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" वर्ष **2020** के अति महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न "

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1.The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) has been selected as a 'Milestone' facility by the U.S.-based Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). It is located in which city of India?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Kochi

2.The Hualong One that was powered recently is the first domestically made nuclear reactor of which country ?

- A. South Korea
- B. Japan
- C. Taiwan
- D. China

3.Who has set a new national record in winning the 16th Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM)?

- A. Avinash Sable
- B. Srinu Bugatha
- C. Durga Bahadur Budha
- D. Achanta Sarat Kamal

4.Which country has hosted the Heads of Government (HoG) council meeting of the eight-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) 2020?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Russia
- D. Kyrgyzstan

5.Who is going to be nominated as the as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget by the U.S. President-elect Joe Biden Joe Biden?

- A. Kamala Harris
- B. Debjani Ghosh
- C. Neera Tanden
- D. Kumud Srinivasan

6.Who has inaugurated Honey Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Programme in 5 states for producing honey?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Narendra Singh Tomar
- D. Venkaiah Naidu

7.Who has won the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix 2020?

- A. Romain Grosjean
- B. Max Verstappen
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Alexander Albon

8.Who chaired the 19th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Governments held recently?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S Jaishankar
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. M Venkaiah Naidu

9.Which country will chair the incoming 20th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government in 2021?

- A. Russia
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Tajikistan

10.Who released the book titled Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Government's Special Relationship with Sikhs on the occasion of 550th Gurupurab?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. M Venkaiah Naidu
- C. Hardeep Singh Puri
- D. Ravishankar Prasad

11. Which state government has started 'Duare Sarkar' (government at doorsteps) programme to speed up and take the delivery of public services to the doorstep of the people?

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

12. Who becomes the first women vice chancellor of Allahabad University (AU)?

- A. Professor Sangita Srivastava
- B. Professor Anamika Roy
- C. Professor Saleha Rasheed
- D. Professor Bandana Sharma

13. According to air pollution data released by the US Air Quality Index 2020 which city has topped the list of world's most polluted cities?

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Beijing
- C. Lahore
- D. Jakarta

14. What is the theme of the World Aids Day 2020?

- A. Communities Make the Difference
- B. Know your Status
- C. On the fast track to end AIDS
- D. Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience and Impact".

15. Which intergovernmental financial institution has released a new book

titled, 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific'?

- A. Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- C. New Development Bank (NDB)
- D. World Bank (WB)

16. Which organization has published a flagship report titled "The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2020 – Overcoming Water Challenges in Agriculture"?

- A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- C. United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)
- D. World Bank (WB)

17. Who become the fastest batsman to reach 22,000 international runs?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Shikhar Dhawan
- C. Steve Smith
- D. Aaron Finch

18. Which state government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Digital Health & Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) to develop and deploy digital technologies in the health sector?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Punjab

19. Who has been appointed as the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariat?

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- A. AK Singh
- B. MM Kutty
- C. Utpal Kumar Singh
- D. AK Gupta

20. Legendary footballer Papa Bouba Diop passed away recently, for which country did he played?

- A. Brazil
- B. Senegal
- C. South Africa
- D. Uruguay

21. Jehan Daruvala is associated with which sports who has created history becoming first Indian to win the game recently?

- A. Chess
- B. Formula Race
- C. Snooker
- D. Golf

22. Often known as the father of fibre optics, Narinder Singh Kapany passed away recently was a citizen of which country?

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

23. Which date has been approved by the United Nations General Assembly to be observed as the International Day of epidemic preparedness?

- A. 10th December
- B. 17th December
- C. 20th December
- D. 27th December

24. Which state topped in the Urban Governance Index released by the Praja Foundation recently?

- A. Odisha
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Chhattisgarh

25. Mondo Duplantis is associated with which country who has been named the male World Athletes of the Year at the World Athletics Awards 2020?

- A. USA
- B. Australia
- C. Sweden
- D. Denmark

26. Yulimar Rojas of which country has been named the female World Athletes of the Year at the World Athletics Awards 2020?

- A. Venezuela
- B. Italy
- C. Brazil
- D. Argentina

27. Kanhalgaon will be the 50th wildlife sanctuary of which state?

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

28. Who has authored the book titled 'Romancing Targets'?

- A. Amrit Raj
- B. Nidhi Vadhera
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Anuja Singhal

29. The book titled "Dharma: Decoding the Epics for a Meaningful Life" has been authored by who among the following?

- A. Amrit Raj
- B. Nidhi Vadhera
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Amish Tripathi

30. Which state has launched "Livelihood Generation for Returned Migrant Workers project" to assist migrant workers who lost their job in the pandemic?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Tripura
- C. Mizoram
- D. Assam

31. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Common High Court for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh?

- A. Justice Rajesh Bindal
- B. Justice Gita Mittal
- C. Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel
- D. Justice Hima Kohli

32. The Union Minister of state for tourism and culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the Association of Buddhist Tour Operators International Convention in _____.

- A. Ladakh
- B. Chandigarh
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur

33. Renowned personality Manu Mukherjee passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Music Director
- B. Choreographer
- C. Politician
- D. Actor

34. Who has been appointed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Fit India' Ambassador?

- A. Kuldeep Handoo
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Sunil Kshetri
- D. Rohit Sharma

35. Bangladesh has signed its first Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with which country?

- A. India
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bhutan
- D. Nepal

36. Which bank has launched Rupifi Business Credit Card' for MSMEs in partnership with Rupifi and Visa?

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

37. Who has authored the book titled "40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories", a book on the life of the former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam?

- A. Rachna Bisht Rawat
- B. A Sivathanu Pillai
- C. Kirpal Singh
- D. Amrit Raj

38. What is the theme of the International Mountain Day 2020

celebrating every year on December 11 by United Nations?

- A. Mountain Biodiversity
- B. Mountains Matter
- C. Mountain minorities and indigenous peoples
- D. Managing mountain biodiversity for better lives

39. Which telecom company has launched world's first satellite based Narrow Band Internet of Things network in India in partnership with the Skylo?

- A. MTNL
- B. BSNL
- C. JIO
- D. Vodafone Idea

40. Which International organization has released the 2nd edition of "State of the Education Report for India 2020: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)"?

- A. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- B. Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD)
- C. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- D. United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

41. Which becomes the first Arabian country to establish Friendship Association with India?

- A. United Arab Emirate
- B. Oman
- C. Kuwait
- D. Saudi Arabia

42. The license of which bank was cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects on December 2020?

- A. Laxmi Vilas Bank
- B. Krishna Bhima Samruddhi Bank
- C. C .K.P. Co-Operative Bank
- D. Karad Janata Sahakari Bank

43. Which event will make its debut at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris and became a Medal Event?

- A. Cricket
- B. Surfing
- C. Sport Climbing
- D. Breaking

44. Which entity has signed an MoU with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited for green energy projects?

- A. NTPC Limited
- B. NHPC Limited
- C. Power Grid Corporation of India
- D. SJVN Limited

45. Which becomes the India's first Zoological Park to acquire ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Standards Certification?

- A. National Zoological Park, Delhi
- B. Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Vishakhapatnam
- C. Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad
- D. Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, Pune

46. Which country has been banned from using its name, flag and anthem at the next two Olympics or at any world championships for the next two years?

- A. China
- B. Japan

- C. Russia
- D. Israel

47.The Sports Ministry has formally recognized which event as a competitive sport?

- A. Dancing
- B. Yogasana
- C. Marshal Arts
- D. Pranayam

48.Which country has approved the chemical castration of rapist in its new Anti-Rape legislation?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Pakistan

49.Who among the following has won ITF doubles title in Dubai along with Ekaterine Gorgodze?

- A. Ankita Raina
- B. Tara Iyer
- C. Malika Marathe
- D. Snehal Mane

50.Which institution has signed an agreement with cGanga, a think-tank of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, for development of sludge management framework in India?

- A. Earth System Governance Project (ESGP)
- B. Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
- C. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- D. Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO)

51.Who will be the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in 2021?

- A. Joe Biden
- B. Boris Johnson
- C. Kamla Harris
- D. Emmanuel Macron

52.Indian Coast Guard Interceptor Boat got commissioned at Hazira in Gujarat, is built indigenously by _____ .

- A. Mazagon Dock Limited
- B. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- C. Larson & Toubro
- D. Goa Shipyard Limited

53.The Reserve Bank of India has announced to set up an Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in which city of India?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Jaipur
- D. Hyderabad

54.Renowned personality Vidyavachaspati Bannanje Govindacharya passed away recently, he was a scholar of which languages?

- A. Sanskrit and Kannada
- B. Hindi and Tamil
- C. Malayalam and Telugu
- D. Hindi and Sanskrit

55.International Migrants Day is observed annually on which date?

- A. 15th December
- B. 16th December
- C. 17th December
- D. 18th December

56. In India, Minorities Rights Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 15th December
- B. 16th December
- C. 17th December
- D. 18th December

57. Which Indian city ranked first in the Urban Quality of Life (UQoL) Index 2020 released by the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B)?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Kolkata
- D. Chennai

58. Renowned personality Manglesh Dabral passed away recently, he was a veteran poet of which language?

- A. English
- B. Hindi
- C. Urdu
- D. Bengali

59. Which country will host the Asia Cup Cricket Tournament in 2022?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. India
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh

60. What is India's rank in global spam calls in the 4th Edition of Global Insights Report for 2020 released by Truecaller?

- A. 7th
- B. 9th
- C. 12th
- D. 15th

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

- The Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) has been selected as a 'Milestone' facility by the U.S.-based Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

- It is an array of thirty parabolic radio telescopes of 45-metre diameter in Pune.

- IEEE is the world's largest technical professional organisation dedicated to advancing technology in all areas related to electrical and electronics engineering.

- The previous two Indian IEEE Milestones were for the pioneering work done by Sir J.C. Bose to demonstrate the generation and reception of radio waves in 1895 (recognised in 2012), and for the Nobel Prize-winning (in 1930) 'scattering of light' phenomenon observed by Sir C.V. Raman in 1928.

2. Ans. D.

- China has powered up its first domestically developed nuclear reactor, the Hualong One.

- It is a significant step in Beijing's attempts to become less dependent on Western allies for energy security and critical technology.

- The reactor, which was connected to the national grid, can generate 10 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity each year and cut carbon emissions by 8.16 million tons.

- Nuclear plants supplied less than five percent of China's annual electricity needs in 2019, according to the

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National Energy Administration, but this share is expected to grow as Beijing attempts to become carbon neutral by 2060.

3. Ans. A.

- Avinash Sable has set a new national record in winning the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM).
- He specialises in 3000m steeplechase
- He completed his win in 1:00:30sec to become the only Indian to finish half a marathon in less than 61 minutes.
- In the 2019 World Athletics Championships, Sable had clocked 8 minutes 21.37 seconds in the men's 3000m steeplechase final to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.
- At the 16th edition of the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon Ethiopians Amedework Walelegn and Yalemzerf Yehualaw claimed the men's and women's titles respectively.

4. Ans. B.

- India hosted the 19th meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government in a virtual format.
- The Summit was chaired by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu
- This is the first time that a Summit-level Meeting will be held under India's Chairmanship since it gained full membership of the organisation in 2017.
- The Prime Ministers from the SCO Member States of Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will attend the SCO meeting.

- Pakistan will be represented by the Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Apart from the SCO Member States, the four Observer States of SCO will also participate- including the President of Afghanistan, the First Vice President of Iran, the Prime Minister of Belarus, and the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia.

5. Ans. C.

- U.S. President-elect Joe Biden Joe Biden intends to nominate Indian-American Neera Tanden as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- It is a top position inside the White House responsible for managing the administration's budget.
- Ms. Tanden (50) would be the first woman of colour to head the influential Office of Management and Budget at the White House.
- Ms. Tanden is currently chief executive of the left-leaning Center for American Progress.

6. Ans. C.

- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has virtually inaugurated Honey Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) Programme in 5 states for producing honey
- Aim: To address the issues faced by beekeeping industry and also promote honey production in the country increasing farmer's income.
- These 5 FPOs will be set up by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED).
- It will be set up at East Champaran (Bihar), Morena (Madhya Pradesh),

Bharatpur (Rajasthan), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh) and Sunderbans (West Bengal).

- It has been launched under the Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of new 10,000 FPOs.

7. Ans. C.

- Lewis Hamilton won the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix for Mercedes after French driver Romain Grosjean had a miraculous escape from a fiery first-lap crash that ripped his car in two.

- The win, from pole position, was the 95th of seven-time world champion Hamilton's career and came with the safety car leading the field to the checkered flag.

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen finished second with Thai teammate Alexander Albon completing the podium in the floodlit race at Sakhir after inheriting third place from Racing Point's Sergio Perez who suffered a blown engine three laps from the end.

- Hamilton, who clinched the title in Turkey two weeks ago, has now won the last five races and 11 of the 15 so far this season.

8. Ans. D.

- The 19th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Governments was chaired by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu.

- The Summit ended with the adoption of the Joint Communiqué.

- During the meet he launched the first ever SCO Online Exhibition on Shared Buddhist Heritage. It was launched during the 19th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government.

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- Kazakhstan will chair the next incoming 20th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government in 2021.

10. Ans. C.

- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri released a Book titled Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Government's Special Relationship with Sikhs on the occasion of Gurupurab.

- The book was released in New Delhi in presence of Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar.

- The book, published by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, was released in English, Hindi and Punjabi languages.

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- The Book is a compilation of many steps taken for welfare of Sikh community in India by the Narendra Modi government.

11. Ans. B.

- In an attempt to speed up and take the delivery of public services to the doorstep of the people, the West Bengal government announced an outreach programme 'Duare Sarkar' (government at the doorstep).

- Benefits of at least 11 state government-run schemes will be made available to eligible people at camps to be set up for 'Duare Sarkar' (government at doorsteps) programme.

- The flagship schemes include the globally acclaimed 'Kanyashree' (a cash transfer scheme aimed at retaining girls in schools and preventing their early marriage), besides 'Khadya Sathi' (for ensuring that almost 90 per cent of the population comes under food security), 'Sikshashree' (one time grant given to SC and ST students from class 5 to class 8 to go to schools).

- Other government schemes like 'Rupashree (one-time financial grant of Rs 25,000 for economically stressed families at the time of their daughter's marriage), 'Jai Johar' (for the betterment of ST people), 'Taposili Bondhu' (pension scheme for SC people), 'Akhyashree' (a scheme that provides scholarships to students of minority communities in the state) and MGNREGS will also be included, Bandopadhyay told reporters at the state secretariat.

12. Ans. A.

- Professor Sangita Srivastava has been appointed as the new regular vice chancellor of Allahabad University (AU).

- She is the first woman chosen for this post at AU.

- Prof Srivastava is a former head of Allahabad University's home science department.

- After her new appointment, she was relieved of her present charge as vice chancellor of Prof Rajendra Singh University on the orders of the chancellor and governor Anandiben Patel.

13. Ans. C.

- According to air pollution data released by the US Air Quality Index 2020, Pakistan's cultural capital Lahore has once again topped the list of world's most polluted cities.

- According to the index, Lahore reported a particulate matter (PM) rating of 423. Pakistan's financial capital Karachi ranked at 7 on the AQI.

- New Delhi came in second with a PM of 229, while Nepal's capital Kathmandu ranked the third-worst city with a PM of 178.

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency regards air quality satisfactory if the AQI is under 50.

- Lahore's AQI fell in the range of 301 and higher, which has been classified as "hazardous".

14. Ans. D.

- World AIDS day is celebrated on December 1 every year since 1988. On this day, people across the globe unite to combat the stigma around AIDS, come out in support of those living with the disease and commemorate those who have succumbed.

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- This year the World AIDS Day is celebrated under the theme **"Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience and Impact".**

15. Ans. A.

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) released a new book titled, 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific'.
- The book reviews the progress with regional cooperation and integration in Asia and the Pacific. It explores ways for economies in the region to work combinedly to recover and rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic, so as to achieve a more flexible, sustainable, and inclusive future.
- The book consists of papers that are contributed by renowned scholars and staff of ADB.
- The book is edited by Bambang Susantono and Cyn-Young Park.
- As per the book, India was the 4th major host of Greenfield Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) projects and 8th major host of cross-border Merger and Acquisition (M&A) deals, during 2004-2015.

16. Ans. B.

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has published a flagship report titled "The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) 2020 – Overcoming Water Challenges in Agriculture".
- The report states that around 1.2 billion people across the globe are under high levels of water stress, which means that one out of every 6 people in the world are facing a severe water stress or scarcity in agriculture with more than 15% of the rural population at risk.

- The State of Food and Agriculture 2020 report addresses two prime water challenges that affect agriculture and food production, Water Shortages and Scarcity.

- The report presents new estimates on the extensiveness of water shortage in irrigated agriculture and agriculture based on rain water.

- The report also presents the estimate on the number of people affected by water shortage and scarcity.

- The report also stated that the annual amount of the available freshwater resources per person has declined by more than 20% in the past 20 years.

17. Ans. A.

- Indian cricket team skipper Virat Kohli scripted another record in the game. The 32-year-old batsman has become the fastest to 22,000 international runs. He surpassed Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara, and Ricky Ponting who took 493, 511, and 514 innings respectively to record the same feat.

- Kohli achieved this feat during the second ODI between Australia and India at the SCG. The ODI legend scored a superb 89-run knock for India in their pursuit of 390.

- Notably, Kohli has become the eighth batsman overall and the third Indian to surpass 22,000 international runs.

- He also registered his 105th career fifty as well.

18. Ans. D.

- Punjab Government has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with International Digital Health & Artificial Intelligence Research

Collaborative (I-DAIR) hosted at the Graduate Institute of International & Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland to develop and deploy digital technologies in the health sector.

- Punjab is the 1st govt partner of I-DAIR to develop models of people-centric digital infrastructures for health
- Anirudh Tewari, the state's Additional Chief Secretary (Governance Reforms) signed the MoU on behalf of Punjab Government.

19. Ans. C.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has appointed senior IAS officer Utpal Kumar Singh as Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariat.
- His appointment will come into effect from December 1, 2020. He will succeed incumbent Snehlata Shrivastava.
- Mr Singh is a 1986 batch IAS officer of Utrakhand Cadre and has been appointed as Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha in the rank and status of Cabinet Secretary.

20. Ans. B.

- Senegal's professional footballer, Papa Bouba Diop, who helped the country win the FIFA World Cup match in 2002, has passed away.
- He was of the age of 42. His goal helped Senegal secure historic 1-0 win over the then-world champions France in the opening match of the 2002 FIFA World Cup, and Senegal's first-ever match at the FIFA World Cup.
- Diop has won 63 caps for Senegal.

21. Ans. B.

- Jehan Daruvala created history, as he became the first Indian to win a Formula 2 race at the 2020 Sakhir Grand Prix, Bahrain.

- This was the final race of the F2 season. The Formula 2 Championship is a second-tier single-seater racing championship.

- The 22-year-old Jehan Daruvala is currently a member of the Red Bull Junior Team and competes for Carlin Motorsport.

- His Japanese teammate, Yuki Tsunoda came second while Britain's Daniel Ticktum was in a third spot.

- Racing legend Michael Schumacher's son Mick Schumacher was crowned as the overall F2 champion of the season.

22. Ans. C.

- Narinder Singh Kapany, also known as the father of fibre optics, passed away. The India-born American physicist was named as one of the seven "Unsung Heroes" by Fortune in their 'Businessmen of the Century' issue of November 1999.

- Kapany was the first to transmit images through fibre optics back in 1954 and laid the foundation for high-speed internet technology. He not only founded fibre optics but also used his own invention for the business. He founded the Optics Technology Incorporation and Kaptron Incorporation in 1960 and 1973 respectively.

- He studied at Agra University and then moved to Imperial College in London. He received his PhD from the University of London in 1955.

23. Ans. D.

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- The United Nations General Assembly recently approved the resolution that proclaimed to mark December 27 as the the International Day of epidemic preparedness.

- The day is to be marked to facilitate exchange of information, transmission of scientific knowledge and best practices locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

- This will help to prevent and respond to the epidemics. The resolution Adopted expressed grave concern stating impacts created by epidemics and infectious diseases. The covid-19 was exemplified during the consensus.

- The day mainly aims to prevent COVID-19 like situations and to equip the world to fight such scenarios.

24. Ans. A.

- The Praja Foundation recently released the Urban Governance Index. Odisha topped the list of states and Manipur and Nagaland were at the bottom.

- According to the Urban Governance Index Odisha was followed by Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. Delhi rank 13th in the list. The states were marked between 0 and 100 based on the themes empowered City administration, elected representatives and legislative structure and empowered citizens and physical empowerment.

- Maharashtra scored 55%, Odisha scored 56%. The Other top performers were Chhattisgarh with a score of 49.6 8%, Kerala with a score of 48.7 7% and Madhya Pradesh with the score of 45.9 4%.

- Inadequate infrastructure and Service Delivery are the major issues that

continue to impede cities to achieve their true economic potential.

25. Ans. C.

- World record-breakers Mondo Duplantis of Sweden has been named the male World Athletes of the Year at the World Athletics Awards 2020, a ceremony held virtually this time due to the post novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Duplantis broke the world record in the pole vault twice, topping 6.17m and 6.18m on back-to-back weekends in February just a few weeks before the global coronavirus pandemic ground the sporting world to a halt. When competition finally resumed, Duplantis capped his season and produced the highest outdoor vault of all time (6.15m) and finished the year undefeated in 16 competitions.

- Duplantis, who celebrated his 21st birthday last month, is the youngest athlete ever named World Athlete of the Year.

26. Ans. A.

- Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela has been named the female World Athletes of the Year at the World Athletics Awards 2020, a ceremony held virtually this time due to the post novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

- Rojas broke the South American indoor triple jump record in her first competition of the year, reaching 15.03m in Metz, France.

- In her next competition, at the World Athletics Indoor Tour meeting in Madrid, she leaped 15.43m in the final round of the competition to break the world indoor record by seven centimetres.

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- She competed just twice outdoors, winning the Wanda Diamond League meeting in Monaco and again in Castellon, Spain, where she sailed 14.71m, the farthest leap in the world outdoors this year.

27. Ans. C.

- Kanhalgaon, spread over 270sqkm in Chandrapur district, is the latest to be declared a wildlife sanctuary. It will be the 50th wildlife sanctuary of Maharashtra .

- With the addition of the state's 50th wildlife sanctuary and 10 new conservation reserves (CR), Maharashtra has expanded its protected area network from 62 to 73 zones with over 10,000 sq km of the state now secured.

28. Ans. B.

- The book titled 'Romancing Targets' by author Nidhi Vadhera has been released recently.

- In this book, Author Nidhi Vadhera shares with you a systematic approach to understand the sales process which will empower you to embrace sales targets and achieve results without getting burnt in the process.

29. Ans. D.

- Amish Tripathi authored his 2nd nonfiction book titled "Dharma: Decoding the Epics for a Meaningful Life", co-authored by his sister Bhavna Roy.

- The book provides philosophical lessons extracted from the ancient Hindu Epics. The book is published by Westland Publications Pvt Ltd and set to release in December 2020.

- The book is presented in a form of conversation between the characters in modern day India, which offers various practical philosophical lessons from epics like "Maharabarat" and Amis's books "the Shiva Trilogy" and "Ram Chandra Series".

- The book is targeted to reach the intelligent minds who are looking for in-depth philosophies in a reader friendly manner.

30. Ans. C.

- The Chief Minister Mizoram Zoramathnga launched an employment generation project, "Livelihood Generation for Returned Migrant Workers project", in the state to assist migrant workers who lost their job in the pandemic.

- The project will be funded by North East Council.

- Provide skill based training and entrepreneurship to over 2,600 workers through 7 components.

- Implemented in all the 11 districts of Mizoram targeting 550 candidates under this component.

31. Ans. A.

- President of India, Ram Nath Kovind appointed Justice Rajesh Bindal as the Chief Justice of the Common High Court(HC) for the Union Territory(UT) of Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) and Union Territory of Ladakh.

- He will take charge on December 9, 2020. He succeeds Justice Gita Mittal, the 1st female Chief Justice of this court.

- President of India appointed him, in exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India

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- Prior to his appointment as chief justice of the common HC for the UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh, he served as the senior-most Judge of this court.

- He was appointed as Permanent Judge of the HC of Punjab and Haryana on March 22, 2006.

32. Ans. C.

* Prahlad Singh Patel, The Union Minister of State for tourism and culture inaugurated the Association of Buddhist operators International Convention in New Delhi.

* The convention was held in partnership with Ministry of Tourism.

* During the inauguration ceremony, the announced the Swadesh Darshan scheme and PRASAD Yojana to develop the tourism industry in the country. Under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, more than 350 crores of rupees have been sanctioned for the development of Buddhist sites.

33. Ans. D.

- Veteran Bengali actor **Manu Mukherjee** passed away. He started his film career with Mrinal Sen's **Nil Akasher Niche (1958)**.

- The actor is best remembered for his roles in Satyajit Ray's **Joy Baba Felunath and Ganashatru**. He had also been part of children's fantasy film **Patalghar'**.

34. Ans. A.

- Kuldeep Handoo (2020 Dronacharya Awardee) has been appointed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Fit India' Ambassador.

- Mr Handoo, who is Wushu Coach of Team India is serving as Inspector in Jammu and Kashmir Police Department.

- Fit India Movement is a nation-wide movement in India to encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives.

35. Ans. C.

- Bangladesh has signed its first Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Bhutan, which will allow duty-free access to a range of goods between the two countries and hence boost bilateral trade between them.

- Under the PTA, 100 Bangladeshi products will get duty free access to Bhutan, while 34 items from Bhutan will get duty free access into Bangladesh.

- Further items can be added in the list later on the basis of discussion between the two countries.

- This is the first PTA signed by Bangladesh with any country in the world since its independence in 1971.

- The PTA was signed on 6th December 2020, to mark 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Bhutan. In 1971, Bhutan was the first country in the world to recognise Bangladesh as an independent country.

36. Ans. B.

- Axis Bank Ltd in partnership with Rupifi and Visa launched 'Axis Bank Rupifi Business Credit Card' for MSMEs(Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).

- This Contactless Co-Branded credit card, powered by Visa is applicable only to the MSMEs businesses that transact

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on the aggregator platforms partnered with Rupifi PAN (Permanent Account Number) India for their business purchases.

- The card offers credit solutions to such MSMEs. It is only for domestic transactions.

37. Ans. B.

• The Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu has released the book titled "40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories", a book on the life of the former President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

- The book was authored by Dr A.Sivathanu Pillai. The book is published by Pentagon Press LLP and the foreword was written by Pranab Mukherjee, former president of India.

38. Ans. A.

- International Mountain Day is celebrated every year on 11th December by the United Nations.
- This year the day is being celebrated under the theme "Mountain Biodiversity".
- The UN declared the International Year of Mountains in 2002.
- The first international day was celebrated for the first time the following year, 2003.
- The mountains are of utmost importance and these are home to 15% of the world's population and host about half of the world's biodiversity hotspots.

39. Ans. B.

- BSNL, in partnership with Skylotech India, announced today a breakthrough in satellite-based NB-IoT (Narrow Band-Internet of Things).

- It has been started with fishermen, farmers, construction, mining and logistics enterprises.
- This is to bring a breakthrough in satellite-based narrowband internet of things technology.
- It will also help in achieving the targets of the Digital India mission helping farmers, fishermen, meaning, construction and Logistic Enterprises in India.

40. Ans. D.

• The 'State of the Education Report for India 2020: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), was launched virtually by UNESCO.

- Over 400 representatives were participated that includes from the government, civil society, academia, partners and youth.
- The second edition of the State of Education Report focuses on technical and vocational education and training (TVET).
- India's often cited demographic dividend, the aspirations of its youth and the skill requirements of the growing economy – all hinge on a well-functioning TVET system for achieving an inclusive and equitable growth that will propel the country to the next phase of socio-economic development.
- The Report aims to support the Government of India which has already announced skills development as a key national priority under the Skill India Mission.

