

65. Which Indian institutions maintains its position as the top institution in India in the QS World University rankings released recently?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- B. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- C. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Ans. A

Sol.

- The top five Indian Institutes of Technology and the Indian Institute of Science have all dropped in this year's QS World University rankings.
- Only the newer IITs in Guwahati and Hyderabad were able to show improvement.
- The total number of Indian institutions in the top 1,000 global list has also fallen from 24 to 21.
- IIT-Bombay still maintains its position as the top institution in India in the QS rankings, but has slipped 20 places from 152 to 172 in the global list.
- IISc overtook IIT Delhi to make it to the second place, but still dropped a rank to 185.
- IIT Delhi fell more than 10 places in the rankings to 193 rank, while IIT Madras is at 275. Both IIT Kharagpur and IIT Kanpur crashed out of the top 300.

66. Who has been honoured with "NASA Distinguished Service Medal" for his administration to NASA?

- A. Akshay Venkatesh
- B. Raghu Raj Bahadur

C. Renjith Kumar
D. Anil Nerode

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Aerospace entrepreneur, Renjith Kumar has been honoured with "NASA Distinguished Service Medal" for his administration to NASA through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence and consumer loyalty.
- He worked in relationship with NASA for over 30 years and contributed to updating the International Space Stations(ISS).
- He is CEO Emeritus of the Virginia based Analytical Mechanics Associates(AMA). RK Chetty Pandipati was the First Indian to win this honour in 2002.

67. The World Bank (WB) has granted loan worth of Rs. 1,950 crores to which state for tackling coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and developmental work?

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- West Bengal government has received a loan amount of Rs 1950 crore from the World Bank.
- The loan amount has been lend to the West Bengal Government to tackle COVID-19 situation and developmental work in the state.
- Out of the total amount of Rs 1950 crore, West Bengal Government will spend Rs. 850 crore on various Social-Welfare schemes while the remaining Rs 1,100 crore will be spent to create Industrial infrastructures.

68. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavsayi Utthan Yojana' for street vendors?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched Street Vendor Registration Portal and "Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavsayi Utthan Yojana" and transferred Rs 300 crore to urban local bodies.

69. The Athletes Integrity Unit (AIU) of the World Athletics has imposed a four-year ban on which Indian player who won the gold medal in 2019 Asian Athletics Championships?

- A. Hima Das
- B. Dutee Chand
- C. Gomathi Marimuthu
- D. Santhi Soundarajan

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Athletes Integrity Unit (AIU) of the World Athletics has imposed a four-year ban on sprinter Gomathi Marimuthu.
- She won the gold medal in the women's 800 m event at the 2019 Asian Athletics Championships held in Doha, Qatar with her personal best timing. Gomathi had won gold with a timing of 2 minutes and 2.70 second.
- In her defence, Gomathi could not prove the point of tampering with the samples. A provisional ban was imposed on her from 17 May 2019, which will now end on 16 May 2023.
- Gomathi will lose her gold medal which she won at the Asian Championship last year.

70. Which state government has launched waste exchange website?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Chhattisgarh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Online waste exchange website of Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation (APEMC) has been launched by the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.
- The website was launched on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Andhra Pradesh has become India's first state to launch waste exchange website.

- Through this platform, state government seeks to protect environment by covering 100% safe disposal of toxic waste, proper tracking, scrutiny as well as audit of waste.

71. Which state government has inaugurated "Plant Health Clinic"?

- A. Tripura
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Sikkim
- D. Manipur

Ans. D

Sol.

- Chief Minister of Manipur N. Biren Singh has inaugurated "Plant Health Clinic" at the Directorate of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Imphal.
- The aim to open the clinic is to boost the economic growth of Manipur through agriculture and horticulture. Along with the clinic, the Chief Minister also launched a mobile soil testing laboratory van.

72. With which European country has India signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Cooperation?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Denmark
- D. Switzerland

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Ministry of Power, India and Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, Denmark signed Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Cooperation.
- Under the MoU, the countries have agreed to collaborate in areas such as long- term energy planning, offshore wind, consolidation of grid codes, incentivize power plants, increase flexibility in power purchase agreements.
- Through this, the Indian electricity markets are to benefit to a larger extent.

