

100 July Current Affairs Ques/Ans PDF

1. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has partnered with which social media platform to launch a free and comprehensive training program for teachers and students of its affiliated schools in the first phase?

- A. Instagram
- B. Youtube
- C. Facebook
- D. Twitter

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Central Board of Secondary Education-CBSE has partnered with Facebook to launch free and comprehensive training program for teachers and students of its affiliated schools in the first phase from August to November this year in virtual mode.
- The program will cover teacher training on augmented reality and student training on digital safety and online well-being.
- The training program will be of three weeks in which 10 thousand teachers will be trained on augmented reality while 10 thousand students will be trained on digital safety and well-being.

2. As part of which of the following recently, a new category of awards titled 'Prerak Daur Samman' has been announced?

- A. Women Transforming India Awards 2021
- B. Swachh Survekshan 2021
- C. Prime Ministers Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2021
- D. National Entrepreneurship Awards 2020

Ans. B

Sol.

- Recently, a new category of awards titled 'Prerak Daur Samman' has been announced as part of Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- The Prerak Daur Samman has a total of five additional subcategories namely, Divya (Platinum), Anupam (Gold), Ujjwal (Silver), Udit (Bronze) and Aarohi (Aspiring).
- In Swachh Survekshan 2020, cities are evaluated on the criteria of 'population

category' but for 2021, they will be categorised on the basis of six select indicator wise performance criteria which are:

- 1. Segregation of waste into Wet, Dry and Hazard categories.
- 2. Processing capacity against wet waste generated.
- 3. Processing and recycling of wet and dry waste.
- 4. Construction and Demolition waste processing.
- 5. Percentage of waste going to landfills.
- 6. Sanitation status of cities.

3. PM Narendra Modi announced 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge' for techies around India and the start-up community for creating world-class 'Made in India' apps, the challenge is an initiative of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- C. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- D. Minister of Corporate Affairs

Ans. B

Sol.

- PM Narendra Modi announced 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat App Innovation Challenge' for techies around India and the start-up community for creating world-class 'Made in India' apps.
- The App Innovation Challenge is an initiative by the MeitY in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission
- The prize money for apps is between Rs 20 lakh and Rs 2 lakh depending on the category.
- The app will be evaluated on the basis of ease of use, robustness, security features and scalability.

4. The UK India Business Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (Mou) with which state for Sustainable Business Relation?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat

C. Rajasthan
D. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. A
Sol.

- The UK India Business Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (Mou) with Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC).
- MIDC is the premier industrial infrastructure development agency of the Government of Maharashtra.
- This business framework between the UKIBC and Government of Maharashtra will help the State to proactively better its business environment and strengthen its collaboration with British business.

5. World's largest, 10,000 bed Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre and Hospital (SPCCCH) was inaugurated in which state of India?

A. Gujrat
B. Delhi
C. Maharashtra
D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. B
Sol.

- 10,000 bed Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre and Hospital (SPCCCH) was inaugurated in New Delhi.
- To date, SPCCCH is the World's largest COVID-19 Treatment and Care facility. The infrastructure for the 10,000-bed facility was created in a record time of 10 days. With support from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, the infrastructure was created by the South Delhi District Administration.
- SPCCCH is built on the campus of spiritual organization 'Radha Soami Satsang Beas'. SPCCCH is located in South Delhi's Chhatarpur area. SPCCCH is an air-conditioned facility that will be cooled by 18,000 tons of air-conditioners.

6. Which State government has launched a social media campaign, 'Intzaar Aap Ka' to attract tourists in the state?

A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Delhi
C. Maharashtra

D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. D
Sol.

- In order to attract tourists in the state, the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has started a social media campaign. The name of the campaign is 'Intzaar Aap Ka' meaning 'Waiting for You'.
- The campaign will be conducted by describing the characteristics of the tourism destinations in Madhya Pradesh through photographs and videos.
- Through the campaign, the tourism board aims to establish the confidence back in the tourism sector by offering tour packages to the tourists that are specially designed by keeping in mind safe travel, stay, and excursion for prevention from COVID-19 infection.