41. Ans. B.

• Oman, India's oldest strategic partner in West Asia, has announced to establish Oman-India Friendship Association, in what would be the first

such initiative in West Asia led by the Foreign Ministry.

- Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr bin Hamad bin Hamood Al Busaidi held detailed dialogue with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar on giving further momentum to strategic ties.

- The aim of the association to provide a platform that promotes friendship, understanding and matters of mutual interest between Oman and India business and social communities in the Sultanate.

42. Ans. D.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of the Karad Janata Sahakari Bank Ltd, Karad, Maharashtra because "the bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects".
- The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank.
- The RBI said it cancelled the licence of the bank as it "does not have adequate capital and earning prospects". As such, it does not comply with the relevant provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

43. Ans. D.

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board added "Breaking" – a competitive form of breakdancing & 3 other sports – Skateboarding, Sport Climbing, and Surfing to Medal Events Program in Olympic Games.
- Breaking will make its Olympic debut at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, while 3 other sports will make their

Olympic debut at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics to be held in July, 2021 (delayed due to COVID-19).

- The additional sports were proposed by the Paris 2024 Organising Committee.
- The sports have been included by IOC to set a new standard for inclusive, gender-balanced and youth-centred games.

44. Ans. D.

- SJVN Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) for Green Energy Projects through virtual mode.
- As per the MoU, IREDA will provide services to SJVN for development of Green Energy Projects, and help SJVN in devising an action plan to create and acquire Renewable Energy Projects for the next 5 years.
- As part of the MoU, IREDA will undertake Techno-Financial due diligence (identifying suitable technology for particular project sites) for the projects of SJVN.
- The partnership is expected to improve the knowledge and technology transfer between the two agencies and will also provide consultancy & research services.

- SJVN is also in the process of developing a 100 MW Dholera Solar Power Project, Gujarat & 100 MW Raghanseda Solar Power Project in Gujarat.

- SJVN is working towards realizing India's Renewable Energy target of 175 GigaWatts (GW) by 2022.

45. Ans. C.

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- The Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad becomes the first zoo in the country to receive ISO 9001: 2015 quality management certification from the ASCB, UK.

- The ISO certificate helps to ensure maintaining the quality of standards.

- HYM International Certifications Pvt Ltd, accredited by the ASCB, recently reviewed the ISO 9001: 2015 certification.

- The basis of assessment was sanitisation, food processing, animal breeding, medicare, animal care, hygiene maintenance and establishment.

- Notably, the number of tigers and Indian Gaur were also increased at the Nehru Zoological Park.

46. Ans. C.

- Russia was banned from using its name, flag and anthem at the next two Olympics or at any world championships for the next two years.

- The Court of Arbitration for Sport's ruling also blocked Russia from bidding to host major sporting events for two years.

- Russian athletes and teams will still be allowed to compete at next year's Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing, as well as world championships including the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, if they are not implicated in doping or covering up positive tests.

47. Ans. B.

- The Sports Ministry formally recognised yogasana as a competitive sport, which will enable the ancient practice to avail government funding.

- Sports Minister Kiren Rijju and Minister of AYUSH (Ayurveda Yoga and Naturopathy Unani Sidda Homoeopathy) Shripad Yesso Naik formally promoted yogasana as a competitive sport during an event here.

- The move was made to encourage yoga, spread awareness about its benefits and to help improve physical and mental wellbeing of the people.

48. Ans. D.

- Pakistan has approved the chemical castration of rapists as part of sweeping new legislation sparked by outcry over the gang rape of a mother on a motorway.

- New laws approved by President Arif Alvi will see rape cases expedited through the courts and create the country's first national sex offenders register.

- Pakistan is a deeply conservative and patriarchal nation where victims of sexual abuse often are too afraid to speak out, or where criminal complaints are frequently not investigated seriously.

49. Ans. A.

- Indian tennis player Ankita Raina won her third doubles title of pandemic-hit 2020 season, clinching the AI Habtoor challenge with Ekaterine Gorgodze

- She along with Ekaterine Gorgodze won 6-4 3-6 10-6 against Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov from Spain and Slovakian Kaja Juvan in the final of the USD 100,000 hard court event.

50. Ans. D.

- Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) has signed an agreement with cGanga, a think-tank of

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the National Mission for Clean Ganga, for development of sludge management framework in India.

- This was announced during the 5th India Water Impact Summit 2020.
- The event is co-organised by National Mission for Clean Ganga and Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies.

51. Ans. B.

- Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson will be the chief guest at Republic Day Parade in January 2021.
- After Independence he will be the 2nd British leader to attend the RD Padre as guest of honour.
- John Major (1993) was first.
- This will be Boris Johnson's "first major bilateral visit" since he took charge last year.

52. Ans. C.

- Indian Coast Guard Interceptor Boat got commissioned at Hazira in Gujarat.
- This Interceptor boat is built indigenously by M/s L&T Jetty, Hazira.
- It is capable of a high speed of 45 knots having capability to operate in shallow waters.
- Vessel is fitted with latest state-of-the-art navigation and communication equipment.
- This Interceptor Boat will operate from Gujarat under administrative and operational control of the Commander Coast Guard Region (NW).

53. Ans. C.

- RBI has made announcement to set up an Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in Jaipur for receipt, storage and dispatch of currency notes.

- ABPC will automate the handling of banknotes for receipt, storage, retrieval, processing and destruction.

- It will also handle storage of fresh banknotes received from printing presses, processing of banknotes received from currency chests (CCs) and bank branches and destruction of soiled banknotes in an automated manner.

54. Ans. A.

- Sanskrit and Kannada scholar Vidyavachaspati Bannanje Govindacharya passed away at 84.
- He had done extensive research on Madhwa philosophy, besides authoring over 100 books and 4,000 pages in Sanskrit on the subject.

- He had written commentaries on Vedas, Upanishad, Mahabharata, Ramayana, Bhagavata and Puranas.

- He was awarded Padma Shri in 2009.

- He had written screenplay for films 'Bhagavad Gita', 'Adi Shankaracharya' and 'Madhvacharya'.

- His online discourses were followed by many enthusiasts from across the world.

55. Ans. D.

- International Migrants Day is observed annually on 18 December.

- Migration is a global phenomenon driven by multiple forces including aspirations for dignity, safety and peace.

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- On 4 December, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly, taking into account the ever-increasing number of migrants in the world, proclaimed 18 December as International Migrants Day.

- The day also commemorates the assembly adopting the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families in 1990.

- As per the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the theme for International Migrants Day 2020 is "Reimagining **Human** Mobility".

56. Ans. D.

• Minorities Rights Day is observed on December 18 in India.

- The aim of the day is to advance and protect the privileges of the individuals to have a place with linguistic, religion, castes and color minority.

- The Minorities Rights Day is celebrated by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM).

- On 18 December 1992, the United Nations adopted the Statement on the individual's Rights belonging to religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities.

- The Ministry was established on 29 January 2006. It was carved out of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

- The Union Government established the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

57. Ans. A.

- The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) released the Urban Quality of Life (UQoL) Index 2020 which ranked 14 Indian cities in India using 29 indicators grouped into 7 categories.

- In accordance to this, Mumbai (Maharashtra) tops the index followed by Delhi, Kolkata (West Bengal) and Chennai (Tamil Nadu) by providing Highest Quality of Life while Bihar's capital city Patna provides poorest quality of life to its people.

- Notably, this is for the first time the index has considered the factor of gender parity under which Chennai is named as the most women-friendly city while Patna stood last.

58. Ans. B.

- India's renowned journalist and Sahitya Akademi Award winning Hindi Poet, Manglesh Dabral died at the age of 72.

- As a critic of government policies, he returned his Sahitya Akademi award in 2015 in protest against the growing climate of intolerance in the country.

- He worked as the Editor of Jansatta's Sunday Magazine, Ravivari.

- Through his writings in the four-page literary magazine, Jansatta, he mentored a generation of Hindi writers.

- For his Literary work in Hindi, he was awarded Sahitya Akademi award in 2000 for "Ham Jo Dekhte Hain".

- Translated Multiple books to Hindi, which involves the famous translation of Arundhati Roy's "The Ministry of Utmost Happiness" to "Apar Khushi Ka Gharana".

59. Ans. C.

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- Sri Lanka will host the 2021 Edition of Asia Cup, Cricket tournament and Pakistan will host the 2022 Edition of Asia Cup, Cricket tournament.

- In July 2020, Asia Cup's Governing body, Asia Cricket Council (ACC) announced that the 2020 Edition of Asia Cup was cancelled due to Pandemic.

- The 2020 Edition was originally set to be hosted by Pakistan, as it was cancelled Pakistan were awarded to host the 2022 Edition as Compensation.

- Asia Cup is a men's One Day International (ODI) & Twenty20 International Cricket Tournament.

- It is organized by ACC, which has 5 full members – India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Afghanistan.

- India were the Champions of the Last Edition of the Asia Cup (2018) held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

60. Ans. B.

- Truecaller has released its Insights Report for 2020, which ranks India 9th on the list of top countries affected by spam calls.

- This was a drop for India in the rankings, which indicates spam calls actually fell this year in the country.

- Truecaller's report also revealed another interesting fact during the three months of lockdown: In India calls to emergency services spiked by 148% at the beginning of the lockdown.

- The fourth edition of the report points out that the Covid-19 pandemic affected "communications behaviour and spam patterns around the world".

- As per the report, Brazil is the most affected country in the world by spam calls, followed by the US and Hungary.

November 2020

1. Which district has bagged top position among 30 districts of the country in the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)?

- A. Chamba
- B. Shimla
- C. Kangra
- D. Mandi

2. Who will head 14-members panel constituted by the NITI Aayog to look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system?

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. V.K. Saraswat
- D. Ramesh Chand

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Kisan Suryodaya Yojana' an electricity scheme for farmers in which state of India?

- A. Assam
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Haryana

4. The United States approved the potential sale of three weapon systems, as well as missiles and artillery to which country?

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

5. India Post has signed an agreement with which countries postal service for electronic exchange of data related to postal shipments?

- A. Germany
- B. England
- C. USA
- D. France

6. The researchers from IIT developed a low-cost method to produce anti-ageing compounds?

- A. IIT Guwahati
- B. IIT Jodhpur
- C. IIT Kharagpur
- D. IIT Kanpur

7. Which state has built a war memorial in Bum La?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

8. Who has authored the book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984"?

- A. Sarbpreet Singh
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Natasha Sharma

9. The Shipping Ministry has launched 'Direct Port Entry Facility' at which port?

- A. V.O. Chidambaram port, Tuticorin
- B. Chennai Port Trust, Tamil Nadu
- C. Paradip Port Trust, Odisha
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Maharashtra

10. The Indian Space Research Organization will launch Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite jointly with which space agency?

- A. NASA
- B. ROSCOSMOS
- C. JAXA
- D. CNES

11. Who launched the virtual festival of "Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music and Dance" organised by Natya Tarangini in partnership with the United Nations?

- A. Jitendra Singh
- B. M Venkaiah Naidu
- C. Ramnath Kovind
- D. Narendra Modi

12. Which state government has launched 'Sumangal Portal' to help people avail inter-caste marriage incentives?

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

13. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner of India?

- A. Uday Mahurkar
- B. Bimal Julka
- C. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha
- D. Sushil Kumar Singhal

14. Which bank has launched 'Mine' a comprehensive banking programme for its millennial customers?

- A. Yes Bank
- B. ICICI Bank

- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Axis Bank

15. Indian Railways (IR) has tied up with which institution to improve its operational efficiency using digital tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Analytics?

- A. Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow
- B. Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
- C. Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad
- D. Indian Institute of Management, Indore

16. Who has authored the book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy"?

- A. Chakravarthi Rangarajan
- B. Raghuram Rajan
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Tamal Bandyopadhyay

17. For which film Karsh Kale and the Salvage Audio Collective won the Best Original Music Award 2020 in 14th Asian Film Awards (AFA14)?

- A. Gully Boy
- B. Choked
- C. Soundtrack
- D. Dum Maro Dum

18. The 14th Asian Film Awards (AFA14) held in _____.

- A. Singapore
- B. Hongkong
- C. Jakarta
- D. Busan

19. Chief Justice of India, Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal in which city?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Mumbai
- D. Nagpur

20. Which Day is observed all across the world on 5th November?

- A. World Vegan Day
- B. World Psoriasis Day
- C. International Internet Day
- D. World Tsunami Awareness Day

21. Defence Research Development Organization test fired the advanced version of Pinaka successfully. Pinaka is a _____.

- A. Rocket system
- B. Radar System
- C. Missile System
- D. Drone System

22. Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture, Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility in which state?

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

23. CARAT is a joint Naval Exercise conducted between which two countries?

- A. Australia and Bangladesh
- B. USA and Bangladesh
- C. India and Sri Lanka

D. Australia and Japan

24. India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institutions to launch 51 direct-to-home (DTH) education TV channels?

- A. Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics
- B. Indian Space Research Organization
- C. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- D. Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences

25. Who will be the chairman of the committee constituted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to review "Guidelines on Television Rating Agencies in India"?

- A. PD Vaghela
- B. RS Sharma
- C. Amit Khare
- D. Shashi S Vempati

26. Which Tiger Reserve has been included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves' list of the UNESCO?

- A. Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- B. Panna Tiger Reserve
- C. Kali Tiger Reserve.
- D. Nagarhole Tiger Reserve

27. Which company has won the sponsor title of the BCCI's 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge?

- A. MPL
- B. VI
- C. Jio
- D. Airtel

28. The book titled 'Boskiyana' has been published by Radhakrishna Prakashan is on life of which Indian poet and lyricist?

- A. Javed Akhtar
- B. Kafi Azmi
- C. Rahat Indori
- D. Gulzar

29. The Second World Health Expo is being held in which city of China?

- A. Wuhan
- B. Beijing
- C. Shanghai
- D. Kunming

30. The International Bird Festival will be organized in which state in February 2021?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kerala

31. Who has won the "Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020" ?

- A. Dr Tapas K. Kundu
- B. Dr Atul Kumar
- C. Dr Satish Mishra
- D. Dr Sanjay Batra

32. Famous sportsperson Satyajit Ghosh passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

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

33. Who has authored the book titled 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) written in Martahi language released by Bhagat

Singh Koshyari, governor of Maharashtra?

- A. Chinmay Tumbe
- B. Sasindran Kallinkeel
- C. Rajendra Darda
- D. Ajay Kumar Parida

34.The book titled 'Leading with Empathy' is a Biography who among the following?

- A. Julia Gillard
- B. Angela Merkel
- C. Theresa May
- D. Jacinda Ardern

35.Which film becomes the only Indian entry at Tokyo Film Festival?

- A. Chutney
- B. Budh
- C. Karkhanisanchi Waar
- D. Natkhat

36.Who has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2020 for his novel Moustache?

- A. Subhash Chandran
- B. S Hareesh
- C. Raju Raphel
- D. Malayattoor Ramakrishnan

37.Who authored the book titled "Your Best Day Is Today!"?

- A. Anupam Kher
- B. Javed Aktar
- C. Boman Irani
- D. Paresh Rawal

38.Hornbill Festival is celebrated in which state decided to be celebrated online this year amidst COVID-19?

- A. Manipur
- B. Tripura
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Nagaland

39.Who authored the novel titled "Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender"?

- A. Pradeep Srivastava
- B. Sasindran Kallinkeel
- C. Chinmay Tumbe
- D. Ajay Kumar Parida

40.Who has authored the book titled "A Promised Land" ?

- A. Hillary Clinton
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Barack Hussein Obama
- D. Kamala Harris

41.Keetham lake lake is located in which city of India which has recently been added to the Ramsar site list?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Prayagraj
- C. Kanpur
- D. Agra

42.Which is the only crater lake of Country that has been added to the 'Ramsar Sites' recently?

- A. Keetham Lake
- B. Lonar Lake
- C. Chilka Lake
- D. Vembanad Lake

43.Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) cancelled the Women Under-17 world cup due to COVID-19 pandemic and postponed to 2021, the tournament was to be held in which country?

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- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. India
- D. Indonesia

44. Which organization in association with "the Vaccine Confidence Project" of the University of London launched "Team Halo" to counter misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines?

- A. World Health Organization
- B. United Nations
- C. National Medical Commission
- D. UNICEF

45. The Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the Lilavati Awards which is an initiative of _____.

- A. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- B. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)
- C. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- D. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

46. Asia's First Solar Power-Enabled Textile Mill to come up in which state of India?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

47. Renowned personality Ahmed Patel passed away recently; he was a veteran _____.

- A. Journalist
- B. Actor
- C. Singer

D. Politician

48. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is celebrated worldwide on which date?

- A. 22nd November
- B. 23rd November
- C. 24th November
- D. 25th November

49. First cow hospital of North East inaugurated in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Tripura
- C. Manipur
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

50. Sahitya Academy award winner Shaik Khaja Hussain was a noted poet, journalist, scriptwriter of which language who passed away recently?

- A. Malayalam
- B. Telugu
- C. Urdu
- D. Tamil

51. Greg Barclay, who appointed as the new Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC) belongs to which country?

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

52. Which state/UTs has launched the 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to collect real-time data on the health profile of entire state?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh

D. Uttarakhand

53. Who has won the ATP tennis tournament, the second highest tier of men's Tennis Tournament after the Grand Slam held in London?

- A. Dominic Thiem
- B. Daniil Medvedev
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Novack Djokovic

54. The trilateral Naval exercise, SITMEX-20 between India, Singapore and Thailand was held in the _____.

- A. South China Sea
- B. Arabian Sea
- C. Arafura Sea
- D. Andaman Sea

55. The maritime exercise SIMBEX-20 is joint exercise between India and which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Singapore
- D. Thailand

56. For what purpose NASA has launched the Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite by SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket?

- A. Study moon
- B. Monitor oceans
- C. Study Mars
- D. Study Seismic activity

57. Which country will assume the chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2021?

- A. Tajikistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Azerbaijan

58. Which bank in Partnership with Visa launched 'Smarthub Merchant Solutions 3.0', India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. IndusInd Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Kotak Mahindra Bank

59. Which organization has released the 'Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)' report bi-annually?

- A. Transparency International
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. Economist Intelligence Unit
- D. International Monetary Fund

60. Which state government has launched 'Thee', a mobile phone-based application for the benefit of the general public to reach out to the Fire and Rescue Services when in need?

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

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. D.

- Union Ministry of Rural Development has declared the list of top-performing 30 districts in the country for implementing the PMGSY programme.
- Himachal Pradesh's, Mandi district has bagged top position among 30 districts of the country in the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- Himachal Pradesh has also secured the second position at the national level for construction of roads under PMGSY.
- Mandi district has received top position for constructing roads under PMGSY of maximum length in 2020-21.
- Six more districts of Himachal Pradesh have also secured a position among top 30 best performing districts, which include Chamba, Shimla, Kangra, Una, Sirmour, Hamirpur and Solan.

2. Ans. B.

- NITI Aayog has constituted a 14-member advisory committee to look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system.
- The panel will be headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar. The members of the committee include Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog and secretaries of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- The committee will examine the current system in terms of multidisciplinary, curriculum and other related issues at the level of graduates and postgraduates against the challenges of rapid urbanization.
- The committee will examine the urban planning education system in India and examine the availability, demand and

supply of the qualified urban planners in India.

3. Ans. C.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated Launched 'Kisan Suryodaya Yojana' (Electricity Scheme for Farmers) in Gujarat.
- It is a scheme for providing 16 Hours of Power Supply to Farmers, providing day-time power supply needed by farmers for irrigation.
- The Farmers will get 3 Phase Power Supply from 5 AM to 9 PM.
- Gujarat Government has allocated a budget INR 3500 Crore for installing infrastructure under this scheme by 2023.
- A total of 234 '66-Kilowatt' transmission lines with a total length of 3490 circuit kilometers (CKM) will be established under the project, including 220 KV substations.

4. Ans. B.

- The United States approved the potential sale of three weapon systems to Taiwan, as well as missiles and artillery. The three weapon systems could have a total cost of USD 1.8 billion.
- The United States also approved 11 truck-based rocket launchers created by Lockheed Martin Corp called a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System for an approximately cost of USD 436.1m.
- It also approved 135 AGM-84H Standoff Land Attack Missile Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) Missiles & associated instruments created Boeing, for an estimated cost of USD 1.008bn, and six MS-110 Recce external sensor pods made by Collins Aerospace for

jets, at an approximate value of USD 367.2ml.

5. Ans. C.

- India Post and US Postal Service signed agreement for electronic exchange of data related to postal shipments.
- Based on the agreement, the respective bodies will transmit and receive electronic data of international postal items before their arrival.
- This will help the customs to clear the postal items well in advance, that even before the shipment reaches the port.
- Also, it will improve the performance of postal services.
- In 2019, around 30% of small packets and letters transmitted by India Post were to USA. Also, 20% of outbound EMS was to US. Around 60% parcels received originated from the USA.

6. Ans. A.

- The researchers from IIT Guwahati developed a low-cost method to produce anti-ageing compounds.
- The compound has been developed from a wide range of agricultural resources such as pulses, tea, berries, orange peels, parsley, onion and sea buckthorn.
- The product does not use organic solvents as done by the other commercial industry. This is the main reason for the low cost of the anti-ageing product.
- The scientists used size-based pressure driven membrane separation process. The extracts of the plants or fruits are passed through fabricated membranes.

- These membranes are capable of separating selected flavonoids. The retentive part is then fridge dried to get a powdered product.

- A stimuli responsive smart membrane for selective separation of target compound has also been synthesized.

7. Ans. D.

- A war memorial has come up in at Bum La in Arunachal Pradesh. Joginder Singh of 1st Battalion the Sikh Regt received the highest gallantry award, 'Param Vir Chakra' in the Eastern Theatre during the 1962 Sino- India War.
- Indian Army organised the Inauguration Ceremony of Joginder War Memorial at Bum La on October 23 coinciding with the day on which the Battle of Tongpen La (Bum La) took place in 1962.

8. Ans. A.

- Sarbpreet Singh has authored a book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984". The book recounts the Sikh massacre or anti-Sikh riots of 1984.
- The book narrates many stories of ordinary people, that capture the horrors and uncertainties of 1984 through the eyes of Sikhs around the world. The book is published by Penguin.
- The book is a fictionalised version of real happenings. It comprises 8 chapters.

9. Ans. A.

- A direct port entry facility was launched at the V O Chidambarnar port in Tuticorin by Union minister of state for shipping and minister of state for

Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya.

- The modern Direct Port Entry would allow direct movement of containers from mills to the container terminal round the clock, without in-between handling at CFSs.
- The facility is launch in an area of 18,357 sq. meters inside the truck parking terminal that was created under 'Sagarmala' for issuing customs permission of export cargo such as mills stuffed and e-sealed containers. It can hold 18,000 twenty-foot approximately units (TEUs) per month.
- The customs segment is expected to generate the Let Export Order (LEO) under a single roof without any problem. A loyal team of CWC and conventional officials in association with VOC Port will serve Tier-II, Tier-III certified export and import clients.
- IT-enabled infrastructure at ports would make ports world-class, aligning 'Maritime Vision 2030'.

10. Ans. A.

- India and US recently held the two plus two dialogue. During the meet the country's decided to share space situational awareness information. This will catalyse efforts in creating safe and sustainable space environment
- A joint statement issued after the dialogue read that the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar called the NISAR is to be launched by 2022.
- The space agencies of the countries signed an agreement to conduct a joint NISAR mission. The mission will develop and launch a synthetic aperture radar.

- The radar will be capable of transmitting dual frequency signals and is to be carried by an Earth observation satellite.

11. Ans. B.

- Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu has launched the virtual festival of "Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music and Dance" organised by Natya Tarangini in partnership with the United Nations.
- Natya Tarangini has been organising this for the past 23 years.
- This dance and music festival as the normal life has been disrupted by lockdowns, economic downturns and lack of social interaction caused by the pandemic.
- It may be noted that this festival has been organized to coincide with the World Day for Audio-visual Heritage.

12. Ans. D.

- Odisha Chief Minister, **Naveen Patnaik** has launched '**Sumangal Portal**' to help people avail inter-caste marriage incentives.
- The Chief Minister said while inaugurating the Sumangal portal that inter-ethnic marriages increased social unity and it reduced racial discrimination while promoting equality and peaceful coexistence in society.
- The CM added that Rs 2.5 lakh can be availed by beneficiaries within 60 days of applying at the portal.

13. Ans. C.

- Government of India has approved the name of Former Foreign Service officer, Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha as

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the new Chief Information Commissioner.

- He was already the Information Commissioner and was also the most senior.
- The post of CIC chairman had been vacant for several months after Bimal Zulka retired.
- A Marathi journalist, Uday Mahurkar has been selected for the post of Information Commissioner. Uday Mahurkar worked as a deputy editor in India Today Group and is considered close to the Sangh Parivar.
- Uday Mahurkar has also written a book on Prime Minister Modi titled "Merging with a Billion" and "Center Stage: Inside Narendra Modi".

14. Ans. B.

* Private lender ICICI Bank has launched a comprehensive banking programme for its millennial customers, (in the age bracket of 18 years to 35 years), called 'ICICI Bank Mine'.

* The 'ICICI Bank Mine' is India's first and unique product launched by the bank to offer a mobile-first, highly personalised and experiential led banking experience to the millennial customers.

15. Ans. C.

- Indian Railways (IR) has tied up with Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad to improve its operational efficiency using digital tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Analytics. Indian School of Business will analyse the data generated by the Indian Railways.
- Indian Railway will provide passengers-related data, train

operations-related data, freight data and asset-related data to ISB for the analysis.

- After analysis, it will be used by IR in the Passenger Reservation System (PRS), introduction of new trains, and predictive asset maintenance.

16. Ans. D.

- Tamal Bandyopadhyay has authored a book titled "Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy" and will be released on November 09, 2020.

- This book, published by Roli Books, provides an understanding of the challenges and economic potential of India.

- The book "Pandemonium" accounts how many promoters had swapped equity with debt while the managements of the banks were finding a way to protect their balance sheets until the intervention of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) against their bad loans.

17. Ans. A.

- The Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA) announced the winners of the 14th Asian Film Awards (AFA14) held at Busan, South Korea.

- Karsh Kale and the Salvage Audio Collective won the Best Original Music Award 2020 for the film Gully Boy directed by Zoya Akhtar.

- Yang Ik-Joon, South Korean Actor and Director presented the Award.

- The film Gully Boy starring Ranveer Singh as the budding rappers who achieve his dream with his music about his life on the streets of Mumbai.

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19. Ans. D.

- Chief Justice of India, Sharad Arvind Bobde inaugurated India's first-ever E-resource centre Nyay Kaushal at Judicial Officers Training Institute in Maharashtra's Nagpur.

- Nyay Kaushal will facilitate e-filing of cases in Supreme Court, any High court and district courts across the country.

20. Ans. D.

- * World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed across the world on 5 November.

- * The day is celebrated to spread awareness among people across the world in matters related to the dangers of tsunami.

- * In 2020, World Tsunami Awareness Day encourages the development of national and community-level, local disaster risk reduction strategies to save more lives against disasters.

- * This year's observance promotes "Sendai Seven Campaign," target.

21. Ans. A.

- * The enhanced version of PINAKA rocket system was successfully flight tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

- * This enhanced version of the Pinaka rocket would replace the existing Pinaka Mk-I rockets. While Mk-1 had a range of 40 km, the new variant can hit a target 45 to 60 km away.

- * The design and development of Pinaka were done by DRDO laboratories based in Pune, namely Armament Research and Development Establishment, ARDE and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory, HEMRL.

22. Ans. C.

- * Union Minister of State (IC) for Tourism & Culture, Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurated the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility at Guruvayur, in Kerala.

- * The facility has been constructed under the project "Development of Guruvayur, Kerala" under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, at the cost of Rs. 11.57 Crores.

- * The 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) were launched by the Ministry of Tourism in the year 2014-15.

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* The objective of PRASHAD scheme is integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.