73. Which of the following institutions has developed an artificial intelligence-based computer diagnosis framework for rapid and accurate diagnosis of oral cancers?

- A. International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad
- B. Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati
- C. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow

Ans. B

Sol.

- Scientists at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Govt of India, have developed an artificial intelligence (AI) based algorithms as an aid to rapid diagnosis and prediction of oral squamous cell carcinoma.
- The framework developed by the research group at the Central Computational and Numerical Sciences Division, IASST led by Dr. Lipi B Mahanta, will also help grading of oral squamous cell carcinoma.
- An indigenous dataset was developed by the scientists through collaborations to make for the unavailability of any benchmark oral cancer dataset for the study.
- Exploring different state-of-the-art AI techniques and playing with their proposed method, the scientists have gained unprecedented accuracy in oral cancer grading.
- The study was conducted applying two approaches through the application of transfer learning using a pre-trained deep convolutional neural network (CNN).

74. What is India's rank in the recently released 12th edition of the biennial Environment Performance Index (EPI Index 2020) released by the Yale University?

- A. 168th
- B. 177th
- C. 172nd
- D. 148th

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Yale University recently released the biennial Environment Performance Index.
- India scored 168th rank out of 180 countries.
- In 2018, India scored 27.6 out of 100 and secured 177th rank.
- Around 32 indicators were considered to create the ranking. Also, the index provided 10-year observation on environmental performance at national and international level.

75. Who becomes the first Indian to receive the prestigious Richard Dawkins Award for 2020 for critical thinking, holding religious dogma upto scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values?

- A. Anupam Kher
- B. Medha Patkar
- C. Javed Akhtar
- D. Sunitha Krishnan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Javed Akhtar has become the first Indian to receive the Richard Dawkins award.
- The award is presented by the Atheist Alliance of America (an NGO). The awards are presented to those distinguished individuals that come from the world of scholarship, science, education or environment and proclaim values of rationalism, secularism upholding scientific truth.
- Javed Akhtar is a renowned lyricist in the Indian film industry. He was awarded Padma Shri in 1999. He has also won the Sahitya Akademi award and Padma Bhushan.
- It is to be noted that Javed Akhtar raised voice on social media like twitter, literary events and in interviews about the issues with Citizenship Amendment Act, public policy, reopening of liquor shops after lock down, communism in the society, etc.

76. Who will chair the task force constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, GoI to work on the issues of women and child development?

- A. Menka Gnadhi
- B. Jaya Jaitly
- C. Najma Akhtar
- D. Dipti Shah

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Government of India has constituted Jaya Jaitly Task Force that will work on the issues of women and child development.
- The task force will examine the matters pertaining to age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering MMR, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues.
- The Task Force will be provided secretarial assistance by the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and will submit its report by 31st July, 2020.
- This task force is on the lines of the Union Budget 2020-2021 by Nirmala Sitharaman where she proposed a task force looking after the matters mentioned above.

77. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has signed an agreement with which institution for cooperation in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysics?

- A. Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- C. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- D. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has signed an agreement with Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) for cooperation in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysics.
- This MoU will make the way for future collaborations between ISRO and ARIES in setting up optical telescope observational facilities for space object

tracking, R&D studies in space weather, astrophysics and Near-Earth Object (NEO).

- The main objective of the MoU is to shield the Indian Space assets from the space debris's conjunction threats and R&D of Astrophysics, solar sciences and space environment are the base for future space exploration projects and the key to progress in the Indian Space sector.

78. Who is the author of the book 'The Great Indian Tee and Snakes' for which she bestowed with Commonwealth short story prize 2020 for Asia region?

- A. Meghna Pant
- B. Ira Trivedi
- C. Meena Kandasamy
- D. Kritika Pandey

Ans. D

Sol.

- Kritika Pandey, a writer from Ranchi, was announced as the regional winner for Asia in the 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize.
- The 29-year-old writer won for her story The Great Indian Tee and Snakes, which is about two young people trying to navigate the idea of love in an era of hatred and prejudice.
- The story about a Hindu girl falling in love with a Muslim man had made it to the shortlist for the Asian region.