7. Which state government has launched 'Balaram Yojana' to provide crop loans to landless farmers?

A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Jharkhand
C. Odisha
D. Bihar

Ans. C
Sol.

- Odisha government has launched 'Balaram Yojana' to provide crop loans to landless farmers.
- Under the new scheme, the landless cultivators will get loans through joint liability groups (JLGs).
- Under 'Balaram' scheme, the government has set a target to provide farm loans to 7 lakh landless farmers in the next two years.
- While the Institute on Management of Agricultural Extension (IMAGE) will coordinate to implement the scheme at the state level, the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) will coordinate at the district level.

8. Which state government has launched a mega plantation programme 'Mission Vriksharopan-2020'?

A. Uttar Pradesh
B. Jharkhand

- C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Rajasthan

Ans. A
Sol.

- The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated a programme under which the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has set a target to plant more than 25 crore sapling across the state.
- The name of the mega plantation programme is 'Mission Vriksharopan-2020'. Yogi Adityanath planted 3 saplings at the Kukrail Reserve Forest's Harishankari Vatika in Lucknow to inaugurate the Mission Vriksharopan-2020. He planted saplings of a Banyan tree, Ficus Virens and Ficus Religiosa.
- Under the Programme, in plantation sites, geo-tagging will be done.

9. Name the student who has received the 2020 Diana Award for her "Recycler App"?

- A. Tanya Thakral
B. Freya Thakral
C. Shreya Bansal
D. Rakhi Agarwal

Ans. B
Sol.

- A 13-year-old student of the British School New Delhi, Freya Thakral has received the 2020 Diana Award for her "Recycler App".
- She developed this App to connect users with waste-handlers as a measure to help the ragpickers of Delhi.
- Her recycler App is a web-based mobile application which connects the users with waste handlers.
- The Diana Award was established in 1999 in memory of Princess Diana, to recognise the social works and humanitarian efforts of youngsters across the United Kingdom (UK) and around the world.
- The award is given on July 1st to commemorate the birth anniversary of Princess Diana.

10. Jean Castex has been appointed as prime minister of which country?

- A. France

- B. United Kingdom
C. Italy
D. Iceland

Ans. A
Sol.

- French President Emmanuel Macron appointed a public Servant, Jean Castex(55) as the new Prime Minister of government reshuffle, replacing Edouard Philippe.
- He is known for his role in drafting the strategy to lift lockdown measures in the country in the French Media.
- He is known as Mr Deconfinement of French Media.
- He has worked as an advisor to former French President Nicolas Sarkozy.
- He has several years of work experience in the health Ministry of France.

11. Which of the following organization has developed 1000 bed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID-19 Hospital in New Delhi in partnership with Tata Sons Private Limited?

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

Ans. B
Sol.

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has established a 1000 bed facility in 12 days adjacent to the office of Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) on Ulan Bator Road near Domestic Terminal of Indira Gandhi International Airport.
- The facility will be providing treatment and care for the COVID-19 positive patients.
- Along with Tata Sons Private Limited, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID-19 Hospital is developed by DRDO. The facility is set up in the land belonging to the Indian Air Force.

12. Indian Railways has setup 1.7 MWp Solar Power plant project at which place to directly power the Railway Overhead Line?

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Ranchi
- C. Bina
- D. Jaipur

Ans. C

Sol.

* Piush Goyal-led Indian Railways has set up a solar power plant in Bina, located in the state of Madhya Pradesh to directly power the Railway Overhead Line.

* This project is unique because, for the first time in the world, the power generated by the solar power plant will be directly fed to the overhead power lines of the national transporter to power the traction system of the electric locomotives to run trains.

* The pilot project of 1.7 mega watt solar power plant has been set up by Indian Railways in collaboration with Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL) on railway land.

13. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is going to establish a research cell at which IIT to meet the future defence technological requirements of the country?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology-Mumbai
- B. Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad
- C. Indian Institute of Technology-Madras
- D. Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi

Ans. B

Sol.

* Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is going to establish a research cell at the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H) to meet the future defence technological requirements of the country by undertaking basic and applied research programs.

* Envisaged to become a 'Centre of Excellence', it is being established as an extension of the DRDO Research and Innovation Centre (RIC), Chennai.