23. Ans. B.

* Bangladesh and United States held a joint Naval Exercise CARAT. CARAT is Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training. The exercise was held at Chittagong.

* Historically, the exercise involves people-to-people interactions, variety of professional exchanges, community relations project, Subject Matter Expert exchanges and social events. Due to COVID-19, the exercise was held virtually.

24. Ans. A.

* The Prasar Bharati and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

* Under the MoU, all the 51 DTH education channels will be available as DD co-branded channels to all DD Fresh Dish viewers.

* The 51 DTH channels includes Swayamprabha, E-Vidya for Class 1 to 12, DigiShala, Vande Gujarat, etc. The channels are to provide quality educational programmes to rural and remote households.

* These services are to available free of cost for all the viewers 24/7. This will aid the GOI to achieve its target of providing "Education to all".

25. Ans. D.

* On the back of the on-going TRP scam, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting decided to constitute a

committee to review "Guidelines on Television Rating Agencies in India".

* Headed by Shashi S Vempati, CEO, Prasar Bharti, the committee will examine the different aspects of television rating systems in India and carry out any changes, if necessary.

* The committee will submit its report within two months from the issue of the notice.

* The present guidelines issued by the MIB on television rating agencies in India were notified after deliberations by the Parliamentary Committee, Committee on Television Rating Points (TRP) constituted by the MIB and recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai).

26. Ans. B.

• In Madhya Pradesh, the Panna Tiger Reserve has been included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves' list of the UNESCO.

• This is the 12th biosphere reserve from India to be included in the 'World Network of Biosphere Reserves', and third from Madhya Pradesh, after Pachmarhi and Amarkantak. Currently, Panna Tiger Reserve is home to 54 tigers.

• The UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) covers internationally designated protected areas (known as biosphere reserves) that demonstrate a balanced relationship between people and nature (like encourage sustainable development).

27. Ans. C.

• The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Jio as the

Title Sponsor of the 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge.

- The partnership will also have the support of Reliance Foundation Education and Sports For All (RF ESA).
- This is a historic partnership, as for the first time a sponsor has signed with BCCI exclusively for the women's matches.
- The Jio Women's T20 Challenge to be played from 4th November to 9th November will be held in Sharjah.
- Three teams are Velocity, Supernovas and Trailblazers will play each other once to decide the finalists on November 9, a day before the IPL final.

28. Ans. D.

- * 'Boskiyana', a new Hindi book on Gulzar, veteran Indian poet-lyricist has been published by Radhakrishna Prakashan.
- * The book portrays the life of Gulzar through his films, poetry, philosophies, lifestyle, likes and dislikes. The 228-page book is edited by Yashwant Vyas.
- * 'Boskiyana' is the name of the house of Gulzar in Mumbai.
- * The book expresses the personality of Gulzar through detailed conversations and reveals his thoughts and vision of the world.
- * It is a compilation of some of the most defining interviews and conversations of Gulzar from the last 30 years. Yashwant Vyas took 6 years to compile.

29. Ans. A.

- * The Second World Health Expo is being held in Hubei's Capital City,

Wuhan in China from November 11-14, 2020.

- * The World Health Expo will showcase the Latest Technology in Fitness Sports and the most realistically restored anti-epidemic Scenes.
- * It will feature 12 different venues for audiences to experience the most frontier health technology.

30. Ans. C.

- * Dara Singh Chauhan, Uttar Pradesh Minister of Forest and Environment announced that the International Bird Festival will be organised in Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh(UP) in February 2021.
- * He also informed that Gorakhpur is developing in the tourism and ecotourism sector and it is set to have a zoological park in 2021.
- * The International bird festival will attract international level tourists for Gorakhpur lake and bird watching.
- * The forest department of Uttar Pradesh has been instructed to materialize this bird festival.

31. Ans. C.

- * National Academy of Medical Sciences(NAMS) (India) announced that Dr Satish Mishra the Principal Scientist of the Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology at Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – Central Drug Research Institute (CSIR-CDRI), Lucknow has won the "Dr. Tulsi Das Chugh Award 2020" for his research work on the life cycle of Malaria Parasite which involves two hosts and 3 invasive stages.
- * The research was focused on "Secreted Protein with Altered

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Thrombospondin Repeat (SPATR) which is Essential for Asexual Blood Stages but not Required for Hepatocyte Invasion by the Malaria Parasite Plasmodium Berghei”.

* The study was focused on the dispensability of SPATR in Plasmodium berghei sporozoite and its importance for the establishment of blood stage infection.

32. Ans. B.

* Satyajit Ghosh, former football player of India and Mohun Bagan passed away at the age of 62 at Bandel, West Bengal due to cardiac arrest. The defender represented India in the 1985 Nehru Cup.

* Satyajit Ghosh started his career with Railway FC in 1980.

* He later switched on to Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, an Indian professional multi-sport club, where he formed the core of their backline alongwith star Indian defender Subrata Bhattacharya.

* He played for Mohun Bagan from 1982 till 1986 and in 1988 till 1993.

* His career was cut short with Mohun Bagan in 1986 due to his injuries.

33. Ans. C.

* Bhagat Singh Koshyari, governor of Maharashtra released the Marathi language book 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda, former Maharashtra Minister of Education at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

* The book is a compilation of selected Facebook posts of Rajendra Darda that pertains to a range of issues written over the last four years.

* The book contains the experiences of the author's world travel. This will give the readers the same joy of world travel.

* The interspersing of the Marathi write-ups with Hindi couplets by the author has further enriched the book.

* The book attempts to break the invisible wall created among people due to CoronaVirus pandemic and connect to the readers.

34. Ans. D.

* Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy' – A Biography of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern will be published in 2021 by HarperCollins.

* The book will be authored by Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte.

* The Biography will give readers an insight into the inner world of Jacinda Ardern.

* It will examine the Prime Minister of New Zealand through the Author's Interview, multitude of public statements and speeches.

35. Ans. C.

• Marathi film, Karkhanisanchi Waari (Ashes on a Road Trip), the 149-minute film tells the story of the Karkhanis, the last joint family of Pune.

• The movie was directed by Mangesh Joshi. The movie will have its world premiere at the 33rd Tokyo International Film Festival. It is the only Indian entry at the festival.

36. Ans. B.

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- Malayalam author, S Hareesh has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2020 for his novel Moustache.

- It has been translated into English by Jayasree Kalathil & published by HarperCollins India.

- The JCB Prize for Literature is regarded as the richest literary prize in India.

- As per the norm, the Malayalam author will receive a Rs 25 lakh cash prize and the translator will receive an additional Rs 10 lakh.

37. Ans. A.

- Actor Anupam Kher's latest book is titled "Your Best Day Is Today!". He had announced the book, in which he experiences during the coronavirus-induced countrywide lockdown.

- Through this book, Kher will recount his experiences during the lockdown, several ups and downs, including the time when his mother Dulari and brother Raju Kher had contracted the virus.

- His previous books are his biography Lessons Life Taught Me Unknowingly & The Best Thing About You is You. He is also a recipient of two National Film Awards.

38. Ans. D.

- Nagaland govt decides to celebrate Hornbill Festival virtually this year, amid the surge in COVID-19 cases in the country.

- This festival is also called the Festival of Festivals. It is held every year from December 1 to 10, showcases the culture, heritage, food and customs of Naga tribes.

- 16 tribes come together to celebrate their traditions with dance performances. Tourists from across the globe attend the 10-day gala.

39. Ans. B.

- Ex-SPG officer, Sasindran Kallinkeel's has penned a novel named "Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender".

- The main character in the novel, published by BookMitra, is a transgender named Rasaathi born in a well-to-do family in South India. Rasaathi, meaning princess, is in the late 40s who wants people to treat transgenders like human beings by showering love, affection, sympathy and recognise their pathetic and horrible life.

- Sasindran Kallinkeel was with the Central Reserve Police for 23 years and had a seven-year stint with the Special Protection Group (Prime Minister's Security) as a senior security officer when Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh were in office.

40. Ans. C.

- A Promised Land is a memoir of former US president Barack Hussain Obama

- In the first of his two-part memoir he speaks at length about his interest in India, Mahatma Gandhi's life and his relationship with former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh whom he calls a man of "uncommon wisdom and decency."

- Mr. Obama says he had developed a "warm and productive" relationship with Mr. Singh, describing their interactions in New Delhi on Mr. Obama's first visit there in November 2010.

- The former U.S. President writes that his first trip to India was in 2010 but

that the place had always “held a special place in his imagination.”

41. Ans. D.

- Sur Sarovar also known as Keetham Lake in Agra, Uttar Pradesh has been added to the 'Ramsar Sites'.
- This wetland has been included in the 'List of Wetlands of International Importance' established by Article 2.1 of the convention.
- Sur Sarovar is the 2440th site of Ramsar site.
- Sur Sarovar is the 40th Ramsar Sites in India.
- With the inclusion of this wetland, the total number of Ramsar Sites in India is 41, the highest in South Asia.

42. Ans. B.

- Lonar Lake in Maharashtra, the only crater lake of Country has been added to the 'Ramsar Sites'.
- This wetland has been included in the 'List of Wetlands of International Importance' established by Article 2.1 of the convention.
- Lonar lake is the 2441st Ramsar site.
- Lonar lake is the 41st Ramsar Sites in India.
- With the inclusion of this wetland, the total number of Ramsar Sites in India is 41, the highest in South Asia.
- Lonar Lake covers 427 hectares of area in Buldhana district in the state of Maharashtra.
- It is formed by a meteorite impact onto the basalt bedrock. It includes lakes and escarpments, which form the

crater walls, and forested zones. It is high in salinity and alkalinity.

43. Ans. C.

- FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) cancelled the Women Under-17 world cup due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- It has been postponed to 2021. The 2020 FIFA Women Under-17 World Cup was to be held in India.
- Both Under-17 and Under-20 women's World cup were to be held in India. This has been cancelled and the country has been awarded to host the 2022 cup.
- FIFA announced that Costa Rica will host the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup 2022 and India will host FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022.

44. Ans. B.

- The United Nations along with “the Vaccine Confidence Project” of the University of London launched “Team Halo”.
- More than 100 scientists from different parts of the world have come together under the project.
- Team Halo aims to tackle misinformation on the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Under the initiative, the scientists will create social-media friendly videos on COVID-19 vaccine science based on their personal experiences.
- Also, Team Halo will act as a communication platform for the scientists working on COVID-19 vaccines.

45. Ans. C.

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- The Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated the Lilavati Awards.

- The award is an initiative of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

- The Lilavati Award aims to recognise the efforts of AICTE affiliated institutions in treating women.

- The Lilavati Awards are to be presented based on the theme of women empowerment.

- There are seven categories that are included in the award. They are literacy, self-defence, women entrepreneurship, legal awareness, women health and sanitation and hygiene.

- The award has been named after the 12th century book called "Lilavati". The book was written by the mathematician Bhaskara II. Lilavati was the daughter of Indian Mathematician Bhaskara II.

46. Ans. D.

- Jai Bhawani women's cooperative textile mill which is set to come up at Parbhani, Maharashtra will be the first Textile Mill in Asia which will operate on Solar Power.

- The Textile Mill is spread across Thirty acres of land and will process cotton to cloth.

- Once Functional, the mill will provide jobs to many women in the district.

- Ginning, Pressing, Weaving and Spinning of cotton will be done in the mill itself.

- It is being set up at a cost of INR 100 Crores and will add momentum to the industrial sector in the district.

- Parbhani is the leading cotton producing district in Maharashtra. Majority of the farmers grow cotton as it is seen as a profitable investment.

47. Ans. D.

- Ahmed Patel, a staunch loyalist of Nehru-Gandhi family and Congress Party's top strategist, passed away at a Gurugram hospital due to multi-organ failure.

- Patel, 71, was suffering from complications related to Covid-19.

- Ahmed Patel was the go-to man in the Congress who kept a low profile but quietly wielded power and meticulously executed decisions of the leadership.

48. Ans. D.

- The United Nations designated International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is celebrated worldwide on November 25.

- The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to various forms of violence and the true nature of the issue is often hidden.

- This year's theme for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!".

49. Ans. A.

- A cow shelter in Assam's Dibrugarh inaugurated Northeast's first-ever cow hospital, on the occasion of Gopashtami.

- The hospital, Surbhi Aarogyashala, is set up by Shree Gopal Gaushala at a cost of Rs 17 lakh. The hospital will

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provide services in 30 km radius. There are 368 cows in the shelter.

50. Ans. B.

* Noted Telugu poet, journalist, scriptwriter, and Kendra Sahitya Academy award winner Shaik Khaja Hussain popularly known as Devi Priya, passed away in Hyderabad. He was 70.

* Devi Priya bagged the Sahitya Akademi Award 2017, for his book Gaali Rangu. His "Running Commentary" on contemporary politics in Udayam Telugu daily was very popular and thought-provoking.

* Later, he continued the Running Commentary even for a couple of vernacular news channels. He is known for his political satirical cartoons and poetry.

* He authored several books including Gareebi Geetaalu, Amma Chettu Chepa Chiluka, and others.

51. Ans. B.

• Auckland-based commercial lawyer and director of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) since 2012, Greg Barclay has been elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), after the second round of voting.

• Barclay succeeds India's Shashank Manohar who stepped down in July 2020 and will replace Imran Khwaja, who is currently the interim chairman.

• He was serving as NZC's representative on the board of the International Cricket Council and had also served as the director of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015.

52. Ans. C.

• Himachal Pradesh government has launched 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to sensitize the people regarding Covid-19 pandemic and also to collect information regarding symptoms of diseases like TB, Leprosy, sugar and blood pressure by the door to door campaign throughout the State.

• Under this Abhiyan about 8000 teams comprising of Health, Ayurveda, Women and Child Development, Panchayati Raj Departments, District Administration and NGOs would be involved in this campaign. It would ensure door to door data collection of health parameters of the people.

53. Ans. B.

• Daniil Medvedev defeated Dominic Thiem to win the ATP tournament. The tournament was held in London.

• The ATP tournament is the second highest tier of men's Tennis Tournament after the Grand Slam. The tournament was first held in 1970.

• He is a Russian tennis player at rank number 4 under ATP ranking. He was born in Moscow.

• ATP is Association of Tennis Professional. The ATP rankings are determined based on the qualification for entry and rating of the players in singles and double tournaments. The first ranking for the singles tournaments was published in 1973 and for the Doubles tournaments in 1976.

54. Ans. D.

• The trilateral Naval exercise, SITMEX-20 between India, Singapore and Thailand was held in the Andaman sea.

• The SITMEX-20 Naval exercise was scheduled in a "non-contact at sea only format" due to covid-19 restrictions.

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- The main objective of the exercise is to increase the interoperability between the three navies.

- The exercise will also enhance multifaceted Maritime operations.

- Apart from SITMEX, India and Singapore held SIMBEX-20 separately in the Andaman sea.

55. Ans. C.

- The Indian and Singapore Navy are to hold maritime exercise SIMBEX-20 in the Andaman Sea between November 23, 2020 and November 25, 2020.

- The exercise is being conducted between the countries since 1994. The exercise aims to enhance mutual interoperability between the countries.

- The Indian Navy ships to participate in the exercise are destroyer Rana along with Chetak helicopter, corvettes Kamorta and Karmuk. Also, submarine Sindhuraj and P81 reconnaissance aircrafts are to participate in the exercise.

56. Ans. B.

- NASA launched the Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite to monitor oceans. The satellite was launched in SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

- The satellite launch was a part of the Mission Jason Continuity of Service.

- The mission was launched to measure the height of the ocean. Measuring the height of the ocean is one of the key components in understanding the climate change.

- The spacecraft consists of two components. The other component of the spacecraft is to be launched in 2025.

57. Ans. A.

- The virtual 20th Summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State (CHS) 2020 was chaired by President of Russia Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin where Indian Delegation was led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- This was the first SCO Summit held in Virtual Format and the third meeting that India participated after becoming a full member in 2017.

- It should be noted that President Emomali Rahmon of Tajikistan will assume the chairmanship of SCO in 2021.

58. Ans. C.

- HDFC Bank in Partnership with Visa launched 'SmartHub Merchant Solutions 3.0', India's first comprehensive banking and payment solution for merchants.

- This first-of-its-kind solution offers the ideal platform for merchants and self-employed professionals to open a current account instantly and to accept payments in-store and online.

- The comprehensive merchant solution enables the bank to approach over 20 million small & medium merchants and professional services like doctors, pharmacies, salons and laundry services across metro, semi urban and rural India in the next 3 years.

- The solution for the merchants will be available in multiple forms like, app based, web based and also a range of PoS(Point of Sale) devices, which enables efficiencies in business.

59. Ans. C.

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- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released its biannual 'Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL)' report of the World's Most Expensive Cities in 2020, based on their cost of living.

- Hong Kong (China), Paris (France) and Zurich (Switzerland) share the top spot as the most expensive cities in the list, which comprises of 133 cities.

- Damascus (Syria), Taskent (Uzbekistan), Lusaka (Zambia) ranked the last three spot as the most cheapest cities in the list, which comprises of 133 cities.

- The report took into account the price of 138 items, used in every day for survival, and the falling or rising value of that country's currency due to Covid to rank the cities accordingly.

60. Ans. C.

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami launched 'Thee', a mobile phone-based application for the benefit of the general public to reach out to the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services when in need.

- The application has been designed to help the general public in case of fire accidents, floods, mishaps in deep wells, rescue of wildlife, chemical or gas leaks, among other accidents. Arrangements have been made to facilitate people in need getting help within 10 seconds of their using the app.

October 2020

1.The World Rabies Day (WRD) has observed every year on 28th September. What is the theme of 2020 World Rabies Day?

- Maritime education and training
- Rabies: Educate, Vaccinate, Eliminate
- End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate
- Shipping: Indispensable to the World

2.Who became the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the Rafale combat aircraft that was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) September 10, 2020?

- Bhawana Kanth
- Shivangi Singh
- Avani Chaturvedi
- Shivika Khurana

3.Which state government to launch web portal 'Dharani' for integrated land record management?

- Andhra Pradesh
- Jharkhand
- Telangana
- Haryana

4.Who has been elected as the president of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS), an apex body of the publishers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals in the country?

- L Adimoolam
- D D Purkayastha
- Mohit Jain
- Rakesh Sharma

5.Who has been appointed the chairman of the BCCI senior women's selection committee?

- Mithu Mukherjee
- Renu Margrate
- Arati Vaidya
- Neetu David

6. Which state government has launched the Radio Pathshala program for students up to class 8?

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

7. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India?

- A. Neetu David
- B. Rajat Sud
- C. PD Vaghela
- D. AK Dikshit

8. The Himalayan Chandra Telescope which completed 20 years successfully is located in which mountain range?

- A. Mt Karakoram
- B. Mt Saraswati
- C. Anamudi Peak
- D. Doddabetta

9. Which state government has banned the sale of unpackaged "loose" cigarettes and beedis, making it the first Indian state to do so?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

10. Who has been honoured with the prestigious SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Amir Khan
- C. Akshay Kumar
- D. Sonu Sood

11. Who has been conferred with the "Gansamradni Lata Mangeshkar" award for 2020-21?

- A. Alka Yagnik
- B. Kavita Krishnamurthy
- C. Usha Mangeshkar
- D. Sunidhi Chauhan

12. What is the theme of the International Translation Day 2020 being observed globally on 30th September?

- A. Finding the words for a world in crisis
- B. Translation and Indigenous Languages
- C. Translation and Foreign Languages
- D. Translation and Regional Languages

13. Who has authored the book titled 'A bouquet of flowers' which was launched by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?

- A. Romila Thapar
- B. Dr Krishna Saksena
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Gauri Khan

14. Renowned personality Syeda Anwara Taimur passed away recently, she was first and only woman chief minister of which state?

- A. Tripura
- B. Kerala
- C. Assam
- D. Uttar Pradesh

15. What is the theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2020 observed every year on 1st October?

- A. Take a Stand Against Ageism
- B. Rights of Older Persons
- C. 'Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?'

D. Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions

16. World Habitat Day celebrated every year on which date?

- A. 1st October
- B. 2nd October
- C. 3rd October
- D. 5th October

17. What is the theme of the World Teachers' Day 2020?

- A. Teachers and Human Rights of Students
- B. Bridging Teacher Gap by 2030
- C. Teaching in Crisis
- D. Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future

18. Which bank has launched a financial inclusion and literacy initiative called 'Gram Sampark Abhiyan'?

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

19. Yuddh Pradushan Ke Virudh campaign has been launched by which state?

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

20. Who won the 2020 Nobel Prize Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine?

- A. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino
- B. James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz

- C. Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice
- D. William Kaelin, Peter J. Ratcliffe and Gregg L. Semenza

21. Who has authored the book titled "Discovering the Heritage of Assam" released by union minister Dr Jitendra Singh?

- A. Dr Krishna Saksena
- B. Neena Rai
- C. Padampani Bora
- D. Niharika Bhalla

22. Who launched the coffee-table book titled "Babu – The Unforgettable"?

- A. Arvind Kejriwal
- B. Manish Shisodia
- C. Sanjay Singh
- D. Anil Bajjal

23. Which group of persons won the Physics Nobel Prize 2020?

- A. James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz
- B. Arthur Askin, Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland
- C. Roger Penrose, Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez
- D. James P., Alison and Tasuku Honjo

24. Who has won the 10m air pistol event in the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship (IOSC)?

- A. Manu Bhaker
- B. Yashaswini Singh Deswal
- C. Anjum Moudgil
- D. Rahi Sarnobat

25. Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year on which date?

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- A. 4th October
- B. 5th October
- C. 6th October
- D. 8th October

- A. Tamil
- B. Telugu
- C. Malayalam
- D. Kannada

26. Which group of persons won the Chemistry Nobel Prize 2020?

- A. Roger Penrose and Reinhard Genzel
- B. Harvey J. Alter and Michael Houghton
- C. Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna
- D. Charles M. Rice and Andrea Ghez

31. The Union Cabinet has approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project which is partly funded by which organization?

- A. International Monetary Fund
- B. World Bank
- C. Asian Development Bank
- D. World Economic Forum

27. Cricketer Najeed Tarakai passed away recently he held from which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. UAE
- D. Afghanistan

32. Renowned personality Shobha Naidu passed away recently, she was a veteran _____.

- A. Classical Dancer
- B. Classical Singer
- C. Folk Singer
- D. Politician

28. Which country has successfully tested a new hypersonic anti-ship cruise missile Tsirkon?

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

33. World Students' Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 10th October
- B. 12th October
- C. 15th October
- D. 16th October

29. The World Post Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 5th October
- B. 6th October
- C. 7th October
- D. 9th October

34. What is the theme of the International Day of Rural Women 2020 observed globally on 15 October each year?

- A. "Developing rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19"
- B. "Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19"
- C. "Literacy teaching and learning of Rural Women in the Covid-19"
- D. "Share Culture, Heritage and Responsibility with Rural Women"

30. Noted poet and 55th Jnanpith awardee Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri passed away recently, he was a poet of which language?

35. Under whose chairmanship the Central Government has formulated a panel of secretaries to streamline telecom spectrum allocation process and examine the possibility of making the auction of spectrum an annual calendar event?

- A. Rajiv Gauba
- B. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- C. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- D. P K Mishra

36. Who has been awarded the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2020?

- A. Robert Wilson
- B. Paul Milgrom
- C. Esther Duflo
- D. Both a and b

37. Name the indigenous combat drone which was successfully tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

- A. Vikram-1
- B. Rustom-2
- C. Abhay-2
- D. Nirbhay

38. A toll-free government helpline for mental health "Mann Samvad" was launched by which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh

39. In the country's first and unique drive the agriculture department of which state has collaborated with the Postal Department to get farmers enrolled in the Pradhan Mantri Kisan

Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) scheme?

- A. Haryana
- B. Punjab
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala

40. The annual meeting of World Economic Forum (WEF) 2021 will be organized in which city?

- A. Davos
- B. Bern
- C. Geneva
- D. Lucerne

41. Name the India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile that was successfully test fired from a Sukhoi-30 fighter jet.

- A. Rudram 1
- B. Vikram-1
- C. Rustom-2
- D. Abhay-2

42. The Nobel Peace Prize 2020 has been awarded to which of the following organization for efforts in order to Combat Hunger?

- A. Share the Meal
- B. Charity Navigator
- C. Food and Agriculture Organization
- D. World Food Programme

43. Which missile has been test fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation that was failed due to technical snag?

- A. Nirbhay
- B. Dhanush
- C. Prithvi IV
- D. Akash

44. The National Maritime Foundation of India joined hands with which country to foster cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region?

- A. Japan
- B. Philippines
- C. Taiwan
- D. Australia

45. What is India's rank in the "Global Hunger Index 2020" prepared jointly by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide?

- A. 75th
- B. 86th
- C. 89th
- D. 94th

46. Asan Conservation Reserve has become India's 38th Ramsar site located in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Gujarat
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Assam

47. According to the Sydney-based Lowy Institute's Asia Power Index for 2020, which is the most powerful nation influencing the Asia-Pacific?

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

48. Who has authored the book titled "The Battle of Belonging" set to be released in November 2020?

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Sudha Murthy

D. Natasha Sharma

49. The World Statistics Day is observed at an interval of five years on which date?

- A. 15th October
- B. 16th October
- C. 17th October
- D. 20th October

50. The World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 17th October
- B. 19th October
- C. 20th October
- D. 21st October

51. Who won women's singles title in Denmark Open 2020 badminton championship?

- A. Carolina Marin
- B. Nozomi Okuhara
- C. PV Sindhu
- D. Saina Nehwal

52. Which country will not be a participant in the Malabar exercise that is to be conducted in November 2020?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Singapore

53. India successfully test fired which Anti-Tank Missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization?

- A. RUDRAM
- B. Shaurya
- C. SANT

D. Rustom

54. Japan has signed an agreement with which country to ensure "free and open Indo-Pacific"?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Laos
- C. Cambodia
- D. Myanmar

55. According to the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020 which state attracted the highest number of domestic tourists in the country in 2019?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh

56. With which entity the NITI Aayog has set up a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) that will work on addressing societal challenges around areas like agriculture and healthcare through digital innovation?

- A. Google
- B. Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- C. Microsoft
- D. Intel

57. Which commodity exchange has launched futures trading in real-time Base Metals Index 'METLDEX'?

- A. Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)
- B. National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)
- C. Indian Commodity Exchange Limited (ICEX)
- D. Ace Derivatives and Commodity Exchange (ACE)

58. Which company won \$14.1 million NASA contract to set up 4G network on Moon?

- A. Apple
- B. Google
- C. Nokia
- D. Ericsson

59. Pace bowler Umar Gul announced his retirement from cricket after the end of the ongoing National T20 Cup, he is playing for which country?

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

60. Who launched the development of Indigenous Software solution for Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and Vessels Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS) in New Delhi?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Mansukh Mandaviya
- D. Piyush Goyal

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

- World Rabies Day is observed globally on 28th September every year.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the impact of rabies on humans and animals, provide information and advice on how to prevent the disease and take efforts to control rabies.

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- The theme for the 14th WRD in 2020 is 'End Rabies: Collaborate, Vaccinate'. This year's theme focuses on vaccination and collaboration.

2. Ans. B.

- Flight Lieutenant, Shivangi Singh to become the first woman fighter pilot of India to fly the Rafale combat aircraft that was formally inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) September 10, 2020.

- She is one of the 10 Indian women fighter pilots in IAF.

- Five Rafale Aircraft were formally inducted into the IAF's 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows' on September 10, 2020, at a function held at Air Force Station, Ambala (Haryana).

3. Ans. C.

- The Telangana government will launch a web portal Dharani for integrated land record management on October 26 on the occasion of Dasara.

- The launch of the portal, developed by National Informatics Centre.

- The registration fee survey number wise will be fixed well before the launch of the portal. Training and licences will be issued to document writers at Tahsildar and sub-registrar offices.

- Data pertaining to all types of properties should be uploaded in the portal before Vijayadasami.

4. Ans. A.

- L Adimoolam has been elected president of the Indian Newspaper Society, an apex body of the publishers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals in the country.