79. The World Health Organization (WHO) has accorded the "World No Tobacco Day Award 2020" to which of the following NGOs?

- A. SEEDS
- B. ACI India
- C. ACT India
- D. Anay Foundation

Ans. A

Sol.

- The World Health Organization(WHO) has accorded the World No Tobacco Day Award 2020 to Socio-Economic and Educational Development Society(SEEDS).
- It is an Indian non-governmental organization (NGO), one among the 3 South East Asian Region awardees, for its

efforts to ban pan masala, gutkha, e-cigarettes and hookah in Bihar and Jharkhand.

- SEEDS has been working closely with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to prevent & control smokeless tobacco use.
- Deepak Mishra, executive director of the SEEDS has been nominated by the ministry as a member of the task force on the de-addiction campaign.

80. Who has assumed office as the president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2020-21?

- A. Anand Mahindra
- B. Sanjiv Bajaj
- C. Uday Kotak
- D. Rajiv Bajaj

Ans. C

Sol.

- Veteran banker Uday Kotak has assumed office as the president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2020-21.
- takes over from Vikram Kirloskar, chairman and managing director of Kirloskar Systems Ltd and vice chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor.
- T V Narendran, CEO and managing director of Tata Steel Limited, is now the president designate of CII for 2020-21.
- Sanjiv Bajaj takes over as CII vice president for 2020-21. He is the chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finserv Limited.

81. Which space agency has partnered with NASA to host a deep-space ground station, which will support human spaceflight missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B. South African National Space Agency (SANSA)
- C. European Space Agency (ESA)
- D. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Ans. B

Sol.

- South Africa has partnered with NASA to host a deep-space ground station,

which will support human spaceflight missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

- With this collaboration, South Africa became the fourth country after the US, Spain and Australia to host a deep space ground station.
- The partnership between the South African National Space Agency (SANSA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) to host the space station followed an earlier agreement between the two organisations for the establishment of the station at Matjiesfontein town in the Western Cape Province.

82. Which of the following became the first state to declare the internet as a fundamental right of the citizen?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Kerala government has announced that its ambitious Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project, envisaged to provide free internet access to the poor, would be rolled out by December this year.
- The project is executed by the association of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), RailTel Corporation (Public sector companies) and SRIT and LS Cables (Private sector companies).
- It is to provide free internet access for the poor by December 2020 and become the first state to declare the internet as a fundamental right of the citizen.
- It would be implemented by Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited and Kerala State Electricity Board(KSEB).

83. National Jal Jeevan Mission approved the Annual Action Plan of Arunachal Pradesh, under which the state is to provide tap connection to all the rural households in the state by_____.

- A. 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2023

Ans. D

Sol.

- * The National Jal Jeevan Mission approved the Annual Action Plan of Arunachal Pradesh.
- * Under the plan, the state is to provide tap connection to all the rural households in the state by 2023.
- * In order to achieve the plan, the GoI has approved Rs 255 as additional funds.
- * The State Governments are provided with additional funds based on their achievements.

84. Which state government has launched a mobile application that will inform people in the state about the availability of the hospital beds and ventilators in the government and private hospitals?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Delhi
- D. Maharashtra

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched Delhi Corona App.
- * The application is to provide all required information that are related to ventilators and hospital beds in the city.
- * The Application mainly aims at providing real time information.
- * The application will provide information related to availability of hospital beds and ventilators in the city. It is now available on Google Play.
- * The application is being launched as there were complaints that there are not enough ventilators and hospital beds in Delhi to treat severely ill COVID-19 patients. The criticisms in Delhi have increased as the number of cases cross 20,000.

85. Which scheme has been launched by the union government for to provide affordable loans to street vendors?

- A. PM-SAMMANNidhi
- B. PM-SVANidhi
- C. PM-LOKNidhi
- D. PM-SURAKHSANidhi

Ans. B

Sol.

- Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri SVANidhi Scheme for street vendors. The Union cabinet has cleared the credit amount for the scheme as well.
- PM SVANidhi or PM Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi is a credit facility scheme that will help more than 50 lakh urban and rural street vendors. The scheme will help the street vendors restart their livelihoods.
- Under the scheme, Rs 10,000 of credit is to be provided to street vendors. The street vendors shall return the amount as monthly installments within a year.
- The scheme was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman during her announcement of package of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

86. Which platform has been launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help the smaller MSMEs by solving their grievances, encouraging and supporting them to march into the big league as national and global companies?