* The research cell will ensure seamless execution of different projects between

both organisations as IIT-H has a strong research base in advanced technologies.

* The cell is to help tap knowledge resources in basic science and technology industries that are interdisciplinary in nature and spread across multiple institutions.

14. What is India's rank in the recently released "Sustainable Development Report (SDR) 2020", including the SDG Index and Dashboards by Cambridge University Press?

- A. 49th
- B. 89th
- C. 117th
- D. 134th

Ans. C

Sol.

* In accordance with the "Sustainable Development Report 2020- The Sustainable Development Goals and Covid-19", comprising of SDG index 2020, there will be severe negative impacts on most of the United Nations (UN)-mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) due to COVID-19 pandemic.

* India, which has ranked at 117th position with a score of 61.92 is also facing major challenges in 10 of the 17 SDGs including zero hunger, good health, gender inequality among others.

* The index has been topped by Sweden.

* The report contains data on changes over time in 17 SDG indicators, the future of the SDGs amidst Covid-19, as well as calculations for trajectories until 2030.

* The 2020 report has reviewed the performance of 193 UN Member States out of which 166 were ranked under SDG index 2020.

15. With which organization the Government of India has signed a 750 million US dollar agreement for MSME Emergency Response Programme?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. World Bank
- C. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- D. New Development Bank

Ans. B

Sol.

* The Government and the World Bank have signed a 750 million US dollar agreement for the MSME Emergency Response Programme.

* It aims at supporting increased flow of finance to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which are severely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

* The World Bank's MSME Emergency Response Programme will address the immediate liquidity and credit needs of some 1.5 million viable MSMEs to help them withstand the impact of the current shock and protect millions of jobs.

16. What is India's rank in the "INFORM Report 2020: Shared evidence for managing crises and disasters" released by research centre INFORM?

- A. 21st
- B. 29th
- C. 31st
- D. 46th

Ans. C

Sol.

* India has ranked at 31st place with an inform risk of 5.4 in the "INFORM Report 2020: Shared evidence for managing crises and disasters" released by research centre INFORM.

* The report ranked the countries based on "INFORM Risk Index" which has been topped by Somalia with an inform risk of 8.9. The report has analyzed 191 countries.

* Notably, this report is produced by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) on behalf of all INFORM Partners.

* INFORM is a multi-stakeholder forum for developing shared, quantitative analysis relevant to humanitarian crises and disasters. INFORM is a collaboration of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee and the European Commission.

* The Joint Research Center of European Commission is the scientific and technical lead for INFORM.

17. Which bank has launched a digital solution, 'Loan in Seconds' for instant disbursement of retail loans?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. Axis Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

* YES Bank launched a digital solution, 'Loan in Seconds' for instant disbursement of retail loans. It is available for the bank's pre-approved liability account holders.

* The algorithm evaluates the loan application in real-time and eliminates the need for documentation.

* The solution aims to provide customers, hassle-free loans to help them meet their immediate financial needs.

* All the eligible customers under the solution will receive communication from the bank with the link to apply for the loan.

18. Which e-commerce payment system and QorQI Pvt. Ltd has announced to acquire private sector general insurer Raheja QBE General Insurance Company Limited in a deal worth around \$76 million?

- A. Paytm
- B. Mobikwik
- C. Billdesk
- D. CC Avenue

Ans. A

Sol.

* A company owned by Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma & Paytm has announced to acquire private sector general insurance company Raheja QBE for an unspecified amount.

* The acquisition is subject to customary conditions, including approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

* Raheja QBE is owned 51% by Prism Johnson and 49% by QBE Australia. This acquisition will be through QorQI Pvt. Ltd., a technology company with majority shareholding of Mr. Sharma and remaining held by Paytm.

19. Which country has successfully launched a new spy satellite "Ofek 16"?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

The Israeli government and Israel Aerospace Industries conducted a previously-unannounced launch of a reconnaissance satellite, using a Shavit-2 rocket to deploy the Ofek 16 satellite into low Earth orbit.

* Ofek 16 is a small electro-optical imaging satellite, which will capture high-resolution images of the Earth for Israel's Ministry of Defence.