- Adimoolam (Health and The Antiseptic publication) was elected president at the 81st annual general meeting of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) held in Bengaluru.

- D D Purkayastha (Ananda Bazar Patrika) is the deputy president, Mohit Jain (Economic Times) the Vice President and Rakesh Sharma (Aaj Samaj) the Honorary Treasurer of the Society for the year 2020-21.

- Adimoolam, who succeeds Shailesh Gupta of Mid-Day as the president of INS, belongs to the family of Dinamalar, National Tamil Daily. He is the son of Dr.R. Lakshmipathy – a former INS president.

5. Ans. D.

- Neetu David, one of India's finest woman cricketers in the late '90s and early 2000s, has been appointed chairman of the women's selection committee.

- She replaced Hemalata Kala.

- The other members of the panel are Mithu Mukherjee, Renu Margrate, Arati Vaidya and V Kalpana.

- David holds the world record for best bowling figures in an innings in a Test - 8/53 against England in Jamshedpur in 1995.

6. Ans. B.

- * In view of the prevailing pandemic, the Odisha Govt has launched Radio Pathshala program for students up to class 8.

- * The program will be broadcast from All India Radio stations in the state for 15 minutes daily (10 to 1015 hours) from ten Akshvani Kendras.

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* The audio of the program will also be made available on the online DIKSHA platform for the students for whom schools have been kept out of bounds since March this year.

* Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.

7. Ans. C.

* The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed PD Vaghela as new chief of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

* He is 1986-Gujarat cadre IAS officer,

* Vaghela will succeed RS Sharma, whose tenure as chief of TRAI lapses on September 30.

* Prior to TRAI, Sharma led the creation of Aadhaar as the director general and mission director of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) during 2009-2013.

8. Ans. B.

* The 2-m Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT) was installed at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO), Mt. Saraswati, Digpa-ratsa Ri, Hanle at an altitude of 4500 m (15000 ft) above msl by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bangalore, in August 2000.

* The Himalayan Chandra Telescope is located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO).

* It has been scanning the night sky in search of comets, stellar explosions, exo-planets and asteroids.

* It is named after India-born Nobel laureate Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar.

* It contains a modified Ritchey-Chretien system with a primary mirror made of ULE ceramic which is designed to withstand low temperatures it experiences.

9. Ans. C.

* The Maharashtra government has banned the sale of unpackaged "loose" cigarettes and beedis, making it the first Indian state to do so.

* Maharashtra currently contributes to around 8-10% of the cigarette sales volumes.

* The move is aimed at ensuring that customers see the graphic, public health warnings mandated on cigarette packaging.

10. Ans. D.

• Bollywood actor, Sonu Sood has been conferred the prestigious SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 28 September 2020 during a virtual ceremony.

• He has received the award for selflessly extending a helping hand and sending lakhs of migrants, stranded students across geographies abroad, back to their homes.

• Besides that, he has also been providing free education and medical facilities to young children and has been creating free employment opportunities to the needy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. Ans. C.

• Veteran singer Usha Mangeshkar has been honoured with the "Gansamradni Lata Mangeshkar" award for 2020-21.

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- The award carries a cash prize of Rs five lakh and a citation.
- It has been constituted for the felicitation of senior vocal artistes and their contribution.
- The award is given by the cultural department of the state government.
- Usha Mangeshkar is the youngest sister of Lata Mangeshkar.

12. Ans. A.

- Every year on 30th September International Translation Day observed around the world.
- The theme for this year is "Finding the words for a world in crisis".
- This day provides a great opportunity to spotlight the important work of translators, interpreters and others in the language service industry.
- 30 September celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator, who is considered the patron saint of translators.

13. Ans. B.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a book titled 'A bouquet of flowers' written by Dr Krishna Saksena.
- Dr Krishna Saksena is the first lady to get a PhD, in 1955 from Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.
- The book has been designed to allow the readers to travel their own journey and arrive at their own very personal realization and be inspired by it.

14. Ans. C.

- Assam's first and only woman chief minister Syeda Anwara Taimur passed away in Australia due to cardiac arrest.
- The 84-year-old was staying with her son in Australia for the past four years.
- Taimur was in the news in 2018 when her name didn't appear in the Assam National Register of Citizens. She later informed that her family members may not have applied to get her name included in the list.
- A four-time Congress MLA beginning with her first election in 1972, Taimur held portfolios like education before becoming chief minister for a brief period from December 6, 1980 to June 30, 1981.
- She was nominated for a Rajya Sabha term in 1988. Taimur joined the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) in 2011.

15. Ans. C.

- The International Day of Older Persons is observed on 1st October every year to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse.
- It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.
- The theme of 2020 is 'Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?'

16. Ans. D.

- Every year, the World Habitat Day is celebrated on October 5.
- The day is celebrated to remind the people that they have all power and responsibility to shape the future of towns and cities.

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- The first Monday of every year is being celebrated as World Habitat Day. This was designated by the United Nations.
- The first World Habitat Day was celebrated in 1986.
- This year the day is celebrated under theme "Housing for All-A better Urban Future"

17. Ans. D.

- World Teachers' Day is observed globally on 5th October since 1994.
- The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, take stock of achievements, and draw attention to the voices of teachers, who are at the heart of efforts to attain the global education target of leaving no one behind.
- In 2020, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the theme "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future".

18. Ans. D.

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched a financial inclusion and literacy initiative called 'Gram Sampark Abhiyan' to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The nationwide campaign was launched by Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The campaign is centred on four key themes: digital, credit, social security and financial literacy, that will encapsulate various activities and prescribes the cherished theme of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

19. Ans. C.

* Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched a mega anti-air pollution campaign 'Yudh Pradushan ke Virudh', saying polluted air can be life threatening in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

* Under the campaign separate detailed plans have been prepared for each of the 13 pollution hotspots identified in the city.

* The chief minister said one of the major reasons for high levels of pollution in Delhi and nearby areas is stubble burning.

* As part of the campaign, the state will be using a technology developed by Pusa Agriculture Institute to curb the menace of stubble burning.

20. Ans. C.

* The 2020 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to Harvey J. Alter, Michael Houghton and Charles M. Rice "for the discovery of Hepatitis C virus," the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet announced in Stockholm, Sweden.

* The trio's work helped explain a major source of blood-borne hepatitis that couldn't be explained by the hepatitis A and B viruses.

21. Ans. C.

* The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr Jitendra Singh has released a Coffee Table Book on "Discovering the Heritage of Assam", written by Padampani Bora and having foreword by Amitabh Bachchan.

* The book depicts the heritage, faith, beliefs and traditions of different ethnic tribes and subtribes living in Assam, the

largest State of the North Eastern Region.

* The book by Padampani Bora will help to understand the grand splendour and glory of the undiscovered facets of Assam.

22. Ans. B.

- On the occasion of the 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia has launched the coffee-table book titled "Babu – The Unforgettable" over the virtual event.

- This virtual event was organised by the Delhi Archives & Department of Art, Culture and Language, Government of Delhi.

- The department also organised a webinar on "Footprints of Gandhi Ji in Delhi".

- The book "Bapu – The Unforgettable" will make the readers think and provide a glimpse of the ideology and philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi.

- The book also holds several untouched aspects of history, rare photographs, epigraphs and other details about Delhi.

23. Ans. C.

- Nobel Prize in Physics awarded to Roger Penrose, Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez for black hole research.

- The Prize in Physics 2020 was divided, one half awarded to Roger Penrose for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity.

- The other half jointly to Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez for the

discovery of a supermassive compact object at the centre of our galaxy.

- The Nobel Prize in Physics is awarded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

24. Ans. B.

- Indian Olympic quota winner Yashaswini Singh Deswal won the 10m air pistol event in the fifth edition of the International Online Shooting Championship (IOSC).

- The second place was grabbed by Ahmed Nabil of Egypt while his compatriot Yehya Shams took the third place. Sylvia Steiner, an Olympic quota winner for Austria, settled for the fourth place.

25. Ans. D.

- Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year by the Indian Air Force on 8th of October. This year Indian Air Force celebrated its 88th anniversary.

- Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932 by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force.

- The name was changed to Indian Air Force in 1950.

26. Ans. C.

- The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna "for the development of a method for genome editing".

- The Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

27. Ans. D.

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- Afghanistan right-handed batsman, **Najeeb Tarakai** passed away in a road accident.
- He played 12 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) for Afghanistan, after making his international debut in the 2014 T20 World Cup.
- He played his only one-day international against Ireland in 2017.

28. Ans. C.

- Russia successfully tested a new hypersonic anti-ship cruise missile Tsirkon.
- The Tsirkon missile was fired from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate in the White Sea in the Russian Arctic and successfully hit its target.
- Russia boasts of developing a number of "invincible" weapons that surpass existing systems and include Sarmat intercontinental missiles and Burevestnik cruise missiles.
- The first Avangard hypersonic missiles were put into service in December last year.

29. Ans. D.

- World Post Day is observed on 9th October every year.
- The purpose of World Post Day is to create awareness of the role of the postal sector in people's and businesses' everyday lives and its contribution to the social and economic development of countries.
- World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.

- It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.

30. Ans. C.

- Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri, the Malayalam poet who was popularly known as Akkitham passed away recently.
- The noted poet had also received the 55th Jnanpith Award last year. He even received a Padma Shri for his critical essays and short stories.
- Akkitham also won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1973.
- He became a household name in the 1950s when his work Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam, a khandakavya, which is one of the first modernist poems of Malayalam literature, gained popularity.
- It even won the Sanjayan Award in 1952.

31. Ans. B.

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project to carry out a reform agenda in the governance of school education, and improve data and assessment systems at the national level, as well as teaching and learning outcomes in six States, especially for early childhood and vocational education.
- The project will have a total project cost of ₹5,718 crore, with the World Bank's support amounting to about ₹3,700 crore (\$500 million).
- A major component of the project is the establishment of PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic

Development) as a National Assessment Centre.

- Included in the National Education Policy 2020, this autonomous institution under the Union Education Ministry will set norms for student assessment and evaluation for all school boards across the country, most of which currently follow norms set by State governments.

- It will also guide standardised testing to monitor learning outcomes at the State and national levels, according to the NEP.

32. Ans. A.

- Renowned Kuchipudi dancer, Shobha Naidu passed away.

- Her major achievements include choreography and presentation of Ballets Vipranarayana, Kalyana Srinivasam and many others, in which she was the main protagonist and portrayed various roles like Satyabhama, Devadevaki, Padmavathi, Mohini, Sai Baba, and Goddess Parvati which won her great appreciation.

- Some of the famous awards won by her includes, Padma Shri in 2001, Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1991.

33. Ans. C.

- World Students' Day is observed every year on 15 October to mark the birth anniversary of former President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

- This year marks the 89th birth anniversary of the former president and 'Missile Man' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

- In 2010 the United Nations declared 15 October "World Students' Day", due to Kalam's love for students and who himself was a dedicated teacher and

identified himself foremost in that role before anything else.

34. Ans. B.

- The International Day of Rural Women is observed globally on 15 October each year. The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall well-being.

- In India, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare observes the day as the Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas since 2016, to increase the active participation of women in agriculture.

- The theme for this International Day of Rural Women is "Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19," to create awareness of these women's struggles, their needs, and their critical and key role in our society.

35. Ans. A.

- The Central Government has formulated a panel of secretaries under cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba to streamline telecom spectrum allocation process and examine the possibility of making the auction of spectrum an annual calendar event.

- The panel comprises the secretaries of home, defence, railways, telecom, Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and department of space.

- The decision regarding formulation of the panel has been made on the lines of telecom sector demand for the requirement of a clear road map for auctioning spectrum enabling them to plan and allocate resources efficiently.

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• In the past 10 years, the government has auctioned spectrum six times viz. 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 but there is no clarity on the frequency of future airwaves sale.

36. Ans. D.

* The Nobel Prize for Economics, 2020 was awarded to Paul R Milogrom and Robert B Wilson.

* They were awarded for improvements to Auction Theory and also for inventing new auction formats.

* The prize is also called Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

* The theory formulated by Milgrom allowed calculating common and private values that vary from bidder to bidder.

* The prize has been awarded 51 times to 84 Laureates between 1969 and 2019. By rule, nobel prize cannot be shared by more than three laureates.

* The Nobel Economic Prize was established in 1968 by a donation from the central bank of Sweden Sveriges Riksbank to the Nobel Foundation.

* It is not one of the prizes that were established by Alfred Nobel in 1895. But still It is administered and referred to Nobel Prize.

37. Ans. B.

* The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tested the Rustom-2 medium altitude long endurance indigenous prototype drone. It achieved 8 hours offlying at an altitude of 16,000 feet at Chitradurga in Karnataka.

* Note:Rustom-2 is capable of carrying different combinations of payloads,

which includes electronic intelligence systems, situational awareness systems and also synthetic apertureradar.

38. Ans. B.

* A toll-free government helpline for mental health "Mann Samvad" was launched by Health Minister Raghu Sharma in Rajasthan.

* The helpline 1800-180-0018 launched by the state government to continuously strengthening mental health services during the coronavirus period.

* The facility of free tele-counselling is being provided to patients with mental health issues that through the helpline.

39. Ans. C.

* In the country's first and unique drive, the Goa Agriculture department has collaborated with the Postal Department to enroll 11,000 farmers, eligible to avail the benefit of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN), under which small and marginal farmers get up to Rs 6,000 per year as minimum income support.

* Three equal installments of Rs 2,000 each every four months are transferred into the farmers account. The scheme defines family as husband, wife and minor children.

* The local postman who we are used to seeing bringing mail to our doorstep so far will come to fill the form for the 11,000 farmers in the state who are eligible for this scheme as per the department records.

40. Ans. D.

* The World Economic Forum (WEF) said it will hold its Annual Meeting 2021 in Lucerne-Burgenstock, Switzerland,

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from May 18 to 21, as against the traditional venue of ski resort town Davos in January-end.

* The change in schedule and venue was necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

41. Ans. A.

* India successfully test fired its first tactical anti radiation missile "Rudram 1".

* The supersonic-capable missile can be launched at speeds ranging from 0.6 mach to 2 mach, i.e., twice the speed of sound.

* IT can be launched from a height of 500m to 15 km. Rudram-1 is India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile.

42. Ans. D.

* Nobel Committee has awarded 2020 Nobel Peace Prize to World Food Programme for its efforts to combat hunger, contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas & for efforts to prevent use of hunger as weapon of war & conflict.

* The award comes with a 10-million krona (\$1.1 million) cash prize and a gold medal to be handed out at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on December 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death. This year's ceremony will be scaled down due to the pandemic.

43. Ans. A.

* The Defence Research Development Organization test fired the Nirbhay Cruise Missile. The missile that had the capability to hit targets at 1000 metre distance failed due to technical snag.

* The missile developed engine problems within 8 minutes of its launch.

* Nirbhay was the tenth missile to be fired by India in the last 35 days.

* This says that India is firing an average of one missile in every four days. This is a response to mobilisation of troops and support elements by China in the Ladakh region.

* The missile tested uses Manik Engine. It is a Turbo Fan Engine.

44. Ans. C.

* The National Maritime foundation of India and Taiwan Asia Exchange Foundation recently signed a memorandum of understanding to foster cooperation in the Indo-pacific region.

* The two groups are major think tanks of the countries.

* The think tanks will set up a joint task force to deepen the bilateral dialogue in the Indo-pacific region. They will also conduct joint Research and expand cooperation.

* The Asia exchange Foundation is waiting for the covid-19 travel restrictions to get over in order to send a delegation to India to hold direct talks. The foundation is the organiser of the Yushan Forum.

* Taiwan recently named India as one of its new south bound policy target countries.

45. Ans. D.

* The Global Hunger Index 2020 was released, it is jointly prepared by Welhunger life and Concern Worldwide.

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* As per the report, India ranked 94th among 107 countries.

* According to the report India has the highest prevalence of wasted children under five years in the world, which reflects acute undernutrition.

* India's rank is lower than its neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (73), Bangladesh (75), Myanmar (78) and Pakistan (88).

46. Ans. C.

* Asan Conservation Reserve has become Uttarakhand's first Ramsar site.

* The Reserve is located on the banks of Yamuna river near Dehradun district in Garhwal region of the Himalayan state.

* Ramsar declares Asan Conservation Reserve as a site of international importance.

* With this, the number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 38, the highest in South Asia.

* Asan is home to many rare and endangered species like the Ruddy Shelduck, Red Crested Pochard, among others.

47. Ans. D.

* US retains top position in Asia Power Index for 2020 of Sydney-based Lowy Institute; followed by China, Japan and India

* China is closing in on the U.S. as the most powerful country influencing the Asia-Pacific, as America's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic tarnishes its reputation

* While America retained its place as the region's top superpower, its 10-

point lead on China two years ago has been halved, according to the Sydney-based Lowy Institute's Asia Power Index for 2020, which ranks 26 nations and territories.

* India's power score came down to 39.7 this year compared to 41.0 in 2019, leaving it marginally shy of the major power threshold of 40 points.

48. Ans. A.

* Member of Parliament and author Shashi Tharoor is set to release his new book titled 'The Battle Of Belonging' in November 2020.

* The book is published by Aleph Book Company.

* The book is about nationalism, patriotism, citizenship, belonging and what they really mean.

* Tharoor has written many books, mostly nonfiction like the upcoming book, and a novel.

* His most recently published is 'Tharoorosaurus' a vocabulary book that released in September 2020.

49. Ans. D.

- The World Statistics Day is observed globally on 20 October.

- This year the third edition of the day was celebrated 2020.

- The celebration of World Statistics Day 2020 is a global collaborative endeavour, organized under the guidance of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

- The World Statistics Day 2020 theme "Connecting the world with data we can trust."

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- This theme reflects the importance of trust, authoritative data, innovation and the public good in national statistical systems.

50. Ans. C.

- The World Osteoporosis Day (WOD) is observed globally on 20 October.

- The day is celebrated to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease.

- WOD is organized by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), by the launch of a year-long campaign with a specific theme.

- In 2020 the Global WOD Campaign theme is "THAT'S OSTEOPOROSIS", highlighting emotionally impactful visuals and stories of real people living with osteoporosis in all regions of the world.

51. Ans. B.

- In Badminton, former World Champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan clinched the Denmark Open 2020 title beating three-time world champion Carolina Marin in women's singles.

- In the men's singles final, world number seven Anders Antonsen of Denmark defeated his compatriot Rasmus Gemke.

52. Ans. D.

- The Government of India announced that the Australian Navy will join the Malabar exercise that is to be conducted in November 2020.

- This means that all the four Quad countries are to participate in the exercise.

- The countries to participate in the exercise are Japan, India and US.

- In the process of seeking international cooperation in maritime security domain, India had sought Australia to participate in the exercise. The exercise is to be held in "non-contact at sea" format.

- The Malabar Exercise was initially held between the Indian and US Navy. The exercise begun in 1992. Japan joined the exercise and became a permanent member in 2015. In 2018, India rejected the participation of Australia in the exercise. This was done to avoid posturing the exercise as a military group against China.

53. Ans. C.

- India successfully test fired the Stand-Off Anti-Tank Missile called SANT.

- It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization for the Indian Air Force. The missile was test fired at the Chandipur test range.

- The missile has both lock-on before launch and lock-on after launch capabilities.

- SANT missile is a variant of Nag missile. The other variants of Nag missile are Helina (or Dhruvastra) and MP-ATGM. SANT is an upgraded version of HELINA. It was successfully tested in Pokhran in November 2018. This upgraded version of the Nag Missile has a nose-mounted active radar homing seeker with an extended range of 15 to 20 km.

- HELINA is usually referred to as upgraded SANT.

54. Ans. A.

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- Japan and Vietnam signed agreements to ensure “free and open Indo-Pacific”. Also, the agreement will allow Japan to export its defence equipment to Vietnam.
- Recently, the QUAD grouping held in Tokyo, reaffirmed the significance of “free and open Indo-Pacific” and raised concerns over increasing Chinese influence in the region.
- The agreement between Japan and Vietnam will add to QUAD decisions in the region. The United States has invited the ASEAN countries to join QUAD grouping.
- The current members of QUAD are India, Japan, US and Australia.

55. Ans. D.

- Uttar Pradesh attracted the highest number of domestic tourists in the country in 2019 with a share of 23.1 per cent travellers visiting the state.
- According to the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020, 53,58,55,162 domestic tourists visited the state in 2019.
- The state bagged the third spot in terms of the arrival of foreign tourists. As many as 47,45,181 foreign tourists visited UP in the same year.

56. Ans. B.

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) and the NITI Aayog have set up a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) that will work on addressing societal challenges around areas like agriculture and healthcare through digital innovation.
- The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center is the first AWS CIC in India, and the first such

centre that has been set up at a national level.

- It has such centres across countries like Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, South Korea, and the US, including one in partnership with the University of British Columbia.

57. Ans. A.

- Leading commodity bourse MCX has launched futures trading in real-time Base Metals Index 'METLDEX'.
- The Base Metals Index will track real-time performance of a basket of MCX Base Metal (near month) futures that includes zinc, copper, nickel, lead, and aluminium.
- Index trading will facilitate instant portfolio diversification and encourage passive, thematic elements in portfolios.
- The Index will soon emerge as a new real time barometer for Indian metal industry.

58. Ans. C.

- NASA has awarded Nokia of the US \$14.1 million to deploy a 4G cellular network on the moon.
- The grant is part of \$370 million worth of contracts signed under NASA's "Tipping Point" selections, meant to advance research and development for space exploration.
- The system could support lunar surface communications at greater distances, increased speeds and provide more reliability than current standards.

59. Ans. B.

- Pakistan speedster Umar Gul announced that he will retire from all

forms of cricket after the end of the ongoing National T20 Cup.

- Gul is probably most noted for his success in T20 cricket with Pakistan and he was the leading wicket-taker at both the 2007 and 2009 World Twenty20 tournaments.

- From 47 Test matches, Gul took 163 wickets at an average of 34.06. He also claimed 179 wickets from 130 ODIs, besides 85 wickets from 60 T20Is.

60. Ans. C.

- Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) for Shipping, Mansukh Mandaviya e-launched the development of Indigenous Software solution for Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and Vessels Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS) in New Delhi.

- The launch of indigenous software is in line with Prime Minister's Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission.

- The indigenous VTS and VTMS software will help in determining the position of shipping Vessels, position of other traffic and other meteorological hazard warnings, and traffic management within a port or waterway.

- The Indigenous Software has been developed by Director General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL), and National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai.

- The Indigenous software will pave the way for 'Made for the World' Vessel Traffic Management Systems.

- Ministry of Shipping has sanctioned an amount of INR 10 Crore to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Chennai

for development of Indigenous VTS software solutions.

September 2020

1. Which state government has launched the "Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana" of the state transport department?

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

2. Which state government has approved the 'Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020' to allow free bus travel to two members of the family of the deceased to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the Ganga in Haridwar?

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

3. World Pharmacist Day is observed globally every year on which date?

- A. 20th September
- B. 23rd September
- C. 24th September
- D. 25th September

4. India's first Coast Guard academy will be established in which of the following cities?

- A. Mangaluru
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Indore

5. By which year Indian Railways is planning to complete 100% electrification of broad-gauge routes?

- A. 2020
- B. 2022
- C. 2023
- D. 2024

6. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched a National Conservation Strategy for which of the following animals?

- A. Blackbuck
- B. Great Indian bustard
- C. Barasingha
- D. One-Horned Rhinoceros

7. Who has been awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education?

- A. Dr. Harsvardhan
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. M Venkaiah Naidu

8. Who has authored the book titled "Kitchens of Gratitude"?

- A. Sanjeev Kapoor
- B. Vikas Khanna
- C. Kunal Kapur
- D. Ranveer Brar

9. Which aviation company to launch World's first Commercial Hydrogen aircraft by 2035?

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. Lockheed Martin
- D. United Technologies

10. Who among the following has won the men's singles title at the 2020 US Open tournament?

- A. Daniil Medvedev
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Dominic Thiem
- D. Stefanos Tsitsipas

11. On which date Hindi Diwas is celebrated to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India?

- A. 12th September
- B. 13th September
- C. 14th September
- D. 15th September

12. An Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (IGRAMS) has been launched in which state/UTs?

- A. Puducherry
- B. Ladakh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Haryana

13. 'Streets for People' challenge has been launched by which entity?

- A. Union Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Ministry
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- D. Ministry of Finance

14. Which state government has launched 'GARIMA' scheme to ensure the economic safety and social dignity of core sanitation workers in the state?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. West Bengal
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Odisha

15. Who has been appointed as the celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign titled as 'For Every Child' by UNICEF?

- A. Ranveer Kapoor
- B. Ayushmann Khurrana
- C. Bhumi Pednekar
- D. Kriti Sanon

16. Who has been appointed as new Executive Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila?

- A. Subhash Kamath
- B. Preeti Sudan
- C. Vinkesh Gulati
- D. Sameer Kumar Khare

17. Who has been appointed as Executive Director at World Bank in Washington DC?

- A. Rajesh Khullar
- B. Rajiv Srivastava
- C. Ashwini Bhatia
- D. Sameer Kumar Khare

18. Who has been elected as the new Chief of Japan's ruling, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Prime Minister-designate of the country?

- A. Taro Aso
- B. Yoshihide Suga
- C. Takaichi Sanae
- D. Hashimoto Seiko

19. The Thomas and Uber Cup 2020 was postponed to next year by the Badminton World Federation, the tournament was scheduled to be held in which country?

- A. Belgium
- B. Sweden
- C. Norway

D. Denmark

20. Recently, a team of researchers found traces of phosphine gas, that is associated with the living organisms which on Earth, on which planet?

- A. Mercury
- B. Venus
- C. Mars
- D. Jupiter

21. Who has authored the book titled "My Life in Design"?

- A. Malaika Arora
- B. Madhuri Dixhit
- C. Gauri Khan
- D. Farah Khan

22. Abraham Accord, which is the first Arab-Israeli peace deal in 26 years has been signed which three countries?

- A. Israel, UAE, Syria
- B. Israel, Oman, Bahrain
- C. Israel, UAE, Bahrain
- D. Israel, Yemen, Iraq

23. Cyclone 'Sally' hits which of the following countries?

- A. USA
- B. England
- C. Maldives
- D. Mauritius

24. The United Nations observes International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer every year on which date?

- A. 12th September
- B. 14th September
- C. 16th September

D. 10th September

25. Which International organization has launched a new publication, "The Little Book of Green Nudges" for university students?

- A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- C. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- D. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

26. Which state government has launched 'I Rakhwali' app for Environment Protection?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Punjab
- D. Haryana

27. Which of the following Universities has developed the 'EnglishPro' mobile app that was launched by the Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank?

- A. Banaras Hindu University- BHU Varanasi
- B. Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- D. Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad

28. The petitioner of a historic case, Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala, Kesavananda Bharati passed away recently, he was chief pontiff of which Mutt/temple?

- A. Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Edneer Mutt, Kasaragod

C. Attukal Bhagavathy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram
D. Udiyanoor Devi Temple, Thiruvananthapuram

29. Which among the following is not in the top ten states under State Reform Action Plan 2019?

- A. Andhra Pradesh,
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Odisha

30. International Literacy Day (ILD) is being observed every year across the world on 8 September to emphasize the importance of literacy to individuals, society and communities. What was the theme of the 55th International Literacy Day 2020?

- A. "Literacy and Multilingualism to overcome from COVID-19 crisis"
- B. "Literacy and Multinationalism to overcome from COVID-19 crisis"
- C. "Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond"
- D. "Literacy, learning and teaching during COVID-19 crisis and beyond"

31. Which country will host the G20 Education Ministers Meeting to be held at the end of 2020?

- A. Indian
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Argentina
- D. Brazil

32. Which helpline has been launched by the Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry for mental health rehabilitation?

- A. KIRAN
- B. CHAMPION

C. SANCHAR
D. SANVAD

33.The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested a Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) with the ability to travel at _____ the speed of sound.

- A. two times
- B. three times
- C. four times
- D. six times

34.Who has been appointed as the president of All India Tennis Association (AITA)?