- A. NIDHI
- B. CHAMPIONS
- C. SURAKSHA
- D. SWAPN

Ans. B

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched technology platform called CHAMPIONS.
- CHAMPIONS Stand for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength.
- The portal aims to make smaller units big by supporting them, encouraging, solving their grievances, helping and handholding.
- It will act as one-stop shop solution of all entities of the MSME sector.

87. The Government has announced that it is to provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to 1.5 crore _____.

- A. Fisherman
- B. Tribal Farmers
- C. Wet Land Farmers
- D. Dairy Farmers

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Government has announced that it is to provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to 1.5 crore dairy farmers belonging to Milk Unions and Milk producing Companies within the next two months from 1 June-31 July 2020, under a special drive.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with the Department of Financial Services has issued KCC application format to all State Milk Federation and Milk Unions for implementing the same on a mission mode.
- The campaign aims to provide KCC to 1.5 crore dairy farmers.
- The campaign is a part of the PM's Atma Nirbhar Bharat package for Farmers.

88. Which of the following entities has provide an end-to-end coronavirus tracking platform for Karnataka, called the Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19?

- A. WIPRO
- B. Infosys
- C. NASSCOM
- D. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Ans. C

Sol.

- The National Association of Software and Services Companies(NASSCOM) announced that it has delivered an end-to-end coronavirus tracking platform for Karnataka, called the Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19.
- As part of the launch, NASSCOM has provided the 1st set of dashboards to state government's use and will add more soon.
- The analytics-driven platform is to assist state governments in sustainable industry recovery & helps them make informed decisions to reopen their economies in a phased manner across the state.

89. In association with which entity the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has launched India's 1st -ever national-level open online coaching and education

programme called "Khelo India e-Pathshala"?

- A. Board of Control for Cricket in India
- B. National Sports Federations (NSF)
- C. Athletics Federation of India
- D. Indian Olympic Association

Ans. B

Sol.

- Sports Authority of India (SAI), the apex national sports body of India, in association with National Sports Federations (NSF) has launched India's 1st -ever national-level open online coaching and education programme called "Khelo India e-Pathshala" to grassroots players.

- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju and Union Minister of Tribal Affairs and Archery Association of India president Arjun Munda have inaugurated the programme via a webinar.

- A total of 21 games are included in this program, where veteran players showcase their technical skills and talk to young players and help them improve their technical and overall game.

90. Which becomes the first state in the country to prepare one lakh beds for COVID-19 patients?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh has become first state in the country to prepare one lakh beds for COVID-19 patients, with each of the 75 districts having dedicated beds for patients in the respective facilities.

- The beds in the hospitals are classified into three categories- Level 1, level 2 and level 3. While level one and two beds are for patients exhibiting mild symptoms, level three beds are meant for graver infections.

- The hospitals catering to level one patients will have facilities for oxygen support, those catering to level two patients will have a few ventilators in addition to oxygen support.

- Level three hospitals will have ventilator support as well as ICU facilities for the patients, besides having provisions for dialysis.

91. Which become the first private rocket company to send astronauts to space?

- A. SpaceX
- B. Blue Origin
- C. Boeing
- D. Orbital

Ans. A

Sol.

- The SpaceX has become the first private rocket company to send astronauts to space. The company sent Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken to space initiating a new business model for NASA.

- SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft with two NASA astronauts successfully docked with the International Space Station last night after a historic launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

- It has marked the dawn of a new age in commercial space travel.

- SpaceX was the first private company in the world to return rockets back to the earth. Usually the rockets burn away after putting the satellites on their orbit or simply get thrown away to the space adding up space debris.

- SpaceX was actively involved in delivering cargo to the International Space Station.

92. Which ministry in partnership with TCS iON offers free online career skills training through the National Career Service (NCS) project?

- A. Union Ministry of Human Resource Development
- B. Union Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C. Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment in partnership with TCS iON offers free online career skills training through the National Career

Service(NCS) project to enhance the corporate etiquette, interpersonal skills, presentation skills and other softs skills of the job-seekers.