* The name Ofek, from the Hebrew word meaning Horizon, has been applied to all of Israel's military satellites regardless of their mission, including two early demonstration missions and subsequent optical and radar reconnaissance spacecraft.

* With the launch of Ofek 1 in September 1988, Israel became the eighth country to develop its own orbital launch capability.

* It uses this capability exclusively for military payloads, relying on foreign rockets to carry its civilian and commercial satellites into orbit.

20. Who has authored the book titled "Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India"?

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. RC Bhargava
- C. M Venkaiah Naidu
- D. CA V Pattabhi Ram

Ans. B

Sol.

* RC Bhargava, the Chairman of Maruti Suzuki authored the book "Getting Competitive: A Practitioner's Guide for India" from his experience of around 60 years as a policymaker and a leading industrialist.

* The book published by HarperCollins India, provides practical suggestions to

make India a competitive industrialised country.

21. Which state government has decided to bring an ordinance under which 75 percent of the jobs with a salary of less than Rs 50,000 per month will be reserved for the locals of the state?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* In order to address the growing rate of unemployment in the state on a priority basis, under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar, the Haryana Cabinet on 6th July 2020 has approved a proposal for drafting an Ordinance under which 75 percent of the jobs with a salary of less than Rs 50,000 per month will be reserved for the locals of Haryana in the state.

* In the month of June 2020, Haryana had the highest unemployment rate among all states in the country. The unemployment rate in June 2020 was 33.6 percent.

* The proposed draft Ordinance is named 'Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Ordinance 2020'.

22. 'Self Scan' mobile application has been launched by which state government as an alternative for the much popular Chinese document scanning application- Cam Scanner?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* Following the ban of 59 Chinese mobile applications by the Central Government on 29th June 2020, the West Bengal State's Information Technology Department has developed a mobile application that will serve as a better alternative for the much

popular Chinese document scanning application- Cam Scanner.

* The Chief Minister launched the 'Self Scan' mobile application that will be available free of cost at various application download platforms.

23. Which state government has launched 'Maha Jobs' portal that will bridge the gap between the Industrial Units/Employers and the Workers?

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

Ans. A

Sol.

* The Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray has launched a portal on 6th July 2020 that will bridge the gap between the Industrial Units/Employers and the Workers (Domiciled: Skilled, Semi-Skilled and Unskilled).

* The name of the portal is 'Maha Jobs'.

* Anyone can access the portal by visiting 'mahajobs.maharashtra.gov.in'. For registration in the Maha Jobs portal, a domicile certificate of the state of Maharashtra is compulsory for the workers.

* The portal will help in the resumption of business and industries in the state of Maharashtra, which will further help in recreating the economic cycle in the state that was disrupted due to the nationwide lockdown imposed against the COVID-19 pandemic.

24. Which state government has launched 'Nekar Samman Yojane' for the weaver's community in the state?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

* The Karnataka government has launched a scheme for the weaver's community in the state of Karnataka.

* The name of the scheme is 'Nekar Samman Yojane', which means Weaver Samman Yojana.

* For becoming a beneficiary of the scheme, silk, cotton, woolen and other handloom weavers in the state of Karnataka have to register themselves at the Seva Sindhu portal.

* Under the scheme, the state government is transferring Rs 2000 of financial support to all weavers in the state registered with the Seva Sindhu portal. Under the first phase, the Chief Minister at the launch transferred Rs 2000 directly into the bank accounts of 19744 weavers in the state.

* As per the 4th All India Handloom Census (conducted in 2019-20), there are 54,789 handloom weavers registered in the state of Karnataka.

25. Which ministry has set up an inter-ministerial committee to coordinate investigations into alleged violation of various laws like money laundering and foreign contributions by three Nehru-Gandhi family linked trusts, including the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF).

- A. PMO
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of External Affairs

Ans. C

Sol.

* The ministry of home affairs (MHA) has set up an inter-ministerial committee to coordinate investigations into violation of various legal provisions of PMLA, Income Tax Act, FCRA etc by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust & Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

* The committee would be headed by special director of the Enforcement Directorate.