- A. Shahnawaz Husain
- B. Anil Jain
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Ramdas Agarwal

35.First ever Cannabis medicine project will be setup in which state/UT?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Assam

36.Which state government has constituted a seven-member high-level committee to study the National Education Policy of the Centre and to make recommendations?

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

37.With which country and eight companies of that country the Andhra

Pradesh government has signed MoUs in the food processing sector?

- A. Australia
- B. Germany
- C. Japan
- D. The Netherlands

38.Which city tops the list of destinations for a career in Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

- A. Chennai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Mumbai
- D. Bengaluru

39.Which state government has signed \$82 million loan agreement with the World Bank for the implementation of the State Roads Transformation Project?

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

40.Which renewable power company of India has been ranked as World's Largest Solar Power Generation Asset Owner in terms of operating, under-construction and awarded projects by the Mercom Capital?

- A. Loom Solar
- B. Vikram Solar
- C. Tata Solar
- D. Adani Green Energy Ltd

41.Which became the first Indian Dairy Company to enter Rabobank's Annual listing of Global Dairy Top 20 Companies of 2020?

- A. Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation

- B. Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt Ltd
- C. Mehsana District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd
- D. Parag Milk Foods Ltd

42. Which three countries have to launch a trilateral Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in the Indo-Pacific region?

- A. India-Indonesia-Singapore
- B. India-Australia-Japan
- C. India-Australia-USA
- D. India-Vietnam-Philippines

43. Which state government has launched AMA SAHAR and SWACHHA SAHAR web app?

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

44. Which Investment Bank will invest € 650 million for the first metro line of Kanpur?

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

45. Which Paramilitary forces of India has created and launched an in-house mobile Application (app), 'Pensioners Corner' to get in touch with the pensioners and to bring them to the digital platform as a one stop solution?

- A. CISF
- B. BSF
- C. CRPF
- D. ITBP

46. Which state government has launched 'Major Dhyan Chand Vijaypath Yojana' scheme under which 19 International Players will get road connectivity to their homes?

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

47. Who has been re-elected as the President of African Development Bank?

- A. Jin Liqun
- B. Akinwumi Adesina
- C. Werner Hoyer
- D. Ahamad Mohamed Ali Al Madani

48. The Union Government is planning to come up with Mega Bamboo Industrial Park in which place?

- A. Katra
- B. Samba
- C. Ghati
- D. Shivsagar

49. Veteran politician and former President of India, Pranab Mukherjee passed away recently, which of the following post he did not serve?

- A. Leader of the Lok Sabha
- B. External Affairs Minister
- C. Home Minister
- D. Finance Minister

50. What is the name of the remote-controlled medical trolley developed by the Indian Railway to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients?

- A. MEDYAN
- B. MEDBOT
- C. SEWABOT

D. SEWAYANB

51.The publication of "Ease of Doing Business" report has stopped by which organization to probe data collection irregularities in the annual ranking of countries' business and investment climates?

- A. International Monetary Fund
- B. World Trade Organization
- C. World Economic Forum
- D. World Bank

52.Mustapha Adib has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Lebanon
- B. Syria
- C. Yemen
- D. Egypt

53.Which country is providing an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of an amount of approx. Rs. 3,500 crores to India to fight COVID-19?

- A. South Korea
- B. Singapore
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

54.Who becomes the first Divyanga sportsperson of the country to get the prestigious Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award 2020?

- A. Devendra Jhajharia
- B. Mariyappan Thangavelu
- C. Satyendra Singh Lohia
- D. Deepa Malik

55.Which Indian International Airport has won the 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit'

awards at the 21st National Awards for 'Excellence in Energy Management'?

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

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

- The Chief Minister of Assam, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the "Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana" of the state transport department.
- Under the scheme, Light Motor Vehicle Service would be launched in all the villages of the state to improve rural connectivity and generate employment in the villages.
- One vehicle would be provided to one beneficiary per village.

2. Ans. D.

- The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot has approved the Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation's scheme called 'Moksha Kalash Yojana-2020'.
- This Moksha Kalash Yojana aims to allow free bus travel to two members of the family of the deceased to immerse ashes of their loved ones in the Ganga in Haridwar.

3. Ans. D.

- World Pharmacist Day is observed globally on 25th September every year. This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health.

- The day was an initiative of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) along with the council of this organization.

- This year's theme is "Transforming global health".

4. Ans. A.

- India's first Coast Guard academy will be established at Mangaluru.

- Around 158 acres Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) land has been taken over for setting up ICG Academy.

5. Ans. C.

- Railways has planned for 100 per cent electrification of its broad gauge routes by 2023 said by the Railway Minister Piyush Goyal.

- Around 63 per cent broad gauge lines have already been electrified out of a total 63,631 route kilometers as on 1st of April this year. A total of 23,765 route kilometre lines are yet to be electrified in the country.

6. Ans. D.

- Union minister for environment, forest and climate change Prakash Javadekar has launched a National Conservation Strategy for Indian one-horned rhino on the occasion of World Rhino Day.

- The conservation initiatives for rhino has also enriched the grassland management which help in reducing the negative impacts of climate change through carbon sequestration.

- India is home to the largest number of greater one-horned rhinoceros in the world with a population in the range of 3000 animals in Assam, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.

7. Ans. C.

- Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi has been awarded the Ig Nobel Prize 2020 for Medical Education.

- He has been awarded the prestigious award for "using the COVID-19 pandemic to teach the world that politicians can have a more immediate effect on life and death than scientists and doctors can".

- PM Modi is the second Indian Prime Minister to be honoured with the Ig Nobel Prize. Prior to this, Atal Bihari Vajpayee was awarded in 1998.

- He jointly won the Ig Nobel Peace Prize with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan for aggressively peaceful explosions of atomic bombs.

8. Ans. B.

- Michelin Star chef Vikas Khanna announced his next book titled "Kitchens of Gratitude".

- In this book he will write about his Feed India initiative, one of the world's largest food drives serving meals to the underprivileged amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, said by publishing house Penguin Random House India.

- The book, "Kitchens of Gratitude", will be released in 2021 under the 'Ebury Press' imprint.

9. Ans. B.

- The aviation company airbus launched three concepts for the first zero emission commercial aircraft. Their

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aircraft is to enter into service by 2035.

- The three concepts of the company has been introduced under the code name ZEROe. The concept of are as follows:
- Turbofan design. It can accommodate 120 to 200 passengers and can fly at a range of 2000 plus nautical miles.
- Blended wing body design. This type can accommodate up to 200 passengers. Here the wings merge with the main body of the aircraft.
- Turboprop design. This type of aircraft can accommodate up 200 passengers. It is capable of travelling at a speed of 1000 + nautical miles. They are perfect for short haul trips.

10. Ans. C.

- Austria's Dominic Thiem defeated Alexander Zverev to win the men's singles title at the 2020 US Open tournament.
- It was Thiem's first Grand Slam title, and he becomes the first player in the Open Era to rally from two sets down in a US Open final.
- Thiem is also the first player to capture a Grand Slam title from two sets down since Gaston Gaudio at 2004 French Open.
- For the first time in six years, there was a first-time Grand Slam champion at the US Open.

11. Ans. C.

- Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14 every year to celebrate the language and to commemorate the event when it was adopted as one of the official languages of India.

- The Constituent Assembly of India had, in 1949, recognised and adopted Hindi — an Indo-Aryan language written in the Devanagari script — as the official language of the newly-formed nation.

- Hindi is one of the two official languages of the Union government — the other being English.

- It is one of the 22 scheduled languages of the Republic of India.

12. Ans. C.

- This is launched on pilot basis for Jammu, Srinagar, and Reasi districts.

- The system will replace the current portal launched by the government in 2018.

- This is the first UT that will be linked to the central government system—CPGRAMS.

- The move comes at a time when a sense of disconnection and alienation has been growing among the people, especially in the Kashmir Valley, which has remained on edge ever since J&K's special status was revoked last year.

13. Ans. A.

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0, along with the 'Streets for People Challenge' under the Smart Cities Mission.

- The objective of CSCAF is to provide a clear roadmap for cities towards combating Climate Change while planning and implementing their actions, including investments.

- The framework has 28 indicators across five categories namely; (i)

Energy and Green Buildings, (ii) Urban Planning, Green Cover & Biodiversity, (iii) Mobility and Air Quality, (iv) Water Management and (v) Waste Management.

- The Climate Centre for Cities under National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is supporting MoHUA in implementation of CSCAF.

14. Ans. D.

- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched 'GARIMA' scheme to ensure the economic safety and social dignity of core sanitation workers in the state.

- The scheme has been allocated total cost of Rs 50 crore

- State Housing and Urban Development department will be the scheme's implementing agency in all the 114 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Odisha.

- The scheme will benefit around 20,000 core sanitation workers and their families.

15. Ans. B.

- Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana has been appointed as celebrity advocate for children's rights campaign titled as 'For Every Child' by UNICEF

- He will support UNICEF towards ending violence against children, by working towards this initiative in India.

- After his appointed, Ayushman Khurrana joins the like of former football star David Beckham who is working on this campaign globally.

- UNICEF's HQs: New York, US.

16. Ans. D.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Sameer Kumar Khare as new Executive Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila.

- Khare is a 1989-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Assam cadre. He is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs under Ministry of Finance.

- He has been appointed to the post for a tenure of three years with effect from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

17. Ans. A.

- A 1988 batch IAS officer, Rajesh Khullar has been appointed as Executive Director at World Bank in Washington DC.

- The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Rajesh Khulla for a tenure of three years from the date of assumption of charge or till the date of his superannuation (August 23, 2023).

- Khullar is currently posted as principal secretary to chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar. He will join the World Bank in the first week of November.

- As executive director, Khullar will represent India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka in the World Bank.

18. Ans. B.

- Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary, Yoshihide Suga has been elected as the new Chief of country's ruling, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Prime Minister-designate of Japan.

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- The 71-year-old will assume charge of the office from 16 September 2020.
- Suga received maximum votes of 377 of the 534 valid votes in the Party election, held to pick a successor to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who announced in August 2020 that he would resign due to health problems.

19. Ans. D.

- The Thomas and Uber Cup in Denmark was postponed to next year by the Badminton World Federation following a wave of withdrawals by top teams due to the raging COVID-19 pandemic.
- India had announced both the men's and women's squads for the prestigious event which was scheduled to be held in Aarhus, Denmark from October 3 to 11.
- However, after Indonesia and South Korea on Friday joined Thailand, Australia, Chinese Taipei and Algeria in pulling out due to the dreaded disease, the sport's governing body held a virtual emergency council meeting.

20. Ans. B.

- Recently, a team of experts while observing the Venus found that the atmosphere of Venus contains traces of phosphine gas.
- Phosphine gas is associated with the living organisms which on Earth.
- The team used telescopes in Hawaii and Chile's Atacama Desert in order to observe the upper cloud deck of Venus which is around 60 km from the surface.
- They detected traces of phosphine, flammable gas that occurs on Earth from the breakdown of organic matter.

21. Ans. C.

- Interior designer, Gauri Khan has authored her first book titled "My Life In Design", which will be published by Penguin Random House India in 2021.
- It is a coffee-table book, in which Gauri has written about her journey as a designer.
- The book will feature unseen pictures of her interior design projects, family and residence. She will also talk about her design philosophy and style.
- The book will be very visually appealing with exclusive pictures and information that guide aspiring designers or those who are just generally interested in the art of design.

22. Ans. C.

- Israel, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain signed the historic Abraham Accord, which is the first Arab-Israeli peace deal in 26 years.
- This was hosted by the US President Donald Trump.
- The UAE was represented by Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed and Bahrain by Foreign Minister Abdullatif Al Zayani.
- The Arab Accord — essentially bilateral agreements with Israel — does not mention the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

23. Ans. A.

- Hurricane Sally moved slowly closer to the U.S. Gulf Coast, threatening historic floods as rain and storm-force winds started lashing the shore, and governors of four states urged people to flee the coastline.

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- Sally could hit Alabama, Florida and Mississippi coasts causing massive flash flooding and storm surges of up to 7 feet in some spots.

- Its languid pace recalls 2017's Hurricane Harvey, which dumped several feet of rain over a period of days on the Houston area, causing major damage.

24. Ans. C.

- The United Nations observes 16th September every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

- The ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas which protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun and thus help in preserving life on the planet.

- The theme of the day for 2020: "Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection". It marks 35 years of the Vienna Convention.

25. Ans. B.

- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) launched a new publication, "The Little Book of Green Nudges".

- The books aimed to inspire up to 200 million students around the globe to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.

- The book is UNEP's first on behavioural science and nudge theory, which focuses on human actions and how to change them, and was drafted with The Behavioural Insights Team and GRID-Arendal.

26. Ans. C.

- To preserve and maintain the environment in Punjab and make

people stakeholders in the process, the State Government launched 'I Rakhwali' app.

- This will help netizens to become 'Greenery Saviours'.

- With this new initiative, the state govt aims to safeguard the state forest area by making people a stakeholder in this process.

- The state govt came up with the concept of the app to encourage people to come forward and contribute to the protection of the environment.

27. Ans. D.

- Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched EnglishPro, a free mobile app.

- The app is developed by the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.

- The app will help learners develop Indian English Pronunciation in the unique "Indian" way.

- This app will be "a useful digital tool" and will act as an educational resource for the teachers, students and for people from varied backgrounds.

28. Ans. B.

- Kesavananda Bharati Swamiji, was the sole unwitting petitioner in the historic Fundamental Rights case, which prevented the nation from slipping into a totalitarian regime.

- Shri Kesavananda Bharati was the chief pontiff of Edneer Mutt in Kasaragod district, Kerala, India.

- He was a follower of Smartha Bhagawatha tradition and the Advaita Vedanta school of Hindu philosophy.

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- He took Sanyasa at the age of 19 and headed the Edneer Mutt as the Peetadhipathi until his death.

- Kesavananda Bharati was a Carnatic and Hindusthani vocalist, and master of Yakshagana, an Indian art and theater form.

- He was a patron of education, Kannada culture and arts, including Yakshagana, music and dramas.

- In 1970, He had filed a case challenging the Kerala Government's attempts to acquire the Mutt's property, through the Kerala Land Reforms Act of 1963 as amended in 1969.

29. Ans. D.

- Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs has announced the 4th edition of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states.

- Ranking of various States of India on the basis of implementation of Business Reform Action Plan had started in 2015. The Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 was a comprehensive plan including 180 reform points covering 12 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, etc.

- The top ten states under State Reform Action Plan 2019 are

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Telangana
4. Madhya Pradesh
5. Jharkhand
6. Chhattisgarh

7. Himachal Pradesh

8. Rajasthan

9. West Bengal

10. Gujarat

- The lowest 3 ranks in the list belong to Odisha, Sikkim and Tripura.

30. Ans. C.

- * **International Literacy Day** is observed globally on **8th September** every year.

- * The day spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies.

- * International Literacy Day 2020 focuses on "Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond," especially on the role of educators and changing pedagogies.

- * The theme highlights literacy learning in a lifelong learning perspective, and therefore, mainly focuses on youth and adults.

31. Ans. B.

- * The Education Ministers Meeting will take place as part of the Sherpa Track for the G20 Leaders Summit 2020, which is to be hosted by Saudi Arabia at the end of 2020.

- * The Saudi Arabian Presidency has selected the following theme for the G20's 2020 activities: Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All.

- * The meet was chaired by Saudi Arabia's Education Minister Dr Hamad Al-Asheikh where India was

represented by Union Minister of Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, in the virtual mode.

32. Ans. A.

* Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry have launched a toll-free mental health rehabilitation helpline "KIRAN".

* The helpline was launched in view of the growing incidence of Mental Illness, particularly in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

* The helpline – 1800-500-0019 will provide relief and support to persons with mental illness.

* The helpline will resolve mental health issues that are related to the following namely, anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), depression, Panic Attack(s) Adjustment Disorders, suicidal thoughts, substance abuse, Post Traumatic Stress Disorders and the psychological issues & mental health emergencies induced by the pandemic.

* It will offer mental health rehabilitation services. It functions as a lifeline to provide 1st stage advice, counselling. It is available 24*7 with the Technical Coordination of BSNL.

33. Ans. D.

* Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested a Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV), which is an unmanned scramjet vehicle with the ability to travel at six times the speed of sound.

* The test was conducted from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Launch Complex at Wheeler Island, off the coast of Odisha.

* Now, India has joined the elite club of the United States, Russia and China to develop and successfully test Hypersonic Technology.

* The HSTDV tests the indigenously developed hypersonic air-breathing scramjet technology. The scramjets are a variant of air-breathing jet engines and have the ability to handle airflows of speeds much higher than the speed of sound.

* The hypersonic cruise vehicle was launched using a proven solid rocket motor, which took it to an altitude of 30 kilometres, where the aerodynamic heat shields were separated. The cruise vehicle separated from the launch vehicle and the air intake opened as planned.

34. Ans. B.

* Anil Jain, Member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha, has been elected as All India Tennis Association's (AITA) new President at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

* He was elected unanimously to lead the administration of AITA after Praveen Mahajan's tenure as AITA President came to an end this year.

* Anil Dhupar was elected as the Secretary-General and Rohit Rajpal will serve as the Treasurer of AITA.

35. Ans. A.

* Union minister Jitendra Singh announced that first-ever Cannabis Medicine Project will soon be set up in Jammu.

* Cannabis Medicine Project will be set up in collaboration with Canada and Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) in Jammu.

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* It is the first major foreign investment in Jammu and Kashmir after it became a Union Territory (UT).

36. Ans. C.

* The Tamil Nadu government has constituted a seven-member high-level committee to study the National Education Policy of the Centre and to make recommendations.

* Vice-Chancellors of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University K. Pitchumani; Alagappa University N. Rajendran; Madurai Kamaraj University M. Krishnan; and Thiruvalluvar University S. Thamarai Selvi are among the members in the panel.

* Former Vice-Chancellors of the University of Madras S.P. Thyagarajan, who has served in national academic panels, and P. Duraisamy, are the other members.

37. Ans. D.

* The state government on Friday signed MoUs with eight companies including the Netherlands government in the food processing sector.

* Representatives of seven companies from across the country and the Netherlands government signed the MoU in the presence of chief minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy.

* These companies would help farmers through the state government in the food processing sector, including harvesting, processing and packaging of fruits, vegetables, fish and aqua products.

* The Netherlands government would help the state government and the farmers in food processing, technology, packaging, containers and other areas.

38. Ans. D.

* Bengaluru tops the list of destinations for a career in AI, followed by Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, and Chennai.

* Job searches in the field have risen 106 per cent in the past year (June 2019 to June 2020), and this has increased further by 20 per cent from March to July 2020, in line with the onset of the pandemic.

* AI-related job postings have also seen a steady rise in the last two years, with a 51 per cent jump between June 2019 and June 2020.

39. Ans. C.

* World Bank and the government of Himachal Pradesh signed \$82 million loan for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project.

* The project will strengthen the transport and road safety institutions of Himachal Pradesh.

* It aims at improving the condition, safety, resilience, and engineering standards of state road network.

40. Ans. D.

• Mercom Capital ranked Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) as World's Largest Solar Power Generation Asset Owner in terms of operating, under-construction and awarded projects.

• GCL New Energy (7.1 GW), a Hong Kong-listed independent solar power producer, ranked second, followed by Tokyo-based renewable energy developer, SB Energy (7 GW).

• Mercom Capital Group is a clean energy communication consulting firm.

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- AGEL's under-construction and awarded capacity stands at 10.1 GigaWatts (GW) and its operational capacity is nearly 3 GW.
- AGEL's renewable energy portfolio stands at 12.32 GW, which exceeds the total capacity installed by the entire US solar industry in 2019.

41. Ans. A.

- Amul, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) became the first Indian Dairy Company to enter Rabobank's Annual listing of Global Dairy Top 20, 2020 Companies.
- Amul was ranked 16th with an annual turnover of USD 5.5 billion (approximately Rs 40,240 Crores). Switzerland's Nestle topped the list.
- Rabobank is a Dutch multinational banking and financial services company.
- Amul has experienced a 17% Compound Annual Growth Rate over the past decade due to growing milk collections, expanding into processing capacity, entering new markets and launching new products.
- Switzerland's Nestle topped the list with a turnover of USD 22.1 Billion, followed by France's Lactalis with USD 21 Billion turnovers.

42. Ans. B.

- India, Japan and Australia agreed to launch a trilateral Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The initiative will help in building a resilient supply chain with focus on free, transparent trade & investment environment in the region.

- Proposed by Japan and to reduce the dependency on China.
- Australia, Japan and India are part of Quadrilateral Security Dialogue which includes the U.S.

43. Ans. D.

- Odisha government has launched two citizen-centric mobile phone applications- AMA SAHAR and SWACHHA SAHAR' on the occasion of Local Self Government Day.
- With the launching of web app, the urban local bodies (ULBs) will be able to submit utilisation certificate online which will bring better fiscal management.

44. Ans. C.

- 2nd metro rail project supported by the EIB in Uttar Pradesh(UP), following the €450 million investment in Lucknow metro rail system.
- Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (UPMRC) is the promoter-Financial intermediary for this project.
- €650 million(Rs 5,551.99 crore) investment is the 5th investment of EIB in green infrastructure and connectivity in India i:e Bhopal, Pune, Bangalore and Lucknow.
- This investment will boost GOI and its Urban Development "Smart Cities Mission", as Kanpur is one of the first 100 targeted Smart Cities in the country.
- The project will also help India to achieve few UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely: SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 11 (sustainable cities) and SDG 5 (gender equality).

45. Ans. A.

* The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has created & launched an in-house mobile Application (app), 'Pensioners Corner' to get in touch with the pensioners and to bring them to the digital platform as a one stop solution.

* It will also cater to the needs of its pensioners.

* It is a part of its 'e-karyalay', an electronic office app launched in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

* Through Pensioners Corner app, the pensioners will be connected to the CISF units across the country.

* The app will have an SMS (Short Message Service) invitation system, which will notify the pensioners on important events happening at their nearest CISF unit.

46. Ans. C.

* Uttar Pradesh has launched 'Major Dhyan Chand Vijaypath Yojana' scheme under which 19 International Players will get road connectivity to their homes.

* The initial list includes 19 International Players from the state, and later on more players are expected to be added to the list.

* The list includes Indian Cricketers Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Praveen Kumar, Piyush Chawla and Mohammad Kaif.

* A road will be named after Late Cricketer and Former Cabinet Minister Chetan Chauhan.

47. Ans. B.

* African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina was re-elected for

another five-year term following a tumultuous three months that divided shareholders.

* The 60-year-old Nigerian was the sole candidate to head the continent's biggest multilateral lender, in a virtual vote as a result of the coronavirus, at the end of its two-day annual meetings.

* The run-up to the election saw the AfDB survive a corporate governance test when unidentified whistleblowers accused Adesina of helping friends and relatives get jobs and contracts from the bank.

48. Ans. C.

* The union government is planning to develop three Bamboo Clusters in Jammu, Katra and Samba areas for making of Bamboo basketry, Agarbatti and Bamboo Charcol.

* Apart from this government is also planning to set up a Mega Bamboo Industrial Park at Ghati near Jammu and Bamboo Technology Training Centre will also come up in the region.

* This was announced by the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr Jitendra Singh.

49. Ans. C.

- Leader of the Lok Sabha, the Lower House of the Indian Parliament, is the Prime Minister by default if they are a member of the Lok Sabha.

- If the Prime Minister is not a member of the Lower House of Parliament, they can nominate another minister as the Leader of the House. He was nominated as Leader of Lok Sabha by Dr. Manmohan Singh.

- He was never served as Home minister of India.

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- He hold post finance minister and External Affairs Minister Twice

- Finance minister from 1982-84 and 2004-2012

- External Affair Minister from 1995-96 and 2006-2009

- He also hold the post of Defence Minister from 2004-2006

50. Ans. B.

- Indian Railways has developed a remote-controlled medical trolley named 'MEDBOT' to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients.

- During Corona crisis, apart from providing transport facilities and essential items like foodgrains to people, Indian Railways has also provided facilities for COVID-19 patients.

- It is providing service in the Central Hospital of the Diesel Rail Engine Factory of Indian Railways.

51. Ans. D.

- World Bank has stopped the publication of its "Doing Business" report to probe data collection irregularities in the annual ranking of countries' business and investment climates.

- According to World Bank "A number of irregularities have been reported regarding changes to the data in the Doing Business 2018 and Doing Business 2020 reports, published in October 2017 and 2019".

- World Bank would conduct a systematic review of data changes in the last five Doing Business reports, and independent auditors will probe data collection and review processes.

- The last Doing Business report was published in October 2019 in which India was ranked 63rd while New Zealand was on top.

52. Ans. A.

- Mustapha Adib become the crisis-stricken Lebanon's next prime minister after getting the support of senior Sunni politicians.

- He was Lebanon's ambassador to Germany.

- Mustapha Adib was named by four former prime ministers on the eve of binding consultations between the president and parliamentary blocs on their choice for the post.

53. Ans. C.

- India will receive an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of an amount of JPY50 billion (approx. Rs. 3,500 crore) from the government of Japan.

- Japan has committed the loan for the COVID-19 Crisis Emergency Response Support in order to fight the COVID-19 crisis.

- The ODA loan will support India's efforts in its fight against COVID-19. It will also assist the country to prepare the health system to handle future epidemics. It will also increase the resilience of India's health systems against infectious diseases.

- Japanese government has also committed Grant Assistance of an amount of JPY 1 billion (approx. Rs. 70 crore) for offering medical equipment to bolster the public health and medical system in India.

54. Ans. C.

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- Para-swimmer Satyendra Singh Lohia of Madhya Pradesh is the first Divyanga Indian sportsperson of the country, who has been awarded today with the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award.
- He is also the first Asian Divyanga swimmer to cross the 42-kilometer Catalina Channel in the US in just 11 hours 34 minutes.
- Para-swimmer Satyendra Singh was also conferred with the Best Sportsperson National Award by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on World Divyanga Day.
- He has also been awarded the highest sports award of Madhya Pradesh as well as many other national and international honours.

55. Ans. A.

- The GMR led Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad won the 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' awards at the 21st National Awards for 'Excellence in Energy Management'.
- It was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Godrej Green Business Centre (GBC).
- The award was given during the 19th edition of 'Energy Efficiency Summit', Virtual Conference and Exposition on Energy Efficiency held from August 6-28, 2020.
- The 'National Awards for Excellence in Energy Management' is instituted by CII to recognize significant and innovative practices of the energy efficiency sector, for the energy efficient and sustainable growth of the Indian industry.

August 2020

1. Which football team has won the Europa League for a sixth time?

- A. Sevilla
- B. Manchester United
- C. Inter Milan
- D. Shakhtar Donetsk

2. Which state government has extended a ₹50 lakh insurance cover to private doctors who die of COVID-19?

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

3. Which state is to host the first-ever State Dragonfly Festival 2020?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Kerala
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Karnataka

4. Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of India?

- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. GP Garg
- C. Ashwani Bhatia
- D. Rakesh Asthana

5. Who has won the Women's British Open 2020 title in Golf?

- A. Jasmine Suwannapura
- B. Minjee Lee
- C. Austin Ernst
- D. Sophia Popov

6. Which football club has won the UEFA Champions League 2019-20 title?

- A. Saint-Germain
- B. Liverpool
- C. Bayern Munich
- D. Chelsea

7. The longest river ropeway of India has been inaugurated in which state of India?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

8. Which company has bagged the "Swachhta Hi Seva award" for transforming Neyveli Township into a plastic-free, green campus?

- A. NTPC
- B. NLCIL
- C. BHEL
- D. ONGC

9. Which becomes the first bank in India to use satellite data to assess the creditworthiness of farmers?

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

10. Who has authored the book titled "Who painted my lust red"?

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. SreeIyer

11. Who headed the task force constituted by the NITI Aayog that

recommended linking of Sugarcane prices to sugar rate?