- The Ministry of Labours announced that around 1 crore job seekers and 54000 employers have registered with this portal and the NCS portal has mobilized more than 73 lakh vacancies
- In the period of lockdown due to COVID-19 the NCS has conducted around 76 online Job fairs to reduce the gap between the employers and job seekers.
- NCS in partnership with HireMee, online assessment and hiring service provider, offers creation of video profiles for job-seekers.

93. Who becomes the only cricketer and the only Indian to feature in the Forbes' Top 100 highest paid athletes of 2020?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Shikhra Dhawan

Ans. B

Sol.

- Virat Kohli, Indian Cricket Team Captain becomes the only cricketer and the only Indian to feature in the Forbes' Top 100 highest paid athletes of 2020.
- Kohli ranked 66 with Forbes Magazine estimated earning of around 26 million USD (24 million from endorsements and 2 million from salary/winnings).
- Tennis player Roger Federer Tops the list for the first time with estimated earnings 106.3 million USD. He placed 4th in the 2019 list with the estimated earnings of 95million USD.

94. Name the cricketer who has been nominated by the BCCI for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards 2020?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Shikhra Dhawan

Ans. A

Sol.

- The BCCI nominated Rohit Sharma for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awards. The

Award is considered to be the highest sporting honour award in India.

- The period of consideration for a person to get nominated is from January 2016 to December 2019. Rohit has become the first T20 cricketer to score four centuries. Also, he holds record of 150 plus score in around 8 ODIs. He also holds the greatest number of centuries in ODI matches since 2017, that numbered to 18.
- He was also the ICC ODI Cricketer of the year, 2019. He received this award as he was the first player to score five ODI centuries in a single edition of the World Cup.

95. India's apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) comes under the purview of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Food and Public Distribution
- C. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Arun Singhal as chief executive officer of India's apex food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- Singhal is special secretary, department of health and family welfare.
- The food regulator, that comes under the purview of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, is responsible for setting up standards for the food industry and regulate the manufacturing, storage, distribution, sale, and import of foods.

96. What is the name has been given to the fast-moving depression in the Arabian Sea which intensified into a severe cyclone?

- A. Antifa
- B. Nisarga
- C. Amphan
- D. Vayu

Ans. B

Sol.

- * A fast-moving depression in the Arabian Sea has intensified into a severe cyclone named 'Nisarga'.

* The name 'Nisarga' has been suggested by Bangladesh.

* As per the India Meteorological Department, the impact of the cyclone is likely to be felt in Maharashtra and Gujarat.

* There is a concern about the impact of the cyclonic storm on the battle against Covid-19, as the rain and flooding may set back social distancing and other necessary measures at evacuation centres, and even at some Covid-19 facilities located in low-lying areas.

* Few days back, super cyclone Amphan - one of the strongest cyclones the country has seen in the last few decades - hit West Bengal, Odisha and Bangladesh.

* Cyclone Nisarga is expected to be weaker than Cyclone Amphan in strength and intensity.

97. Famous sportsperson turned coach Jayantilal Nanoma passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Table tennis
- B. Shooting
- C. Archery
- D. Boxing

Ans. C

Sol.

* Former International Archer turned coach Jayantilal Nanoma passed away. He was an Asian Cup and Asian Grand Prix medallist in compound individual and team archery in 2010.

* He was also the recipient of prestigious Maharana Pratap State Sports Award and was presently serving as the District Sports Officer in Dungarpur.

98. With which neighboring country has India has signed an MoU on cooperation in the areas of the environment that was approved by the union cabinet?

- A. Nepal
- B. Myanmar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bhutan

Ans. D

Sol.

• The union cabinet gave its approval for signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the India and Bhutan on cooperation in the areas of the environment.

• The MoU will enable establishment and promotion of closer and long-term cooperation between the two countries in the field of environment protection and management of natural resources on the basis of equity, reciprocity and mutual benefits.

• A Memorandum of Understanding covering air, waste, chemical management, climate change has been considered keeping in view bilateral interest of both sides.

• The MoU shall come into force on the date of signing and shall continue to remain in force for a period of ten years.



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