* Congress president Sonia Gandhi is the chairperson of RGF and its board has among others former PM Manmohan Singh, Rahul Gandhi, P Chidambaram and Priyanka Gandhi.

26. Which institutions has launched a cartridge-based machine named 'Compact XL' that will be able to test and handle multiple samples at the same time?

- A. Mylab Discovery Solutions Private Limited
- B. Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL)
- C. Transasia Bio-Medicals
- D. Bharat Biotech

Ans. A

Sol.

* Pune based molecular biology company- Mylab Discovery Solutions Private Limited has launched a cartridge-based machine named 'Compact XL' that will be able to test and handle multiple samples at the same time.

* The machine will reduce the need for laboratory technicians for handling and testing samples to one, as an individual will be able to operate the machine.

* Compact XL is a 4X3 benchtop machine that is 100 percent indigenously developed and the first Machine in India that will fully automate the manual laboratory operations required for testing molecular diagnostic samples of COVID-19.

* This automated system will be able to handle samples of RNA/DNA based test, RT-PCR test, Plasma, Tissue, Swab, and Sputum.

27. Asia's Largest and World's Second Largest Uptime Tier IV Designed Data Centre was inaugurated in which city of India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Navi Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Hyderabad

Ans. B

Sol.

* India's & Asia's Largest and World's Second Largest Uptime Tier IV Designed Data Centre was inaugurated virtually on 7th July 2020. The Data Centre is named 'Yotta NM1 or NM1' is located inside the 600-Acre Hiranandani Fortune City at Navi Mumbai's Panvel region.

* Inside the Hiranandani Fortune City, a Data Centre Park named Panvel Data Centre Park or Integrated Yotta Data Centre Park has been developed, NM1 is located inside the Panvel Data Centre Park.

* The NM1 Data Centre was inaugurated virtually in the presence of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray and Ravi Shankar Prasad (Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology).

28. What is India's rank in the Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI) 2020 released by the US-based Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated (JLL)?

- A. 31st
- B. 34th
- C. 69th
- D. 19th

Ans. B

Sol.

* India improved its rank to 34th in the biennial Global Real Estate Transparency Index (GRETI).

* The Index was released by the United States-based property and investment management services firm- Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated (JLL).

* Since, sustainability initiatives and regulatory reforms have enhanced higher levels of transparency in the real estate industry of India as a result of which India improved its ranking.

* GRETI was first released in the year 1999.

* This year marked the 11th edition of GRETI. A total of 163 cities and 99 countries have been covered in the 11th edition of GRETI.

29. To bolster the comprehensive strategic partnership and boost maritime relations the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has signed an MoU with which country's coastal force?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

* In order to bolster the comprehensive strategic partnership between India and Indonesia, an MoU has been signed between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Indonesian Coast Guard.

* The MoU was signed through video conferencing amid the global travel restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic.

* The objective of this MoU is to enhance the collaborative and cooperative engagements in maritime law enforcement, maritime search and rescue and marine pollution response.

* -This will also enable the exchange of information towards combating transnational maritime crimes on the basis of ensuring safe, secure and clean seas between the two nations.

30. What edition of "Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCA)" was held virtually for the first time in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which was attended by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- The 4th edition of international meeting named "Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCA)" was held virtually for the first time in view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

- From India, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar participated in meet.

- The meet was co-chaired by European Union (EU), China and Canada.

- The purpose was to ensure the continued climate action by countries with regard to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and to exchange views on how they are aligning economic recovery and political commitment for the same.

31. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the following to exchange data between them?

- A. RBI
- B. IRDAI
- C. TRAI
- D. SEBI

Ans. D

Sol.

- A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for data exchange between the two organizations.

- The MoU was signed by Smt. Anu J. Singh, Pr. DGIT (Systems), CBDT and Smt. Madhabi Puri Buch, Whole Time Member, SEBI in the presence of senior officers from both the organizations via video conference.

- The MoU will facilitate the sharing of data and information between SEBI and CBDT on an automatic and regular basis.

- In addition to regular exchange of data, SEBI and CBDT will also exchange with each other, on request and suo moto basis, any information available in their respective databases, for the purpose of carrying out their functions under various laws.