- A. V K Saraswat
- B. V K Paul
- C. Ramesh Chand
- D. Bibek Debroy

12. Poulomi Ghatak was associated with which sports, who announced her retirement from the sport?

- A. Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Hockey
- D. Table Tennis

13. Who has won the first ever Gold Medal for India in Mental Calculations World Cup (MCWC)?

- A. Sunil Mehta
- B. Anjani Pratap Singh
- C. Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash
- D. Shashi Bhushan

14. Which country will host BRICS Games 2021?

- A. Russia
- B. India
- C. China
- D. South Africa

15. Who has been adjudged as the winner of the International Booker Prize 2020?

- A. Shokoofeh Azar
- B. Gabriela CabezónCámara
- C. Daniel Kehlmann
- D. Marieke Lucas Rijneveld

16. Who among the following has launched the National GIS (Geographic

Information System)-enabled Land Bank system?

- A. Piyush Goyal
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Narendra Singh Tomar

17. Indian Railways is constructing the world's tallest pier bridge across river Lajai in which of the following states?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Manipur
- D. Nagaland

18. The National Stock Exchange of India jointly developed and launched Platform for Investor Education (PIE), an online investor education resource centre with which Business school?

- A. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- B. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- C. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- D. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

19. The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed globally every year on _____.

- A. 11th August
- B. 12th August
- C. 14th August
- D. 19th August

20. Who among the following has been appointed as Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- A. Rakesh Asthana
- B. GP Garg
- C. Kaushik Khona
- D. Pramod Bhasin

21. Quality Control Lab has been set up by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in which place?

- A. Punji, Goa
- B. Porbandar, Gujarat
- C. Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

22. Who has authored the book titled "Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020"?

- A. Praveen Singh
- B. Nirupama Yadav
- C. Arjun Subramaniam
- D. Anand Shekha

23. Which of the following banks has approved a total of 1 billion USD loan to provide assistance for the construction of modern, high-speed Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System?

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

24. With the vision of going one step further towards self-reliance or "AtmaNirbhar Bharat" which ministry has launched 'Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge'?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- B. Ministry of AYUSH
- C. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- D. Ministry of Electronics and

Information Technology

25. Flipkart signed an MoU with which IIT to support the industry focused applied research in the fields like Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dhanbad

26. Legendary sportsperson Angela Buxton passed away recently; she was associated with which sports?

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

27. Indian AkshayUrja Day or Renewable Energy Day is observed on every year on which date?

- A. 13th August
- B. 16th August
- C. 18th August
- D. 20th August

28. Whose birth anniversary is celebrated as Sadbhavana Diwas or Harmony Day on 20th August every year?

- A. Inder Kumar Gujral
- B. Rajiv Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Morarji Desai

29. Famous cricketer Laura Marsh of which country has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket?

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

30. India will take part in the multilateral military "Kavkaz 2020" hosted by which country?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Tajikistan
- D. Russia

31. The Ministry of Railways has inaugurated a dedicated museum for railways in which state?

- A. Howrah, West Bengal
- B. Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Hubballi, Karnataka
- D. Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

32. Who took oath as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

- A. Mahinda Rajapaksa
- B. Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- C. Maithripala Sirisena
- D. Sajith Premadasa

33. Which Days is being celebrated very year on 12th August?

- A. International Youth Day
- B. National Handloom Day
- C. World Breastfeeding Day
- D. International Friendship Day

34. What is the theme of the International Youth Day (IYD) 2020?

- A. Safe Spaces for Youth
- B. Youth and Mental Health
- C. Youth Engagement for Global Action
- D. Youth and Civic Engagement

35. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Mauritania?

- A. Mohamed Ould Bilal
- B. Mohamed Irfaan Ali
- C. Hichem Mechichi
- D. Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi

36. Which state government has launched Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Telangana

37. Which of the following Aerospace company has successfully test fired an upper stage rocket engine "Raman"?

- A. Effiasoft
- B. Acumen Aviation
- C. Skyroot Aerospace
- D. Altran India

38. Who is the only Indian actor to be listed among the top 10 world's highest-paid actors of 2020?

- A. Salman Khan
- B. Sharukh Khan
- C. SonuSood
- D. Akshay Kumar

39. Which of the following industry bodies has organized the "India@75 Summit – Mission 2022"?

- A. Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- B. The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
- C. Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
- D. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

40. Which state government has started "Orunodoi Scheme" for women's empowerment?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Tripura

41. Who has authored the book titled "Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World".

- A. Franz Alt
- B. Yatis Yadav
- C. Dalai Lama
- D. Viral V Acharya

42. Which of the following countries is considering minting a coin to remember Mahatma Gandhi?

- A. France
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. Great Britain

43. Who has launched "Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21", a national level programme for popularizing science among school students of class sixth to Eleventh?

- A. Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- B. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Ravishankar Prasad

44. Who has authored the books titled "Siyasat Mein Sadasyata"?

- A. Nitish Kumar
- B. Sushil Modi
- C. Vijay Kumar Choudhary
- D. Ravishankar Prasad

45. The World Sanskrit Day was observed annually on which date?

- A. 1st August
- B. 2nd August
- C. 4th August
- D. Shraavan Purnima

46. Who won the British Grand Prix (GP) 2020?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Carlos Sainz

47. Who has authored the book titled "Vishesh: Code To Win"?

- A. Kadambari Murali
- B. Nirupama Yadav
- C. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- D. Sunil Chhetri

48. Who has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir?

- A. Girish Chandra Murmu
- B. R K Mathur
- C. Satya Pal Malik
- D. Manoj Sinha

49. Which of the following union territories has launched E-Gyan Mitra mobile application for online education?

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- A. Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Puducherry
- D. Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

50. 'Thenzawl Golf Resort' project has been inaugurated in which states?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Manipur
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Mizoram

51. Which of the following channel has been launched by Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar recently?

- A. DD Orissa
- B. SWAYAMPrabha
- C. DD Assam
- D. DIKSHA TV Channel

52. The 6th edition of BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting was held under whose Presidency?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Brazil
- D. Russia

53. 'E-Raksha Bandhan' awareness programme launched by Andhra Pradesh is related to which of the following?

- A. Soldiers
- B. Cybercrime
- C. Road Safety
- D. Students Grievances

54. Which of the following regulatory body will develop virtual museum for security market?

- A. SEBI
- B. SIDBI
- C. RBI
- D. National Stock Exchange

55. Who has been appointed as the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India?

- A. Manoj Sinha
- B. Hardik Satishchandra
- C. Girish Chandra Murmu
- D. Arun Kumar

56. What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries in the "FutureBrand Index 2020"?

- A. first
- B. second
- C. third
- D. fourth

57. Which state government has launched "Mukhya Mantri DoodhUphar Yojana" to provide fortified flavoured skimmed milk powder to women and children?

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

58. Which state government has launched "Shaheed Mahendra Karma TendupattaSangrahakSamajik Suraksha Yojana" for tendu leaves collectors?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Chhattisgarh

59. India's 2018 Asian Games mixed relay medal upgraded to gold after disqualification of which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bahrain
- C. Oman
- D. UAE

60. Which Indian Institute of Management (IIM) has developed a wearable hand band known as the "Veli Band" that helps in maintaining social distancing?

- A. IIM Kozhikode
- B. IIM Kolkata
- C. IIM Lucknow
- D. IIM Ahmedabad

61. Which state will host 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games after the 2021 Tokyo Olympics?

- A. Odisha
- B. Punjab
- C. Haryana
- D. Gujarat

62. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed an agreement for extending a \$400-million currency swap facility to which country till November 2020?

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

63. Which Indian city ranked 16th among the list of top 20 cities with maximum number of CCTV surveillance cameras installed in a survey done on most surveilled cities in the world by the UK-based Comparitech?

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

64. The World Hepatitis Day (WHD) is observed every year on 28th July. What is the theme of the 2020 World Hepatitis Day (WHD)?

- A. Elimination the silent killer
- B. Eliminate Hepatitis
- C. Hepatitis-Free Future
- D. Prevention of viral Hepatitis. Act now

65. India handed over 10 Railway Locomotives to which neighbouring country to bolster its Neighbourhood First Policy?

- A. Nepal
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Bhutan
- D. Myanmar

66. The Cotton Corporation of India decided to set up its own warehouse in which country to boost cotton exports?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Indonesia
- C. Malaysia
- D. Vietnam

67. The World Wildlife Crime Report 2020 is published by which of the following organizations that says that India and Thailand are the main source of (82%) of illegal shipment of tiger body parts?

- A. United Nations Environment Programme
- B. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- C. International Union for Conservation

of Nature

D. Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

- A. P Chidambaram
- B. Dr. S Jaishankar
- C. Yashwant Sinha
- D. Salman Khurshid

68. Bureau of Indian Standard's Mobile App "BIS-Care" has been launched using which the authenticity of ISI-marked and hallmarked products can be checked, BIS is working under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- B. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

69. Three hundred year old Kali temple is being reconstructed in which country with the support of India?

- A. Nepal
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. UAE

70. Which of the following institutions has launched "Dare to Dream" an innovative contest and open challenge that promotes innovators and startups in the country?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- B. Defence Research Development Organization
- C. Indian Institute of Mass Communication
- D. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

71. Who has authored the book titled "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World"?

72. Who has authored the book titled "Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India"?

- A. Viral V. Acharya
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. C Rangarajan
- D. Shaktikanta Das

73. Which state government has launched a free website 'Rozgaar Bazaar 2020', that will connect the job seekers and the recruiters on one platform?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Punjab
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Delhi

74. As per the update report on India's Tiger Survey from 2018, released by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar which state has the highest number of tigers?

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

75. What per cent of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been decided by the union government in defence sector?

- A. 24 per cent
- B. 40 per cent
- C. 49 per cent
- D. 74 per cent

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. A.

- Europa League kings Sevilla won the tournament for a record sixth time beating Inter Milan in a thrilling final in Cologne, after Diego Carlos's overhead kick deflected in off Romelu Lukaku 16 minutes from time, in a thrilling final
- Italy's wait for a first European trophy in a decade, and Inter's nine-year trophy drought, goes on after Lukaku could not stop Carlos's spectacular strike.
- It is Europe's secondary club football tournament organised by UEFA, and the 12th season since it was renamed from the UEFA Cup to the UEFA Europa League.

2. Ans. B.

- The Maharashtra government has extended ₹50 lakh insurance cover to private doctors who die of coronavirus infection during the pandemic.
- In a circular issued, director of state Health Services Dr Sadhana Tayde said the insurance cover, which is being given to doctors in government and semi- government services, has now been extended to private medical practitioners who succumb to the infection.

3. Ans. B.

- WWF-India State unit has joined hands with the Society for Odonate Studies (SOS) and Thumbipuram for the first-ever State Dragonfly Festival in Kerala.

- The festival has been christened as Thumbimahotsavam 2020.

- This is part of a national dragonfly festival being organised by the WWF India, Bombay Natural History Society & Indian Dragonfly Society in association with the National Biodiversity Board, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Development Programme and IUCN - Centre for Environment Conservation.

- 'Pantalu' is the official mascot of the festival. As part of the festival, various programmes will be rolled out in the coming months to reach out to various sections of society.

4. Ans. A.

- Former Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar was on Friday appointed as Election Commissioner by the Centre.
- Mr. Kumar has been appointed in place of Ashok Lavasa, who has resigned to join the Asian Development of Bank.
- Mr. Kumar is an ex-IAS officer of the 1984 batch of Jharkhand cadre.
- After retirement, he was appointed as Chairperson of the Public Sector Enterprises Selection Board, which selects top officials for PSUs.

5. Ans. D.

- German Golfer Sophia Popov won the Women's British Open 2020 title (rebranded as 2020 AIG Women's Open) by defeating Thailand's Jasmine Suwannapura by two strokes at Royal Troon in Scotland.
- Sophia has now become the first female golfer from Germany to win the LPGA Tour's major title.

6. Ans. C.

- German professional sports club, Bayern Munich won the UEFA Champions League 2019-20 title by defeating Paris Saint-Germain 1-0.
- The final was played in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Bayern Munich has become the first European Cup winners who won all their matches during the tournament.
- This is the sixth European Champions League title for Bayern Munich.

7. Ans. B.

- The longest river ropeway of India has been inaugurated in Assam.
- The ropeway is 1.8 Km long and connects Guwahati and North Guwahati over Brahmaputra river.
- The ropeway will be operated from KachariGhat in Guwahati to DolGovinda temple in North Guwahati.
- The new ropeway service empowered with state-of-the-art technology will decrease the travel time between Guwahati and North Guwahati.
- It is also expected to strengthen the tourism sector as it will enable people to see the landscapes of Guwahati city, mighty Brahmaputra including the Umananda Temple on Peacock island.

8. Ans. B.

- Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) NLC India Ltd (NLCIL) has bagged the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' (cleanliness is service) 2019 award, for transforming Neyveli township into a plastic-free, clean and green campus.

- The award was conferred to three units of the PSU - Township administration office (First rank), Thermal Power Station -I (second rank) and Mines Sub-stores (third rank).

- NLCIL implemented the Swachhta Hi Sevaprogramme in two phases -- the first phase from September 11 to November 2, 2019 and the second phase from October 3 to 27, 2019.

9. Ans. B.

- ICICI Bank uses satellite data to assess the creditworthiness of farmers. ICICI Bank has become the 1st bank in India to use such a technique to measure an array of parameters related to the land, irrigation and crop patterns and use it in combination with demographic and financial parameters to make quick lending decisions for farmers.
- The satellite data with demographic and financial details provides strong information on the land asset of the farmers.
- Usage of this technology will help farmers with existing credit to expand their eligibility and help new-to-credit farmers to get better access to formal credit.

10. Ans. D.

- A book titled "Who painted my lust red?" has been authored by SreeIyer. The book is something about when Bollywood meets Cricket meets Politicians.
- This is the second book in this series of SreeIyer's Money Trilogy series. The first book was "Who painted my money white?".

11. Ans. C.

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- The panel on 'Sugarcane and Sugar Industry', headed by Niti Aayog Member (Agriculture) Ramesh Chand has submitted its report.
- The Niti Aayog task force has recommended linking sugarcane prices to sugar rates to keep the industry in sound financial health.
- It has also pitched for a one-time increase in minimum sugar price to Rs 33 per kilo to help sugar mills cover the cost of production.
- The task force also recommended shifting of some areas under sugarcane cultivation to less water-intensive crops by providing suitable incentive to farmers.

12. Ans. D.

- Poulomi Ghatak, one of the most successful Indian table tennis players, who represented India at various international levels, declared retirement from her tennis career.
- Poulomi Ghatak belongs to the state of West Bengal.
- She is married to Soumyadeep Roy, a professional table tennis player in India.
- Her tennis career started in 1992 at the age of 9.
- She won three junior national championships as well as seven senior national championships between 1996 and 2016.

13. Ans. C.

- Twenty-Year old Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash Jonnalagadda of Hyderabad has bagged the first ever Gold Medal for India in Mental Calculations (MC) World Cup (MCWC) held on August 15, 2020 by Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO).

- The MSO was held virtually with 30 participants, who were upto 57 years of age. The participants were from 13 countries including the UK, Germany, UAE, France, Greece and Lebanon.
- Bhanu Prakash had secured the gold medal with a score of 167, Lebanese contender Mohammed El Mir secured the Silver Medal with a score 102 and Asmita Pal from the UAE bagged the Bronze medal with a score of 100 points.
- He has created a new All Time Record and has beaten the records of Math Maestros like Shakuntala Devi and Scott Flansburg.

14. Ans. B.

- India is planning to host BRICS Games 2021, which will be aligned with the Khelo India Games scheduled for next year.
- This announcement came after Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju attended a meeting of Sports Ministers of the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).
- India will get the chairmanship of the five-nation independent international group in 2021.
- BRICS Games 2021 will be held during the same time and at the same venues as of Khelo India Games 2021.

15. Ans. D.

- Dutch Author, Marieke Lucas Rijneveld won the International Booker Prize 2020 for her debut novel 'The Discomfort of Evening'. Rijneveld became the youngest author to win the prize at the age of 29.
- The book tells the fictional story of Jas, a girl in a devout Christian farming

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family, whose brother dies in an accident after she wishes he would die instead of her rabbit.

- The book was first published in Dutch in 2018 and eventually translated into English by Michele Hutchison.
- The £50,000 prize (\$66,000) will be split equally between the author and translator to give equal recognition to both.
- The International Booker Prize is an international literary award given annually to a book translated to English and published in the UK or Ireland.

16. Ans. A.

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched the national GIS-enabled land bank system, which will help investors to get real-time information about the availability of industrial land and resources for six states.
- The system is developed by the integration of the Industrial Information System (IIS) with State GIS systems.
- The platform will provide a database of industrial areas/clusters across the country and will serve as a one-stop solution to the free and easy accessibility of all industrial information.
- The IIS portal is a GIS-enabled database of industrial areas/clusters across the states.
- The initiative is supported by Invest India, National Center of Geo-Informatics (NCoG), National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG).

17. Ans. C.

- * Indian Railways is constructing the world's tallest pier bridge in Manipur.
- * The bridge which is being constructed across river Ijai near Noney is an engineering marvel because the tallest pier height will be 141 meter.
- * It will surpass the existing record of 139 meter of Mala - Rijeka viaduct, Montenegro in Europe.
- * The Manipur bridge is located at the hilly terrain of Marangching village in Noney district, about 65 km west of Imphal.
- * The total estimated cost of the bridge is 280 crore rupees, and it will be completed by March 2022.

18. Ans. A.

- * National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) Investor Protection Fund Trust (NSE IPFT) and Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) have jointly developed and launched Platform for Investor Education (PIE), an online investor education resource centre.
- * The PIE was launched in a virtual meet attended by Mr. Nagendra Parakh, Executive Director of SEBI, Mr. Vikram Limaye MD & CEO of NSE and Professor Rishikesh T Krishnan, Director of IIM Bangalore.
- * PIE will serve as a unique platform to impart investor education in a simpler way through video, audio and other digital media formats.

19. Ans. D.

- World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed globally on 19th August every year.

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- This day is celebrated to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service.
- This year is the 11th edition of World Humanitarian Day.
- On 19th August 2020, a global campaign with #RealLifeHeroes is going to happen to celebrate humanitarians with a THANK YOU for committing their lives in helping other people during difficult circumstances without knowing the risk and unpopularity for these deeds.
- This year World Humanitarian Day comes as the world continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic over recent months.

20. Ans. B.

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has appointed GP Garg as executive director (ED). Prior to this, he was Chief General Manager in Sebi and has handled several assignments since joining in January 1994.
- He has been closely associated with Sebi's initiatives on financial literacy and investor education in the country.

21. Ans. B.

- Quality Control Lab has been set up by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in Porbandar, Gujarat.
- The Quality Control Lab will offer tests for seafood processors as well as exporters to confirm to product safety as per international regulatory requirements.
- Quality Control Lab is empowered with advanced testing instruments to evaluate antibiotic residues, heavy-

metals, namely cadmium, lead, mercury and arsenic in seafood samples and histamine in fish such as tuna and mackerel.

22. Ans. C.

- The book titled, "Full Spectrum: India's Wars, 1972-2020" has been authored by Retired Air Vice Marshal, Arjun Subramaniam.
- It is the sequel to his 1st book, 'India's Wars: A Military History, 1947-1971'.
- The book portrays the comprehensive account of war and conflict in contemporary India over the past five decades next month. It will be published by HarperCollins Publishers India Pvt. Ltd.
- The book includes all major operation that the armed forces have participated in, including the Kargil conflict of 1999, insurgencies in the Northeast, terrorism and proxy wars in Jammu and Kashmir, separatist violence in Punjab, the Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) intervention in Sri Lanka, and the continued stress along the Line of Control(LoC)and the Line of Actual Control(LAC).

23. Ans. B.

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a total of 1 billion USD loan to provide assistance for the construction of modern, high-speed Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System.
- ADB'S finance will include the construction of railway tracks, station buildings, maintenance facilities, and traction, and power supply.
- The project aims at smoothening regional connectivity by establishing transit options across the densely

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populated sectors of the National Capital Region connecting Delhi to Meerut in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

- Delhi-Meerut RRTS is an 82-kilometer long semi high-speed rail corridor that connects Delhi and Meerut via Ghaziabad.
- The network is the first of three priority rail corridors, planned under Phase-I of the RRTS project of NCR Transport Corporation.

24. Ans. D.

- The ministry of electronics and IT of the government of India launched a contest titled 'Swadeshi Microprocessor Challenge' with the vision of going one step further towards self-reliance or "AtmaNirbhar Bharat".
- The initiative aims at designing microprocessors for the development of various technological products.
- Students from all levels and startup companies can participate in the challenge.
- Prize money of total Rs. 4.30 crore will be provided by the government in the following way.
- Total of 1 crore to 100 semi-finalists. For 25 finalists, a total of 1 crore and Rs. 2.3 crore for the top 10 teams.
- Top 10 finalists will also have incubation support for 1 year.

25. Ans. A.

- Flipkart signed a memorandum of understanding(MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna to support the industry focused applied research in the fields like Artificial Intelligence(AI), Natural Language

Processing(NLP) and Machine Learning(ML).

- This is to create industry focused applied research to support the reach of e-commerce to more consumers and sellers.
- Under this MoU, IIT Patna will undertake joint research activities, writing research papers, organising seminars, internships and mentorship opportunities.

26. Ans. C.

- Angela Buxton was former British tennis player.
- She was two-time Grand Slam doubles champion and equal rights pioneer.
- Buxton won the women's doubles alongside Althea Gibson at both Roland Garros and Wimbledon in 1956.
- Buxton also reached the singles final at Wimbledon 1956 but lost to American Shirley Fry.

27. Ans. D.

- Indian AkshayUrja Day or Renewable Energy Day is observed on 20th August every year.
- Indian AkshayUrja is observed to mark the importance of renewable energy resources in India.
- India's government is aware of the importance of development or renewable energy sources to provide the state with a sustainable amount of energy.
- It is significant to promote awareness about renewable resources among people who are ignorant about the subject.

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- Indian AkshayUrja Day was established in 2004 to support renewable energy development programs and promote its use instead of traditional sources of energy. The very first event relating to AkshayUrjaDiwas was organized in New Delhi.

28. Ans. B.

- Every year on 20th August, the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi is celebrated as SadbhavanaDiwas or Harmony Day.

- This year on 20th August 2020, we are going to celebrate the 76th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

- The Indian National Congress instituted Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award in 1992, a year after his death.

- Every year this day is celebrated in the memory of the late Rajiv Gandhi who was the youngest Prime Minister of India at the age of 40 years.

- In lieu of paying tribute to his vision for India, on this occasion contributions to society betterments are made.

29. Ans. C.

- England World Cup winner all-rounder, Laura Marsh has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket.

- She was a key member of the England Women's team that won the 2017 World Cup.

- In her international career, Marsh played 9 Tests, 103 ODIs and 67 T20Is. She managed to score 1,588 runs across all formats and also registered 217 wickets.

- The 33-year-old announced her retirement from international cricket in December and has now decided to call time on her domestic career as well.

- She made her debut for the Kent Women's team in 2003 before moving to Sussex in 2011.

30. Ans. D.

- * India will take part in the multilateral military "Russian Kavkaz 2020" strategic command-post exercise to be held in Astrakhan, Russia.

- * The Indian contingent includes 150 Army personnel and a smaller number of personnel from the Navy and Air Force.

- * The invitation for participation to Kavkaz 2020, also referred to as Caucasus-2020, has been extended to at least 18 countries including China, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey apart from other Central Asian Republics part of the SCO.

31. Ans. C.

- * The Ministry of Railways has inaugurated a dedicated museum for railways in Hubballi, Karnataka, through video conferencing.

- * This is the first of its kind museum in Northern Karnataka and second in South Western Railways after the historic railway museum at Mysore, Karnataka.

- * The main objective of the museum is to preserve and portray the glorious heritage of various branches of Railways and displays the gradual evolution of advanced systems in all spheres of Railway.

32. Ans. A.

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- Sri Lanka's former President, Mahinda Rajapaksa took oath as the country's Prime Minister for the fourth time, after his party secured a landslide victory in the parliamentary elections on 5 August 2020.

- Mahinda Rajapaksa was administered the oath of office for the ninth Parliament by his younger brother and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at a historic Buddhist temple, RajamahaViharaya in Kelaniya, a north Colombo suburb.

- The 74-year-old Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP) leader has been appointed as the PM of Sri Lanka.

- Prior to this, Mahinda Rajapaksa was first elected prime minister in 2004 and again appointed for brief periods in 2018 and 2019.

- He has also served as the island nation's president from 2005 to 2015.

33. Ans. A.

1. International Youth Day (IYD) is observed globally on 12th August every year.

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3. The Day aims to promote the ways to engage the youth and make them more actively involved in their communities through positive contributions.

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35. Ans. A.

1. Mohamed Ould Bilal has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Mauritania.

2. The appointment was made by the Mauritanian President Mohamed OuldGhazouani.

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3. Mohamed Ould Bilal is a veteran public administrator and has served as the head of the country's national water agency, a presidential aide and a cabinet minister.

36. Ans. A.

1. Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana has been announced by the Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

2. The yojana has been announced for the current Kharif season and all farmers of the state will be covered under this scheme.

3. Farmers would not have to pay any premium or registration process for the scheme.

37. Ans. C.

- Skyroot Aerospace, a Spacotech startup has successfully test fired an upper stage rocket engine "Raman".

- With this, Skyroot Aerospace has become the first Indian private firm to exhibit the potential to build a homegrown rocket engine.

- "Raman" is a 3-D printed rocket engine which has been named after Nobel laureate CV Raman.

- Skyroot Aerospace expects to launch its first rocket, which can hurl satellites of 250-700 kgs, into a lower earth orbit by December 2021.

38. Ans. D.

- Forbes magazine has released "The Highest-Paid Actors Of 2020" list. Bollywood actor, Akshay Kumar is the only Indian star to be listed among the top 10 world's highest-paid actors of 2020. With total earnings of \$48.5 million.

- Akshay is placed at sixth place in the list. Most of his income came from product endorsements.

- The list takes into account the earnings between June 1, 2019, and June 1, 2020.

- The list has been topped by Wrestler-turned-movie star Dwayne Johnson, for a second straight year, with the total earning of \$87.5 million. Johnson is also known by his ring name The Rock.

39. Ans. A.

- The Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) has organised the "India@75 Summit – Mission 2022"

- Union Minister for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Nitin Gadkari has addressed the summit via video-conferencing.

- The summit was focused on 'reinventing technology in India'.

- The MSME Ministry and Industries should be made import substitutes, cost-effective, pollution-free and indigenous.

40. Ans. B.

- The Assam government would provide Rs 830 per month each to 17 lakh poor families under the ambitious "Orunodoi" scheme, to financially empower women.

- The scheme would be the biggest scheme in Assam. A sum of Rs 280 crore has been earmarked for the new scheme.

- Under the "Orunodoi" scheme, while selecting the beneficiaries, there would be economic criteria and "those who have certain movable and immovable assets including land, big houses, vehicles, electronic gadgets, and most

government and semi-government employees, would be excluded”.

- Under the “Orunodoi” scheme, Rs 830 per month aid would mean an additional annual income of Rs 10,000 to the poor households to meet their medical, nutritional, and academic needs besides to meet the additional spending during various festivals,”.

41. Ans. C.

- The Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama, will release a new book titled “Our Only Home: A Climate Appeal to the World” on climate change with German environmental journalist, Franz Alt in November.

- The Dalai Lama in the book calls on political decision-makers to fight against deadlock and ignorance on the issue of climate change and to stand up for a different, more climate-friendly world and for the younger generation to assert their right to regain its future.

- It follows his 2019 publication dedicated to children, “The Seed of Compassion: Lessons from the Life and Teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama”, his autobiography and a book on philosophy.

- In 2018, “Ecology, Ethics, and Interdependence: The Dalai Lama in Conversation with Leading Thinkers on Climate Change” was published.

42. Ans. D.

- Amid growing interest in recognizing the contributions of people from the BAME community (Black, Asian and minority ethnic) Britain is considering minting a coin to remember Mahatma Gandhi.

- Rishi Sunak Britain’s current Finance Minister issued an order in a letter to

the Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC) to pursue recognition of individuals from the BAME community.

- Taking a step ahead in following the order RMAC will mint a coin to commemorate Gandhi.

- Abbreviated form for Royal Mint Advisory Committee. RMAC is a fully independent committee made up of a group of experts chosen from across the country. Their main work is to recommend themes and designs for minting coins to Britain’s finance minister.

43. Ans. A.

- Union Minister for Ministry of Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21. VVM is a national level programme for popularizing science among school students of class sixth to Eleventh.

- Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan is an initiative of Vijnana Bharathi (VIBHA) in collaboration with Vigyan Prasar, Government of India and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

- It is India’s largest Science talent search examination for New India using Digital Devices.

- The exam is conducted at national level and it can be attended online through laptop, PC or even smartphones.

44. Ans. C.

- The book titled “Siyasat Mein Sadasyata” authored by Bihar Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar Choudhary.

- The book is a compilation of the author’s views, three dozen articles on

different important issues and his life journey.

- The book was published by Bihar Assembly Secretariat.
- The Book was released by Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar.
- The book has described various other important activities of assembly like successful completion of 6th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region among others.

45. Ans. D.

- Sanskrit Day is observed every year on the full moon day of the Hindu calendar month of Shravan.
- On the occasion Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked everyone involved in promoting, teaching and using Sanskrit language.
- Sanskrit is a beautiful language which has made India a repository of knowledge for many years.
- This Indo-Aryan language has been declared as a classical language that's identified for its scientific construction and is in excessive demand throughout the world.
- Sudharma is the only Sanskrit daily newspaper in the world.

46. Ans. B.

- Formula One Champion Mercedes Lewis Hamilton (British) won British Grand Prix (GP) 2020.
- It is officially known as the Formula 1 Pirelli British Grand Prix 2020

- The tournament was held at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom(UK).
- This is his 7th time to win this title. He is the only racer to win most in British GP.
- Lewis Hamilton won this title despite a puncture on his last lap. He is a six-time Formula One World Champion.
- With this victory, Lewis Hamilton won 87 GP and is 4 short of ferrari Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91

47. Ans. B.

- The book, titled "Vishesh: Code To Win", has been written by sportswoman-turned-author Nirupama Yadav and published by the publishing house Bluerose.
- The book is set to be released on August 29, the National Sports Day.
- The book narrates the inspirational story on the life of VisheshBhriguvanshi, India's youngest basketball team captain.
- The book narrates the mindset of a basketball player in a cricket-dominated nation and brings to light the strenuous journey of the 29-year-old Bhriguvanshi, for becoming the captain against all odds.

48. Ans. D.

- * Manoj Sinha has been appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- * He will succeed Girish Chandra Murmu, who resigned recently
- * Manoj Sinha has represented the parliamentary constituency of Ghazipur

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in eastern Uttar Pradesh thrice in the Lok Sabha.

* He also served as Communication Minister as well as Minister of state for Railways.

* Jammu and Kashmir was converted into Union Territory after President abolished Article 370 of Indian Constitution and gave assent to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019

* The act re-constituted state of J and K as two union territories: 'Jammu and Kashmir' and 'Ladakh', with effect from 31 October 2019

49. Ans. D.

* Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli Daman and Diu (DNHDD) has launched 'E-Gyan Mitra' mobile application for online education, keeping in view the ongoing phase of COVID-19

* Through the app, the students from primary till the higher secondary can take online classes along with attempting

* The app will have lectures and quizzes posted by teachers along with a system of monitoring in which teachers can monitor students' progress

50. Ans. D.

* Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has virtually inaugurated 'Thenzawl Golf Resort' project in Mizoram under Swadesh Darshan Scheme- North East Circuit

* The project will develop Golf Tourism attracting both national and international tourist in the country

* It will have an international standard of 18 holes Golf Course with a total cost of Rs 92.25 crore

* Designed by: Canadian based Golf Course Architect Firm Graham Cooke & Associates and 30 Eco Log Huts.

51. Ans. C.

* Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar has launched 'DD Assam' channel virtually

* It is a 24 x 7 satellite channel which will work on the message of unity in diversity

* The channel will showcase rich history of Assam and other north East States.

* It will also help the people of the region to get messages, initiatives and programmes of the government to the grassroots

* SWAYAMPrabha: NCERT educational channel

52. Ans. D.

* The 6th edition of BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting was held under the Presidency of Russia through video conferencing on 31st July 2020.

* The meeting observed the adoption of BRICS Environment Ministers' Statement by the BRICS nations

* BRICS stands for Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa

* India was represented by Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar in the meet

* Environment Minister of all the member nations were present in the meeting.

India will host the next meeting in 2021.

Note:

- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin.
- Capital of Russia: Moscow; Currency: Russian Ruble.

53. Ans. B.

* Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched virtual awareness programme titled as 'E-Raksha Bandhan'.

* It is a month-long online campaign that will create awareness on Cyber crimes across the State with slogan 'Let us make August a month of e-freedom and e-safety

* It will be organised by various organisations including Crime Investigation Department (CID), FM Radio, Cyber Crime Prevention Against Women and Children (CCPWC), Cyber Peace Foundation and other organisations.

* With this, Andhra Pradesh government will train 1 lakh women, girls and general public ensuring the safety of women and children in cyberspace.

54. Ans. A.

* Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) will be developing virtual museum for securities market.

* Museum will showcase online history of evolution, achievements and milestones in Indian securities market over decades in terms of market infrastructure, regulation, enforcement through photos, videos, articles, media clippings, etc.

* Organisations can participate in museum development through detailed Expression of Interest documents that can be obtained from SEBI's website

55. Ans. C.

• Former Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. He is the 14th CAG of India.

• He will assume office on 8 August 2020. He will replace Rajiv Mehrishi, a 1978 batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre, as the CAG.

• Murmu, a 1985 batch IAS officer of the Gujarat cadre, was the first Lt Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

• He was Principal Secretary to Narendra Modi when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

56. Ans. B.

• Mukesh Ambani-led oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries has been ranked the second biggest brand after Apple on the FutureBrand Index 2020.

• It is the only Indian Company in the Top 10 and Second Indian organisation on the ranking.

• In the Future Brand Index 2020 Samsung is ranked 3rd followed by Nvidia, Moutai, Nike, Microsoft, ASML, PayPal and Netflix in the top 10.

• Tata is ranked 65 for its technology business.

• The index looks at PwC's Global Top 100 Companies by Market Cap and reorders them according to global perception strength rather than on

financial strength. Reliance ranked 91 on PwC's 2020 list.

57. Ans. C.

- In order to give a major boost to the "BetiBachao, BetiPadhao" campaign, on August 5, 2020, the state government of Haryana has launched the scheme "Mukhya Mantri DoodhUphar Yojana" to provide fortified flavoured skimmed milk powder to women and children
- This scheme was launched by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar through video conferencing.
- This scheme was initiated under the aegis of Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD).
- The objective of the scheme is to address the problem of anaemia and malnutrition among state's women and children.

58. Ans. D.

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel launched a social security scheme namely "Shaheed Mahendra Karma TendupattaSangrahaKSamajik Suraksha Yojana" for tendu leaves collectors in the state covering over 12 lakh families, mostly tribals and forest dwellers.
- Used for making bidis (leaf-wrapped cigarettes), these are collected by forest dwellers and from them it is purchased by the state government.
- Mahendra Karma was popularly known as Bastar tiger for his tough stand against Naxals.

- He was among 29 people, including senior Congress leaders, who were killed in a Naxal attack in Jhiram valley of Bastar district on May 25, 2013.

59. Ans. B.

- * The silver medal of the Indian 4×400 mixed relay team's 2018 Asian Games, Jakarta has been upgraded to gold.
- * The medal was upgraded to gold following the disqualification of Bahrain squad that finished first in the 4×400 mixed relay final.
- * The Bahrain squad was disqualified as Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain has been handed a 4-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for failing a dope test.

60. Ans. A.

- * The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K), has developed a wearable hand band Known as the "Veli Band" that helps in maintaining social distancing by sending out an alarm in case of proximity with another person.
- * The device has been developed by Qual5 India Pvt. Ltd, a startup co-founded by a woman entrepreneur, mentored and funded by IIMKs business incubator and entrepreneurship development centre.
- * Veli Band helps implement social distancing and location/contact tracing which can help organisations comply with social distancing norms during the current pandemic situation.

61. Ans. C.

- * Haryana will host the 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games after the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.
- * The announcement was made by the state's chief minister Manohar Lal

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Khattar and Union sports minister Kiren Rijiju via video conference. The Games will be held in Panchkula.

* Haryana has done well in all three editions of KIYG. While they came second in both 2019 and 2020 editions (200 medals in 2020 and 159 medals in 2019) Haryana won it in 2018 with 102 podium finishes (38 gold, 26 silver, 38 bronze).

62. Ans. A.

* The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed an agreement for extending a \$400-million currency swap facility to Sri Lanka.

* This currency swap is used to boost the foreign reserves and ensure the financial stability of the country, which is badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

* The currency swap arrangement will remain available till November 2022.

* Sri Lanka was set to enter into an agreement with the RBI for a currency swap worth \$400 million under the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) framework.

63. Ans. D.

* Hyderabad was ranked 16th among the list of top 20 cities with maximum number of CCTV surveillance cameras installed in a survey done on most surveilled cities in the world.

* The UK-based Comparitech released the list of top 20 cities in the world which use CCTV cameras for surveillance of open places with an intent to detect and prevent crimes.

* According to the report, three lakh cameras were installed in Hyderabad to keep a watch on one crore people at

the rate of 29.99 cameras per 1,000 people in the city.

64. Ans. C.

- Every year, World Hepatitis Day is marked by the World Health Organization and various other organizations all over the world.
- The day is marked to encourage actions, partners and public for greater response towards controlling Hepatitis.
- The theme of the World Hepatitis Day 2020 is "Hepatitis-Free Future".
- July 28 was chosen as it is the birthday of Nobel Prize winner Dr Baruch Blumberg.
- The scientist discovered Hepatitis B virus. He also developed a diagnostic test to identify the virus. Also, the Nobel Prize laurel also developed a vaccine to treat the virus.

65. Ans. B.

- India handed over 10 Railway Locomotives to bolster its Neighbourhood First Policy.
- India had committed to Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina during her visit to India to provide broad gauge diesel locomotives to the country.
- The handing over event was conducted virtually and was attended by Indian External Affairs Minister S Jai Shankar, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and their Bangladeshi counter parts.
- It is to be noted that the first container train from India reached Bangladesh very recently. The train carried FMCG (Fast Moving consumer Goods) products. The FMCG products are consumer goods such as soap,

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detergents, shampoos, and other essential products used in day to day life.

- The First container train carried around 50 containers. The container service is to operate regularly from now on.

66. Ans. D.

- The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), which is holding surplus stocks of cotton just ahead of the next harvest season, is trying to boost exports of the fibre crop.

- A memorandum of understanding is being worked out to export 1.5-2 million bales of cotton to Bangladesh while the state-run CCI will also set up its own warehouse in Vietnam to boost cotton exports.

- One bale of cotton contains 170 kilograms.

- Countries such as Bangladesh, Vietnam and Sri Lanka have duty-free access to the markets of Europe, US and China, which give them an edge over Indian yarn and garment exporters, who have to bear the burden of various duties.

67. Ans. B.

- The World Wildlife Crime Report 2020 launched today by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) emphasizes the threat that wildlife trafficking poses to nature and the biodiversity of the planet.

- The report highlights the trafficking of some wild species - pangolins, birds, turtles, tigers, bears and many more.

- According to the report Thailand and India are the main source countries for

shipments seized in international trade of tiger parts.

- The report says that India and Thailand source 82% of illegal shipment of tiger body parts.

- The tiger body parts have great medicinal values. The medicines made of bones of the tiger are used to heal ligament injuries, joint and bone fractures.

- The tiger parts are also being traded for exotic products.

68. Ans. A.

- The consumer affairs ministry has come out with a new mobile app using which consumers can check the authenticity of ISI-marked and hallmarked products and also lodge complaints.

- The mobile app 'BIS-Care', operational in Hindi and English languages, can be operated on any Android phone.

- Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan also launched three portals of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on standardisation, conformity assessment and training, which consumers and stakeholders can login through www.manakonline.in.

69. Ans. C.

- India began the reconstruction a 300-year-old temple SreeSree Joy Kali Matar Temple in Bangladesh's northern Natore district.

- The reconstruction is happening with Indian grant assistance of Bangladeshi Taka 97 lakhs and a total cost of Bangladeshi Taka of 1.33 Crores under the High Impact Community

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Development Project (HICDP) scheme of India.

- The SreeSreeJoyKaliMatar temple is among the oldest temples in Bangladesh. It was built approximately 300 years back in the early 18th century by Shri Dayaram Roy.
- He was an influential Dewan of Queen Bhahani of Natore and the founder of Dighapatia Royal Family.

70. Ans. B.

- The Defence Research Development Organization launched an innovative contest "Dare to Dream". The contest was launched on the death anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- The Dare to Dream is an open challenge that promotes innovators and start-ups in the country. It is launched to boost emerging technologies. The challenge promotes individuals and start-ups for innovation in aerospace technologies.
- The award money for the winners is up to Rs 10 lakhs. The contest was launched by Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh.

71. Ans. B.

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar has authored the book "The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World".
- The book was published under the HarperCollins India publications. The book centers about the three burdens that India's foreign policy carries.
- He insisted that India should not only visualise its interest but also try to communicate effectively.

- The e-version of the book is available on Amazon.

72. Ans. A.

- The book titled "Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India" authored by former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor Viral V. Acharya.
- The book portrays his quest to restore financial stability in India and offers a concrete plan for sustained improvement. The book is published by SAGE Publications India Pvt Ltd.
- The book is a compilation of his speeches, research and comments as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee, mostly concerned with central banking.

73. Ans. D.

- The Delhi chief minister, Arvind Kejriwal launched a free website <http://jobs.delhi.gov.in> named 'Rozgaar Bazaar 2020' via video conference.
- The portal connects the job seekers and the recruiters on one platform.
- The aim of the portal is to boost the economy and employment in Delhi.
- In this website, the employers and companies can post their jobs and vacancies.

74. Ans. C.

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar released an updated report on India's Tiger Survey from 2018.
- India has 2,967 tigers, a third more than in 2014, according to results of a census made public on July 29 last year. As per the latest data, India has 70% of the world's tigers.

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- The present survey is a more granular estimate of these numbers.
- As per the report Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of tigers at 526, closely followed by Karnataka (524) and Uttarakhand (442). Chhattisgarh and Mizoram saw a decline in tiger population and all other States saw a “positive” increase.

75. Ans. D.

- The government is going to come out with a decision on 74% Foreign Direct

Investment (FDI) in defence and a notification is likely in the next few days.

- The second draft of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2020, now renamed as the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, was put out in public domain for comments from stakeholders and public.

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1. What is India's rank in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2020?

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

2. Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda has been appointed as the first woman prime minister of which country?

- A. Ghana
- B. Gabon
- C. Morocco
- D. Tanzania

3. Which state government has announced Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020, which permits the sale of power to the other states of India?

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

4. Renowned personality Lalji Tondon passed away recently, he was governor of which state of India?

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

5. Which initiative has been launched by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being?

- A. Manodarpan
- B. NISHTHA

- C. DIKSHA
- D. PRAGYATA

6. Indian Navy undertook a passing exercise 'PASSEX' with the navy of which country in the Indian Ocean Region.?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Australia
- C. USA
- D. Indonesia

7. The three-days long Air Force Commanders' Conference to be held in which of the following cities of India?

- A. Ambala
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. New Delhi

8. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI Card?

- A. Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- B. Hardayal Prasad
- C. Hemang Amin
- D. Jayant Krishna

9. Which state government has launched "NavinRojgar Chhatri Yojana" for all-round development of the Scheduled Castes?

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

10. Who has been awarded with the 'Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2020'?

- A. Malala Yushufzai
- B. Greta Thunberg
- C. Yara Shahidi
- D. Jamie Margolin

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

11. India began its trial trans-shipment of goods from India to the North East through which port?

- A. Chittagong, Bangladesh
- B. Mongla, Bangladesh
- C. Haldia, West Bengal
- D. Farakka, West Bengal

16. Technology giant google announced to invest what amount in India over the next five to seven years with a focus on digitizing the economy and building India-first products and services?

- A. Rs 45,000 crore
- B. Rs 50,000 crore
- C. Rs 65,000 crore
- D. Rs 75,000 crore

12. With which country Maldives signed an agreement to establish "Emergency Medical Services" in Male?

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

17. Which country drops India from Chabahar rail project, cites funding delay?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Pakistan
- C. Iran
- D. Oman

13. Who has won the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2020?

- A. Dorjee K Thongun
- B. Kezang D Thongdok
- C. Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi
- D. Aribam Syam Sharma

18. The Uttar Pradesh government appointed one-member judicial commission to probe into the Kanpur ambush and police encounters with gangster Vikas Dubey and his aides to be headed by _____.

- A. Sanjay Bhoosreddy
- B. Shashi Kant Agarwal
- C. KM Pandey
- D. MP Kenia

14. As per the data from the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which country remains as the top trading partner of India during the Financial Year 2019-20?

- A. United States of America
- B. China
- C. United Arab Amirate
- D. Saudi Arabia

19. With Which country Iran has entered into a 25-year Strategic Partnership that would allow for billions of dollars investments in energy and other sectors - including the military?

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Japan

15. The Indian army has set its eyes on acquiring state-of-the-art Spike Firefly "loitering" ammunition from which country?

D. China

20. By which year the Indian Navy will get new twin-engine aircraft carrier-based fighter aircraft being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

A. 2024

B. 2026

C. 2028

D. 2032

21. Gurbux Singh was associated with which sports who will be conferred with prestigious Mohun Bagan Ratna for 2020?

A. Hockey

B. Football

C. Cricket

D. Basketball

22. 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

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

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Jharkhand

C. Odisha

D. Bihar

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

A. Russia

B. Israel

C. China

D. France

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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

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

A. United Kingdom

B. France

C. Japan

D. Germany

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29. 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

30. Who among the following has been named as the India's 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) of the 21st century by Wisden?

- A. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Suresh Raina
- D. Ravindra Jadeja

31. The report titled "Towards a Clean Energy Economy: Post-Covid-19 Opportunities for India's Energy and Mobility Sectors" released jointly by NITI Aayog and which organization?

- A. Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)
- B. American Solar Energy Society (ASES)
- C. European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)
- D. International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

32. Which country has cancelled the 2021 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is opting to lead a virtual summit?

- A. Australia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Malaysia
- D. New Zealand

33. Which becomes the first country to control locusts through drones?

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

34. World's Largest Plasma Therapy Trial under Project 'Platina' was launched in which state?

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

1. Ans. A.

* India is the third top-most country in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2020.

* The annual Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI) report was released by the US-based property consultant Cushman & Wakefield, to rank the most suitable locations for global manufacturing among 48 countries in Europe, Americas, and the Asia-Pacific.

* Each of the countries has been assessed in four key areas: Bouncebackability, Conditions, Costs and Risks.

* China and the United States retain the top two positions respectively in MRI 2020, while India has moved one place higher from the previous edition of the report, to rank third in MRI 2020.

2. Ans. B.

* Rose Christiane OssoukaRaponda has been appointed as the first woman prime minister of Gabon. She is the 12th PM of the country and succeeds Julien NkogheBekale.

* Prior to holding this position, OssoukaRaponda served as Defence Minister since February 2019. Her appointment is the fourth cabinet reshuffle by the President of Gabon, Ali Bongo Ondimba since January 2019.

3. Ans. C.

* The State Government of Andhra Pradesh(AP) announced the Andhra Pradesh Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020, which permits the sale of

power to the other states of India. The policy will be in force for the five years.

* Aim of the policy is to utilize the unused potential and to attract private investments to boost the economy and to generate additional revenue to the government.

* To implement the projects the New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of AP Limited (NREDCAP), will be the nodal agency under the new export policy 2020.

* The NREDCAP, will allocate the renewable energy resource potentials to the developers on a first come first serve basis through online application.

* The developers planning to set up energy export projects with manufacturing facilities will be given priority.

4. Ans. D.

• Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon, who was admitted to a private hospital in Lucknow passed away.

• Lalji Tandon was well-versed with constitutional matters and enjoyed a long and close association with former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

• Lal Ji Tandon was the governor of Bihar between August 2018 and July 2019 when he took over as Madhya Pradesh's Governor. In 2009, the senior BJP leader and a protege of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, succeeded him as the Lucknow MP.

• He began his career from his hometown Lucknow in the 1970s and had also served as a state minister in Uttar Pradesh several times between 1991 and 2003.

5. Ans. A.

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- Union Human Resource Development Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal launched the Manodarpan initiative of the HRD Ministry.

- The initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, aims to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being.

- Named as 'MANODARPAN' the initiative is covering a wide range of activities to provide Psychosocial Support to students for their Mental Health & Well-being during the COVID outbreak and beyond.

- The 'Manodarpan' initiative has been included in the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, as a part of strengthening human capital and increasing productivity.

6. Ans. C.

- Indian Navy undertook a passing exercise with the US Navy in the Indian Ocean Region.

- US Navy carrier strike group, led by USS Nimitz and Indian Navy conducted the maritime drills, PASSEX, which aims at further enhancing interoperability between Navies of both the countries.

- The Nimitz Carrier Strike Group is on its way to be deployed in the Gulf region from the South China Sea.

- Indian Navy had also recently conducted similar joint exercises with Japanese and French Navy.

7. Ans. D.

- The three-days long Air Force Commanders' Conference will begin at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan) in New Delhi.

- The theme of the conference is "Indian Air Force in the Next Decade".

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is likely to inaugurate the conference.

- The Air Force Commanders' Conference will be chaired by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria.

- During the three day conference the discussions would take stock of the current operational scenario and deployments.

- The plan of action for operational capability enhancement of the Indian Air Force in the next decade will also be discussed.

8. Ans. A.

- SBI Cards and Payment Services has appointed Ashwini Kumar Tewari as its new Managing Director and chief executive officer.

- The new appointment will be valid for two years and his appointment will come into effect from August 1, 2020. He was nominated by parent State Bank of India for the position.

- Tewari's appointment is followed by the resignation of present MD & CEO, Hardayal Prasad who decided to quit from the directorship of the company owing to his voluntary retirement from the State Bank of India.

9. Ans. C.

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched "NavinRojgar Chhatri Yojana" for all-round development of the Scheduled Castes.

- He also transferred financial assistance of 17.42 crore online to 3,484 people under the 'Pandit

Deendayal Upadhyay Swarojgar Yojana' and interacted with some beneficiaries from Rae Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Basti, Meerut, Azamgarh and Moradabad districts through video conferencing.

- The state government is extending financial help to make people self-dependent.

10. Ans. B.

- The Climate Activist Greta Thunberg was awarded the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity. She was awarded with prize money of 1 million Euros.

- The Climate Activist is to donate the prize money to organizations focused on environment and climate change.

- Miss Thunberg is the first person to receive the prize. She was selected among 136 nominees from 43 countries.

- Miss Thunberg is a Swedish Environmental activist. She gained international recognition for promoting existential humanity crisis due to climate change.

11. Ans. A.

- India began its trial trans-shipment of goods from India to the North East through the Chittagong port of Bangladesh.

- India and Bangladesh signed an agreement to transit goods to north east via ports of Bangladesh.

- Indian transshipment goods will enjoy a stay of 28-day free-stay at the ports of Bangladesh according to international transshipment agreement.

- Chittagong port is one of the ports located on the String of Pearls geopolitical theory of the Chinese.

- The String of Pearls is located in the Indian Ocean. It refers to a network of Chinese military facilities from Chinese mainland to Port Sudan in Horn of Africa.

12. Ans. B.

- India and Maldives signed agreement to establish "Emergency Medical Services" in Male.

- The Emergency Medical Service is financed by India under grant assistance of 20 million USD for neighbouring countries.

- This will help to increase the collaboration between the countries, especially in the areas of health care facilities, disaster responses during critical times, etc.

13. Ans. B.

- An independent filmmaker, Kezang D Thongdok won the 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award for his documentary "Chi Lupo" – showcasing the practice of collection of honey from the perched rocky hilltops.

- He is currently working on a documentary Khiksaba about an unexplored festival of Shertukpen tribe.

- The documentary Chi Lupo portrays the customs and practices of the Shertukpen community.

- The Chi in the title of the documentary refers to honey and Lupo refers to hunter,

- The 26 minute long documentary directed by Kezang won the best documentary at the 10th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival Awards.

14. Ans. A.

- As per the data from the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the United States remains as the top trading partner of India during the Financial Year 2019-20.

- This is the second consecutive Financial Year that the United States has become the top trading partner of India (in Financial Year 2018-19 United States surpassed the People's Republic of China to become the top trading partner of India), indicating the continuously increasing economic ties between both the countries.

- The Bilateral Ties between India and the United States have increased marginally in 2019-20 Financial Year as Compared to the 2018-19 Financial Year. In 2018-19 Bilateral Ties were at USD 87.96 billion, while in 2019-20 it was USD 88.75 billion

15. Ans. A.

- Talks on sharpening the infantry of the Indian Army continues as the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is likely to acquire the Israel's Spike Firefly.

- As per media reports, talks for purchase of Israeli flying ammunition-Spike Firefly is in advance level.

- The Spike Firefly is developed under a joint venture of Israeli company- Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Israel's Ministry of Defence.

- The Spike Firefly has loitering capability and can be carried by a soldier as a part of his kit.

- The Spike Firefly can be operated from a table by a single user without requiring any special skills to operate.

- It was the capability to identify and track the target and also to a unique

abort/wave-off capability in which the operator can call the Spike Firefly back to the command safely. The weight of the Spike Firefly is 3 Kg.

16. Ans. D.

- Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced a \$10 billion investment in India at the Google for India virtual live-stream event.

- The event focused on contributing to accelerate India's digital economy with this investment over the next five to seven years.

- He announced the Google for India Digitization Fund during the conference.

- Through this effort, Google will invest ₹75,000 crores, or approximately \$10 billion, into India over the next 5-7 years.

- Firstly, the Rs 75,000 crore investment will focus on help in enabling affordable access and information to every Indian irrespective of the language.

- Secondly, India's unique needs to be met by products and services. The huge investment will also help local businesses to move towards digital transformation. Also, it will work towards using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in areas like health, education, etc.

17. Ans. C.

- Four years after India and Iran signed an agreement to construct a rail line from Chabahar port to Zahedan, along the border with Afghanistan, the Iranian government has decided to proceed with the construction on its own, citing delays from the Indian side in funding and starting the project.

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- Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister Mohammad Eslami inaugurated the track-laying process for the 628 km Chabahar-Zahedan line, which will be extended to Zaranj across the border in Afghanistan.

- The development comes as China finalises a massive 25-year, \$400 billion strategic partnership deal with Iran, which could cloud India's plans.

18. Ans. B.

- The Uttar Pradesh government has appointed one member judicial commission to probe into the Kanpur ambush and various other incidents including the police encounters with gangster Vikas Dubey and his aides.

- The commission, to be headed by retired justice Shashi Kant Agarwal, has been mandated to probe into the various incidents that took place between intervening nights of July 2-3 and July 10, including encounters between criminals and police at various spots.

- The commission will submit its report within two months.

- The constitution of the judicial commission comes a day after the Yogi Adityanath government set up a three-member special investigation team (SIT) headed by senior IAS officer Sanjay Bhoosreddy to probe different aspects of the Kanpur ambush case.

19. Ans. D.

- Iran and China have drafted an economic and security partnership that would allow for billions of dollars in Chinese investments in energy and other sectors - including the military - despite the Trump administration's

efforts to isolate Tehran from the global economy.

- In exchange for this investment, Iran would supply Beijing with a heavily discounted supply of oil over the next 25 years.