32. What is the budget outlay of the Central Sector Scheme "Agriculture Infrastructure Fund" which was approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A. Rs 1 lakh 76 thousand crore
- B. Rs 1 lakh crore
- C. Rs 80 thousand crores
- D. Rs 25 thousand crores

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to a new pan India Central Sector Scheme-Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

- The scheme shall provide a medium - long term debt financing facility for

investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support.

- Under the scheme, financial support of up to Rs 1 lakh crore will be provided as loans through the banks and financial institutions in the country to the Agricultural Sector such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Startups, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies, Agri- entrepreneurs, etc.
- Loans will be disbursed in four years starting with sanction of Rs. 10,000 crore in the current year and Rs. 30,000 crore each in next three financial years.
- Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) will provide credit guarantee coverage to eligible borrowers. The credit guarantee coverage will be provided for loans of up to Rs 2 crore.

33. Which became the first two countries from the South East Asia Region of World Health Organization (WHO) to have successfully eliminated both the Measles and Rubella Virus?

- A. Nepal and Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka and Maldives
- C. Malaysia and Thailand
- D. India and Indonesia

Ans. B

Sol.

- Geneva-based World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that Sri Lanka and the Maldives have eliminated Rubella Virus.
- With this, Sri Lanka and the Maldives became the first two countries from the South East Asia Region of WHO to have successfully eliminated both the Measles and Rubella Virus.
- Sri Lanka and Maldives the first two countries from the South-East Asia Region of the WHO to achieve the target.
- The target year set by the WHO for eliminating Rubella Virus from the South-East Asia Region is 2023.

34. Which becomes the first state in India to use Space Technology & Artificial

Intelligence for safeguarding government lands?

- A. Odisha
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Telangana

Ans. A

Sol.

- To monitor all Government lands in the state capital Bhubaneswar, web and mobile-based solution named 'BLUIS'-Bhubaneswar Land Use Intelligence System was launched.
- The Bhubaneswar Land Use Intelligence System is a geo-tagged repository that would monitor and detect all government lands in Bhubaneswar.
- This will be done by using high-resolution satellite imagery.
- For safeguarding government lands from encroachments by land grabbers- the launch of BLUIS makes Odisha the first state in the country to use satellite technology and artificial intelligence.

35. Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri popularly known as Jagdeep passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Singer
- B. Music composer
- C. Actor
- D. Lyricist

Ans. C

Sol.

- Veteran Actor-comedian Jagdeep, best known for his role as Soorma Bhopali in "Sholay" passed away.
- The actor, real name Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri.
- Jagdeep appeared in around 400 films but it is his role as Soorma Bhopali in 1975 film "Sholay".
- Better known by his stage name Jagdeep, the actor also directed the movie "Soorma Bhopali" with his character as the protagonist.

36. Which becomes the first industrialized country to phase out of both coal and nuclear energy?

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

Ans. D
Sol.

- German became the first industrialized country to phase out of both coal and nuclear energy.
- Both the houses of the German parliament approved the bill for shutting down the coal fired power plant by 2038 and to provide around 45 billion USD (40 billion Euro) for the affected regions.
- This phase out is a part of Germany's "energy transition" to reduce the use of fossil fuels and to support the use of renewable resources.
- German closed its last coal mine in 2018 and committed to close its nuclear power plants by 2022.

37. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has joined hands with which technology company to enhance the digital skills of the country's youth?

- A. IBM India Private Limited
- B. Intel Technology India Private Limited
- C. Microsoft India Private Limited
- D. Samsung India Electronics Private Limited

Ans. C
Sol.

- The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has joined hands with tech giant company Microsoft India Private Limited to enhance the digital skills of the country's youth.
- Under this, more than 1 lakh youth will be digitally enabled in the country in the next one year.
- The partnership with NSDC is an extension of Microsoft's Global Skilling Initiative. Under this, the company is teaching new digital skills to 25 million people all over the world, which is needed in the coronavirus (Covid-19) economy.
- The integration between the two firms will give the youth a chance to redefine their skills for the digital economy.

38. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Luxury Ride the multi-brand luxury car showrooms?

- A. Sukhbir Singh
- B. Badshah
- C. Sukhvinder Singh
- D. Gurdas Maan

Ans. A
Sol.

- Luxury Ride has signed singer Sukhbir Singh as its brand ambassador.
- He will soon be seen in a full-fledged marketing campaign besides being leveraged across its upcoming brand and product communication initiatives.
- Luxury Rides is a chain of pre-owned, multi-brand luxury car showrooms. Its pre-owned luxury car portfolio includes Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, Volvo, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mini Cooper, and others.

39. Who has won the Formula One's season opening Austrian Grand Prix 2020?

- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Charles Leclerc
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Lando Norris

Ans. A
Sol.

- Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas won Formula One's season opening Austrian Grand Prix on with teammate Lewis Hamilton being handed a five-second time penalty that dropped him from second place to fourth.
- Austrian Grand Prix 2020 was the first race of 2020 Formula One season.
- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished second while McLaren's Lando Norris came third.
- Another Mercedes racer Lewis Hamilton being handed a 5 second penalty that dropped him from second place to fourth.
- The event was held at the Red Bull Ring without spectators.

40. What is India's rank among 10 Asia-Pacific countries in the "Cancer preparedness in Asia-Pacific: Progress towards universal cancer control" prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- A. 6th
- B. 7th
- C. 8th
- D. 9th

Ans. C
Sol.

- In accordance with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report on "Cancer preparedness in Asia-Pacific: Progress towards universal cancer control", India has been ranked eighth with an overall score of 51.6 for cancer preparedness among 10 Asia-Pacific countries.
- The 10 Asia-Pacific countries included in this report were — Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.
- India records below-average scores across all three pillars in the EIU's ICP — policy and planning, care delivery, and health system and governance.

41. According to Dun and Bradstreet's (D&B) Country Risk and Global Outlook Report in 2020 the global economy is likely to contract by _____.

- A. 3.5%
- B. 4.5%
- C. 5.2%
- D. 5.7%

Ans. C
Sol.

- In accordance with the Dun and Bradstreet's (D&B) Country Risk and Global Outlook Report, which has covered 132 countries, the global economy is likely to contract by 5.2% in 2020.
- This is the biggest decline since the Second World War and a far stronger contraction than the 1.7% recorded in 2009 during the global financial crisis.
- As per report, the global economy will not reach pre-pandemic levels of activity again before 2022.
- India's economy is expected to contract this fiscal year after four decades of positive growth.
- In March, 2020 D&B downgraded India's rating to DB5c from DB4d, stating the

magnitude of downgrade and the risk level highest since 1994.

42. Under whose chairmanship the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has formed a 9-member working group to look into the possibility of setting up 'Pandemic Risk Pool' to deal with the various risks arising out of a pandemic?

- A. G. Srinivasan
- B. Suresh Mathur
- C. Ranbir Singh
- D. Yegnapriya Bharat

Ans. B
Sol.

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has formed a working group to examine the feasibility of 'Pandemic Risk Pool'.
- Suresh Mathur, Executive Director, Irdai, will be the Chairman for the 9-member working group with industry representatives as members.
- Apart from studying the need for such as pool, the group will also recommend the structure and operating model.

43. Egyptian Raneem El Welily is associated with which sports who announced her retirement recently?

- A. Badminton
- B. Squash
- C. Tennis
- D. Gymnastics

Ans. B
Sol.

- Raneem El Welily, the 31 year old Egyptian Squash player and world's top ranking(No.1) Women Squash Player announced her retirement ending her 18 year sports career.
- Nouran Gohar of Egypt claims the No.1 ranking after the retirement of Welily.
- Raneem El Welily became the top ranking squash player in 2015 and became the 1st Arab woman to secure the world's top ranking in any sport.

44. Joshna Chinappa is associated with which sports who secured 10th position in World Women's Ranking 2020?

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Wrestling
- C. Squash
- D. Gymnastics

Ans. C

Sol.

- Joshna Chinappa, 33 year old Indian Squash player ranked 10th in the latest PSA World Women's Ranking 2020. She entered the top 10 of the PSA world ranking following the retirement of Raneem El Welily of Egypt.
- She first entered the top 10 list in 2016 second to Dipika Pallikal, the other Indian woman squash player to enter the top 10 ranking.
- Saurav Ghosal, India's top male squash player, remains in the 13th position in the latest Professional Squash Association (PSA) ranking.

45. Which country has imposed a ban on all private Indian news channel?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. China
- C. Pakistan
- D. Nepal

Ans. D

Sol.

- Except for the Indian State-owned Doordarshan's news channel DD News, Nepal based Multi-System Operators have issued a broadcasting ban on all other Indian News Channels in Nepal.
- The Spokesperson of Nepal Communist Party Narayan Kaji Shrestha had accused Indian News Channels of broadcasting defamatory shows against the Nepali Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli.
- As per media reports from Nepal, the decision to ban broadcasting of Indian News Channels by the Multi-System Operators was taken after one of the Indian news channels had broadcasted a show in which the Nepalese Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli is being linked with the Chinese Ambassador to Nepal- Hou Yanqi

for preventing the Nepal Communist Party Government from collapsing in Nepal.

46. Which Indian company has launched the first of its kind in the world- reusable face masks and PPE Kits in collaboration with Reliance Industries Limited and Switzerland based HeiQ Materials AG?

- A. Loyal Textile Mills
- B. Vardhman Textiles Ltd.
- C. Raymond Ltd.
- D. Trident Ltd.

Ans. A

Sol.

- Indian Manufacturing Company- Loyal Textile Mills on 9th July 2020 launched the first of its kind in the world- reusable face masks and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Kits.
- The reusable mask and PPE Kit was launched by Loyal Textile Mills with collaborating with Reliance Industries Limited and Switzerland based textile innovation company- HeiQ Materials AG.
- Along with reusable masks and PPE kits, reusable garments with zero virus penetration were also unveiled by Loyal Textile Mills.
- The 3 products will be available in the market under the brand 'Supera Shield' of Loyal Textile Mills.

47. Which state government will be setting up a stress relief fund of around ₹700 crore to ₹1,000 crore, in a bid to support developers undertaking Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) projects?

- A. Delhi
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Gujarat

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Maharashtra government will be setting up a stress relief fund of around ₹700 crore to ₹1,000 crore, in a bid to support developers undertaking Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) projects in the city.

• The State government's contribution will be around ₹700 crore to ₹1,000 crore, while the State Bank of India's contribution will be bigger."

48. The term of Rajkiran Rai as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank has been extended for two years?

- A. Canara Bank
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Indian Bank
- D. Indian Overseas Bank

Ans. B

Sol.

- Union Bank of India's managing director and CEO, Rajkiran Rai an extension of two-year given in its ongoing merger process with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank.
- Rai will now be serving till May 31, 2022.
- Rai was appointed as the managing director of Union Bank on July 1, 2017, for a period of 3 years until June 30, 2020.
- The extension of Rai's tenure implies to facilitate the merger properly. The merged entity is now India's fifth-largest public sector bank.

49. Renowned personality Charlie Daniels passed away recently, was a veteran _____.

- A. Musician
- B. Singer
- C. Dancer
- D. Politician

Ans. A

Sol.

- Country Music Hall of Fame musician, Charlie Daniels passed away.
- He was country music and southern rock icon who entertained fans for decades with songs like "Long-Haired Country Boy," "In America," and his signature fiddle tune "The Devil Went Down To Georgia", who won his only Grammy Award in 1979.
- He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2016.

50. Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) has

been accredited by NABL for Testing and Certification of PPE Kit. CIPET works under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

Ans. C

Sol.

* Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology, CIPET an apex level premium institute under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has been accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories NABL for Testing and Certification of PPE Kit.

* The PPE kit includes Gloves, Coverall, Face Shield, Goggles and Triple Layer Medical masks in line with International Standards.

* It is another achievement of CIPET in the fight against COVID- 19 Pandemic and a step forward towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.

* CIPET has been taking up the Research and Development initiatives in the areas of Health Care as per WHO and ISO guidelines.

* CIPET has also expanded its capacity to test foodgrain and fertilizer packaging in order to support the essential services during Covid pandemic.

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