- China is a key market for Iranian crude oil exports, which have been dampened by US economic sanctions imposed after Washington's 2018 withdrawal from the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) nuclear deal with Tehran.

20. Ans. D.

- The Navy is expected to get the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL)-built twin-engine carrier aircraft being developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) by 2032.

- It will replace the MiG-29Ks in service which are scheduled to start going out by 2034.

- The Navy currently operates Russian-origin carrier INS Vikramaditya and expects to have the first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-I) Vikrant operational by 2022.

- Last January, the naval Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) successfully completed arrested landing and take-off on board Vikramaditya and has since undertaken several trials.

- Based on the experience of the carrier landing, the DRDO has offered to develop a twin-engine deck-based fighter for the Navy. With the successful deck-landing, they decided to drop the naval LCA Mk2 and move on to the twin-engine jet.

- The new jet being developed by DRDO should be ready by 2026.

21. Ans. A.

- Indian hockey great Gurbux Singh and former Bengal cricketer and coach Palash Nandi will be conferred with prestigious Mohun Bagan Ratna this year.
- Apart from 2007 when Dhiren Dey was bestowed with the award posthumously, this will be the first time that no one from footballing discipline will be getting the Ratna.
- In fact, last year Keshav Datt became the first sports person from a non-footballing background to get the award.

22. Ans. A.

- 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.

23. Ans. C.

- 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.

24. Ans. B.

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.

25. Ans. D.

* 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.

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* 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.

26. Ans. B.

* 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).

27. Ans. B.

• 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.

28. Ans. D.

• 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.

29. Ans. A.

• 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.

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- 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.

30. Ans. D.

- India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was named as the country's 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) of the 21st century by Wisden.

- He made his debut in 2009 and represented India in 49 test matches, 165 ODIs and 49 T20Is as of 2020.

- Jadeja's MVP rating is around 97.3 which is second only to Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka making him the second most Valuable Test Player of the 21st Century.

- Wisden used CricViz, a detailed analysis tool in cricket to analyse his performance.

31. Ans. A.

- The new report on clean energy transition in India titled "Towards a Clean Energy Economy: Post-Covid-19 Opportunities for India's Energy and Mobility Sectors" brought out jointly by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to support India's clean energy future.

- The report has recommended specific actions and laid down four principles as a framework by which India can revive two of our economic powerhouses – the transport and power sectors from the

COVID-19 effect that has impacted their demand and supply.

32. Ans. D.

- New Zealand cancelled the 2021 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum that was scheduled to be held in Auckland, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is opting to lead a virtual summit.

- The 2019 leaders' meeting was cancelled by Chile due to violent anti-government protests and the virtual APEC meeting of 2020 are being hosted by Malaysia.

33. Ans. C.

- India is the first country to control locusts through drones. Under the Make in India initiative, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW), Agriculture Ministry has indigenously developed a vehicle-mounted Ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayer for locust control.

- Locust is a crop-threatening migratory pest that has entered the country through the India-Pakistan border.

34. Ans. A.

- The World's largest Convalescent Plasma Therapy Trial project was launch by the Maharashtra State Government.

- The name of the project is Platina. The project was virtually launched by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Uddhav Thackeray.

- For this trial project, the Indian Council of Medical Research has given the approval to conduct plasma therapy in COVID-19 positive patients admitted in the 21 COVID-19 hospitals of the Maharashtra State Government.

1.The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has extended the individual sanctions, travel ban and an arms embargo on which country till May 2021?

- A. North Korea
- B. South Sudan
- C. Syria
- D. Ethiopia

2.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. Shikha Dhawan

3.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

4.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. Shikha Dhawan

5.For how many kharif crops the central government has announced minimum

support price (MSP) on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices?

- A. 11
- B. 12
- C. 13
- D. 14

6.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

7.Which entity has developed a disinfection unit called Ultra Swachh?

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

8.Which entity has launched Real Time Electricity Market (RTM) to help discoms plan their power requirements?

- A. Power Grid Corporation
- B. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- C. Indian Energy Exchange
- D. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

9.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)

10. Famous sprinter Bobby Morrow passed away recently, he was held from which country?

- A. Jamaica
- B. Ghana
- C. Mexico
- D. USA

11. Which state government has launched waste exchange website?

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

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

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

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

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

14. Researchers at which IIT have developed a low cost and Artificial Intelligence-based test kit for COVID-19?

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

15. Which of the following institution has developed a rare-earth-based magnetocaloric material that can be effectively used for cancer treatment?

- 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

16. 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

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

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

18. 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

19. 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

20. 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

21. Lightweight boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk also known as "The Nail" announced his retirement held from which country?

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

22. 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

23. Which Australian player has been appointed an officer in the Order of Australia, an honour for achievement or meritorious service?

- A. Michal Clark
- B. Steve Smith
- C. Shane Warn
- D. Adam Gilchrist

24. What is the theme of the United Nations' 'World Elder Abuse Awareness day 2020'?

- A. Moving from Awareness to Action through Human Rights based approach
- B. Understand and End Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue
- C. Lifting Up Voices
- D. Building strong support for elders

25. Former Test cricketer Matt Poore passed away recently, he played for which country?

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

26. Which state government has launched 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' to educate child labourers in the state?

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

27. Veteran poet and freedom fighter Anand Mohan Zutshi passed away recently, he was a poet of which language?

- A. Marathi
- B. Hindi
- C. Urdu

D. Bengali

28. Which initiative has been launched by 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

29. 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

30. 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

31. According to UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2020 what is the position of India as recipient of the foreign direct investment in 2019?

- A. 5th largest
- B. 7th largest
- C. 9th largest
- D. 12th largest

32. IM Vijayan has been recommended for the fourth highest civilian award in India, the Padmashri, is associated with which sports?

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

33. 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

34. What is the theme of the International Day of Yoga 2020 celebrated world wide by the United Nations?

- A. Yoga for Climate Action
- B. Yoga for Health – Yoga at Home
- C. Yoga For Environment
- D. Yoga to Connect the Youth

35. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador of JSW cement?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar and Mahesh Bhupati
- B. MS Dhoni and Bhaichung Bhutia
- C. Saurav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri
- D. Virat Kohli and Gurpreet Singh Sandhu

36. Which state government has decided to start 'EktuKhelo, EktuPadho' – meaning 'Play Little, Study Little' scheme?

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

37. 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

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

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

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

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

40. Which country has successfully launched the last Satellite of its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS)?

- A. Japan
- B. Israel
- C. China
- D. North Korea

41. Mt. Merapi an active volcano erupted twice in June, 2020 is in which country?

- A. Italy
- B. Iceland
- C. Indonesia
- D. Philippines

42. As per the new Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) released by the World Bank what is India's global position as an economy in terms of PPPs?

- A. 2nd
- B. 3rd
- C. 4th
- D. 5th

43. What is the theme of Day of the Seafarer, 2020 celebrated every year on 25th June?

- A. At Sea For All
- B. Seafarers wellbeing
- C. Seafarers Matter
- D. Seafarers are Key Workers

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

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

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.

- The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has extended the individual sanctions, travel ban and an arms embargo in South Sudan until May 2021.
- An arms embargo is a restriction or a set of sanctions that applies solely to weaponry.
- This extension has been drafted by the United States (US), which received

12 votes in favour while Russia, China and South Africa abstained it.

- The resolution will encourage developments in South Sudan's peace process as the nation is emerging from a brutal six-year civil war that left 380,000 dead and millions displaced.

2. Ans. B.

- 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.

3. Ans. C.

- 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.

4. Ans. A.

- 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.

5. Ans. D.

- the Union Cabinet approved hike of Minimum Support Price of 14 Kharif crops.

- The Minimum Support Price of Paddy has been increased by Rs 53 per quintal. The MSP of paddy has been fixed at Rs 1,868 per quintal for the year 2020-21. The rates of pulses, oil seeds and cereals have also been increased.

- The MSP of cotton has been increased from Rs 5,255 per quintal to Rs 5,515 per quintal.

6. Ans. B.

- 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 AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

7. Ans. A.

- The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) developed a disinfection unit called Ultra Swachh. The unit is used to disinfect articles such as electronic items, Personal Protective Equipment, fabrics, etc.
- The Unit uses an advanced oxidative process called Ozonated Space Technology to disinfect the items. The device also uses Ozone Sealant Technology that involves trapping of Ozone.
- The Ultra Swachh Unit houses a catalytic converter that makes it environment friendly. It also holds several safety features such as door interlocks, emergency shut down, delay cycle, dual doors, leak monitors, etc.
- The system complies to International Standards of Industrial, Personal, Occupations and Environmental Safety.

8. Ans. C.

- Indian Energy Exchange launched Real Time Electricity Market (RTM). The main aim of the launch is to help discoms plan their power requirements.
- The market will conduct 48 auction sessions during the day and the power will be delivered within one hour of

closure of the bid session. The market, thus, will help distribution companies manage their power demand-supply variation. It will also help meet power supply needs in a better way.

- India Energy Exchange is an electronic system that is regulated by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). It was started in 2008.

9. Ans. C.

- 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.

10. Ans. D.

- American Sprinter, the San Benito Buller, Bobby Morrow passed away.
- He is one of the four men (Jesse Owens(1936), Carl Lewis(1984), Usain Bolt(2012 & 2016)) to win three events at a single game (100m, 200m and 4x100m relay).
- He won three gold medals for 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay in the 1956 Olympic in Melbourne.

11. Ans. C.

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- 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.

12. Ans. D.

- 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.

13. Ans. C.

- 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.

14. Ans. C.

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad have developed a low cost and Artificial Intelligence-based test kit for COVID-19.

- These kits can give results in about 20 minutes.

- The test kits have already been tried at the ESIC hospital and the results are encouraging.

- The test kits are Reverse Tranion Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)-free and get rid of many processes.

15. Ans. A.

- International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad has developed a rare-earth-based magnetocaloric material that can be effectively used for cancer treatment.

- The magnetocaloric materials developed by ARCI are being tested at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST).

- A magnetocaloric materials is a substance in which application and removal of a magnetic field causes the materials to become warmer or cooler.

- A paper on the research work has been published in the Journal of Alloys and Compounds.

- ARCI is an autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST).

16. Ans. A.

- The Yale University recently released the biennial Environment Performance Index.

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- 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.

17. Ans. C.

- 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.

18. Ans. B.

- 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.

19. Ans. C.

- 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.

20. Ans. B.

- 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.

21. Ans. A.

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- Ukrainian lightweight boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk also known as "The Nail" announced his retirement. He was born on 15th April 1987 in Kharkiv, Ukraine.
- He won the Bronze medal in the 2012 Olympic games.
- He won the 2018 World Boxing Councils (WBCs) light heavyweight world title against Adonis Stevenson in Quebec.
- He was the Former light heavyweight champion of North American Boxing Federation (NABF).

22. Ans. D.

- 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.

23. Ans. A.

- Australia's World Cup-winning former captain Michael Clarke was appointed an officer in the Order of Australia.
- Thus, he joined iconic ex-skipper like Allan Border, Mark Taylor, Ricky Ponting, Bob Simpson and Steve Waugh

who have received the national recognition.

- Clarke, who led Australia to the 2015 World Cup title, has been appointed an officer (AO) in the general division of the Order of Australia, an honour for achievement or meritorious service.

24. Ans. C.

- Every year, the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is celebrated on June 15 by the United Nations. The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the neglect and abuse of older persons.
- It also raises awareness of social, cultural, economic and demographic processes that has impacts on elder neglect and abuse.
- The theme of the 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2020 is "Lifting up Voices".

25. Ans. A.

- Former New Zealand Test cricketer Matt Poore passed away recently.
- He is remembered for catching a stray dog during a match in Bengaluru in 1955 and subsequently taking 12 anti-rabies injections.
- An all-rounder, Poore had a short but colourful 14-Test career between 1953 and 1956 alongside two greats - Bert Sutcliffe and John Reid.

26. Ans. B.

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath has launched 'Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana' to educate child labourers in the state.
- This scheme has launched, on the occasion of the International Child Labour Prohibition Day.

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- The government will give monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000 and Rs 1,200 to selected boys and girls, respectively.

- If these children pass classes 8, 9 and 10, they will be given an additional amount of Rs 6,000 for clearing each standard.

27. Ans. C.

- Veteran Urdu poet & freedom fighter Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar' Dehlvi passed away at 93 due to cardiac arrest at his residency in Noida after his recovery from COVID-19.

- He was born in GaliKashmeerian, Old Delhi in 1926.

- Anand Mohan Zutshi 'Gulzar' Dehlvi was the editor of the 1st Urdu science magazine, Science kiDuniya, published by the Government of India in 1975.

- He played a prominent role in opening Urdu schools across India & has been a part of a number of mushairas(Poetic symposium), which includes Jashn-e-Rekhta in 2015 and Jigar Fest in 2018.

28. Ans. B.

- 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.

29. Ans. A.

- Historian Dinyar Patel's biography of DadabhaiNaoroji, "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 DadabhaiNaoroji.

- He focused on the Indian Nationalist Movements, the city of Bombay and the Parsi Zarostrain community.

30. Ans. C.

- 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.

31. Ans. C.

- India became the world's 9th largest recipient of the foreign direct investment in 2019 scoring deals worth \$51 billion, according to a report by the United Nations' trade body, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

- the UNCTAD in its World Investment Report 2020 report said that a lower but positive economic growth in India in the post-Covid19 pandemic period and the country's large market will continue to attract investments.

- Earlier, the inflows stood at \$42 billion when India ranked 12th worldwide in 2018. The country witnessed an increase in the inflows by \$9 billion in 2019.

32. Ans. B.

- The All India Football Federation recently recommended the former Indian Captain IM Vijayan for the fourth highest civilian award in India, the Padmashri.

- IM Vijayan has scored 40 goals in over 79 matches. He won the Arjuna award in 2003. Also, in 1993, 1997 and in 1999 he was awarded the best Indian "Player of the year".

- Padmashri is the fourth highest civilian award in India. The other three highest civilian awards include Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan.

- The awards are presented by the President of India during Republic Day celebrations of the country.

33. Ans. D.

- 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.

34. Ans. B.

- United Nations celebrates International Day of Yoga globally on 21 June every year to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.

- Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India.

- The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.

- The theme of International Day of Yoga 2020 is "Yoga for Health – Yoga at Home".

35. Ans. C.

- JSW Cement has signed Sourav Ganguly and Sunil Chhetri as its brand ambassadors. The cement brand has also launched a new multi-media marketing campaign "Leader's Choice" which includes both sports icons.

- The multi-media marketing campaign "Leader's Choice" of JSW Cement promotes the ideology of building a solid foundation for a better tomorrow.

36. Ans. C.

- The state government of Tripura has decided to start a scheme for school students from 25th June 2020. The scheme is named 'EktuKhelo, EktuPadho' –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.

37. Ans. D.

- 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.

38. Ans. A.

- 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.

39. Ans. B.

- 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.

40. Ans. C.

- China has successfully launched the last Satellite of its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS), which is a rival for the Global Positioning System (GPS) of the US, to become a major space power.
- The satellite was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch center in Sichuan Province.

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- BDS is one of the four global navigation networks among the US's GPS, Russia's GLONASS and European Union's Galileo.

- A Long March 3B rocket launched the final BDS into orbit from the satellite launch center.

- India is building its Indian Regional Navigation Satellite system (IRNSS), with operational name NAVIC.

41. Ans. C.

- Mt. Merapi is an active volcano in Indonesia, erupted twice on 21st June, 2020.

- Merapi (Mountain of Fire) is the most active of Indonesia's 130 active volcanoes.

- Indonesia is located on the Pacific Ring of Fire.

- It is a path along the Pacific Ocean characterized by active volcanoes and frequent earthquakes.

42. Ans. B.

- Recently, the World Bank has released new Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs) for reference year 2017, under International Comparison Program (ICP) that adjusts for differences in the cost of living across economies of the world.

- The ICP 2017 results, revised results for 2011 and estimates of annual PPPs for the period 2012-2016 are available on the ICP website and the World Bank's Databank and Data Catalog.

- In 2017, India retained and consolidated its global position, as the third largest economy and accounted for 6.7% of global GDP in terms of PPPs.

- China was at first position with 16.4% and the USA at the second position with 16.3%.

- India is also the third largest economy in terms of its PPP-based share in Global Actual Individual Consumption (AIC) and Global Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GCF).

43. Ans. D.

- 25 June of each year is the "Day of the Seafarer", recognizing the invaluable contribution seafarers make to international trade and the world economy.

- The Day of the Seafarer was first celebrated in 2011, following its establishment by a resolution adopted by the Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, held in Manila, Philippines, in 2010.

- The Day of the Seafarer has now been included in the annual list of United Nations Observances.

- International Maritime Organization (IMO) is the nodal agency for organizing it.

- This year, the annual Day of the Seafarer (DotS) is celebrating its 10th anniversary on 25 June under the theme "Seafarers are Key Workers".

44. Ans. B.

- 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.

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- 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.

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1. Which Fintech startup has partnered with payments technology major "Visa" to launch innovative payment solutions for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and startups?

- A. Paytm
- B. Zaggie
- C. PhonePe.
- D. MobiKwik

2. India handover war game centre named as "INDIA" to which country?

- A. Ghana
- B. Algeria
- C. Uganda
- D. Uruguay

3. Tennis player Jamie Hampton announced her retirement from the professional tennis belong to which country?

- A. UAS
- B. France
- C. Spain
- D. Switzerland

4. The World Health Organization (WHO) has partnered with which world sport body to work together to promote health through sport and physical activity?

- A. International Cricket Council (ICC)
- B. International Hockey Federation (IFH)
- C. Badminton World Federation
- D. International Olympic Committee (IOC)

5. Which DRDO establishment has developed an AI-based Attendance application (AINA) which allows non-

contact based personnel verification, using facial features of the person in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. ?

- A. Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR), New Delhi
- B. Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru
- C. Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), Hyderabad
- D. Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad

6. The Department of Textile and Fibre Engineering of which IIT has developed a breathable and light-weighted Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to fight COVID-19?

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

7. The Army Commanders' Conference was held in which city of India?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Jalandhar
- D. Dehradun

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

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

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

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

10. What is the length of the tunnel built by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) on Rishikesh-Dharasu Highway (NH 94) in Uttarakhand under "Char Dham" project to connect holy towns of Gangotri, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Badrinath?

- A. 320 Km
- B. 340 Km
- C. 420 Km
- D. 440 Km

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

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

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

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

13. Which initiative will be launched to provide psychosocial support to students, teachers and families for their mental health and emotional well-being under the PM-eVIDYA Programme?

- A. Manodarpan
- B. DIKSHA
- C. SWAYAM

D. Manoranjan

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

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

15. Which state government has launched Charan Paduka campaign, first of its kind initiative for migrant labourers passing through the states?

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

16. Which state has launched its first cyber security-specific accelerator programme 'H.A.C.K' for start-ups recently?

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

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

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

18. Recently, the National Crisis Management Committee reviewed the preparedness for the impending cyclone _____.

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

19. Which state/UTs has issued new rules to provide domicile certificates to its residents?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Bihar
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Ladakh

20. Every year May 20 is being celebrated as World Bee Day by the United Nations. What is the theme of the day for the year 2020?

- A. "Save the Bees"
- B. "Bee Engaged"
- C. "Bee Endangered"
- D. "Bee Keeping"

21. The Indian Railways operationalized the first 12,000 HP electric locomotive built in which locomotive establishment?

- A. Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan
- B. Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi.
- C. Golden Rock Railway Workshop, Tiruchirapalli
- D. Electric Locomotive Factory, Madhepura

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

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

23. Who has been awarded the Alexander Dalrymple Award 2019?

- A. Vice Admiral Ajit Kumar P
- B. Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain
- C. Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar
- D. Vice Admiral Anil Kumar Chawla

24. Thomas Thabane has formally resigned from the post of Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Lesotho
- B. Tanzania
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Ghana

25. Which institute has developed first indigenous antibody-based ELISA test kit - COVID KAVACH for diagnosis of novel Corona Virus?

- A. National Institute of Virology, Pune
- B. Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad
- C. Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
- D. Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology, New Delhi

26. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation (UN) postal agency released a commemorative postage stamp on the 40th anniversary of the eradication of _____.

- A. Polio
- B. smallpox
- C. Tuberculosis
- D. Plague

27. The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) tie-up with which of the following companies to develop indigenous COVID-19 vaccine?

- A. Biocon
- B. Bharat Biotech
- C. Serum Institute of India
- D. Panacea Biotech Limited

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

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

29. Every year 12th May is celebrated as which of the following days?

- A. National Technology Day
- B. International Nurses Day
- C. World Athletics Day
- D. World Red Cross Day

30. Which state government has launched country's first ever 'FIR ApkeDwar Yojana' to lodge FIR?

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

31. Which CSIR institute has developed a Non Invasive BiPAP Ventilator "SwasthVayu" to treat COVID-19 patients?

- A. National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore
- B. Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad
- C. Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
- D. Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology, Delhi

32. Which ministry has launched Suraksha Store Initiative aimed at health and safety of the citizens during lockdown?

- A. Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food and Public Distribution
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology

33. Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched "Bharosa" helpline for which of the following universities?

- A. Delhi University
- B. Central University of Odisha
- C. Banaras Hindu University
- D. Central University of Jammu

34. CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) has signed an MoU with which of the following entities for licensing of 'KNOWHOW' for FNCAS9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay (FELUDA) for rapid diagnosis of Covid19?

- A. TATA Sons
- B. Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- C. Tech Mahindra
- D. Infosys

35. Which state government has launched the AyushKavach app that will provide health-related tips and information about ayurvedic medicines amid the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

36. Who has been conferred with the Young Career Award 2020 in Nano Science and Technology?

- A. Vivek Agarwal
- B. Sandeep Anand
- C. Himanshu J Bahirat
- D. Saurabh Lodha

37. Which state government has decided to start the "Mukhya Mantri ShahariRojgar Guarantee Yojna"?

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

38. Name the tennis player who awarded life time ban by the Tennis Integrity Unit following his conviction on multiple match fixing and associated corruption charges?

- A. Youssef Hossam
- B. Karim-Mohamed Maamoun
- C. Sherif Sabry
- D. Issam Haitham Taweel

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

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

40. Who has been nominated as US Alternate Executive Director of IBRD by the US President Donald Trump for a term of two years?

- A. Raj Shah
- B. Ashok Michael Pinto

- C. Manisha Singh
- D. Ajit Pai

41. Which IIT has partnered with Bharat Dynamics Ltd for development of affordable ventilators for Covid-19 treatment?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kozhikode
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras

42. Which of the following entity has launched virtual 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' to ensure well being of senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic in association with Piramal Foundation?

- A. National Institute of Social Defence (NISD)
- B. Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
- C. National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
- D. Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

43. Which of the following entities will launch 'India SME Services Platform' to educate stakeholders in the small and medium enterprises (SME) ecosystem and have information on coronavirus-related initiatives for the sector?

- A. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B. Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)

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

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

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

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

ANSWERS

1. Ans. B.

- In order to launch innovative payment solutions for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and startups, a Fintech startup Zagle has partnered with payments technology major "Visa".
- Both the companies will work towards enhancing the productivity and efficiency of the SMEs and startups.
- They will also automate the processes and reduce the costs simultaneously focusing on easy and faster credit.
- The faster credit would be made available through a unique card which will have forex, prepaid along with credit.

2. Ans. C.

- India has handover the war game centre named as "INDIA" to Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF).
- The state of the art military training facility was handover by the Indian Association Uganda (IAU), in association with the Indian Military Advisory and Training Team to the UPDF.
- Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda inaugurated the war game centre "INDIA" that was conceptualised by the Indian Military Team and built by the IAU in Jinja district, at a cost of over 1 billion Ugandan shillings or \$2,65,000.
- The Ugandans of Indian origin made voluntary contributions for the establishment of war game centre.

3. Ans. A.

- American tennis player Jamie Hampton has proclaimed that she is taking retirement from the professional tennis. Former World Top 25 player played her last official match 6 yrs ago when she was ranked 24th in the world.
- The right hander player then suffered numerous injuries and was unable to play against Venus Williams in the semi finals of ASB Classic in Auckland in 2014.

4. Ans. D.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) have teamed up to fight the battle against Covid-19 and have signed an agreement to work together to promote health through sport and physical activity.
- The collaboration is to work with host countries to ensure Health of athletes, supporters and workers at the games.

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- The two institutions will also work to ensure that the games leave a healthy legacy in host countries through enhanced awareness of the value of sport.

5. Ans. D.

- The Research Centre Imarat (RCI), DRDO (Defense Research and Development Organization) laboratory, Hyderabad, Telangana, developed an AI-based Attendance application (AINA) which allows non-contact based personnel verification, using facial features of the person in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

- AINA can be deployed with minimal upgradation to the legacy attendance infrastructure with RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) readers.

- AINA can be installed on a normal desktop computer with a GPU (Graphics Processing Unit) based display adapter.

6. Ans. D.

- Department of Textile and Fibre Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has developed a breathable and light-weighted Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to fight COVID-19.

- The Head of the Department Professor Dr SM Ishtiaque along with his PhD student, Biswa Ranjan Das, Scientist 'D' and Assistant Director, DMSRDE (DRDO), Kanpur, developed an advanced version of PPE.

- Priced at ₹905 (including GST), the PPE overall would cost around ₹300 for one time given the option to reuse.

7. Ans. B.

- The Army Commanders' Conference was held in New Delhi.

- This is the first phase of the conference which has been scheduled from 27 to 29 May 2020.

- The Army Commanders' Conference is an apex level biannual event that was earlier scheduled to be held in April 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- It was then planned to be conducted in two phases. The second phase of the conference will held in the last week of June 2020.

8. Ans. B.

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

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

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

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

9. Ans. B.

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

- Her father, late Govind VitthalBhave, trained her in Hindustani music, while she was tutored in the Carnatic stream by noted vocalists A Subbaraya and B

Doreswamy. Her mother Lakshmi Bhave was also a classical vocalist.

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

10. Ans. D.

- Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 440 metre-long tunnel as part of the Chardham Connectivity Project in Chamba.
- The tunnel will significantly reduce the time taken by travellers on the Rishikesh-Dharasu and Gangotri stretch of the Chardham Highway (NH 94).

11. Ans. A.

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

12. Ans. C.

- Social networking giant Facebook has launched another group calling app, called CatchUp.
- The app has been developed by Facebook's NPE Team (new product experimentation) and is being tested in

the United States for a limited time on iOS and Android operating systems.

- The app allows its users to engage in group calling with up to 8 members.
- However, this is not the first platform from Facebook that gives users this facility including WhatsApp, Messenger Rooms, etc.
- The main differentiating factor between CatchUp and several other Facebook-owned group calling platforms is that CatchUp tells its users when other users of the are available to talk.

13. Ans. A.

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched Manodarpan, an initiative to provide psychological support and counselling to students, teachers and families for mental health and emotional well-being.

14. Ans. D.

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

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

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

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

15. Ans. C.

* The Charan Paduka Campaign was launched in Madhya Pradesh for the

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migrant workers passing through the state.

* Under the campaign the migrant workers were provided with shoes and slippers to reduce their pain.

* The Charan Paduka campaign is being conducted by the Police of Madhya Pradesh state. Eventually, the initiative received full support of the public. By providing slippers, the pain of the migrant workers is being reduced.

16. Ans. C.

* Karnataka launched its first cyber security-specific accelerator programme 'H.A.C.K' for start-ups recently.

* This comes even at a time when there are serious discussions around surveillance and lack of safety through government-run online software for COVID-19.

* The programme is implemented by CySeck, which is state's CoE (Centre of Excellence) in Cyber Security meant for creating a cyber-safe environment for industry collaboration. It is housed at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

17. Ans. C.

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

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

* The book was published by HarperNonFiction.

18. Ans. B.

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

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

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

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

* It has been named by Thailand.

* Affected Regions: West Bengal, Odisha and Bangladesh.

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

19. Ans. C.

* The Jammu and Kashmir Administration issued rules to provide domicile certificates.

* The "J&K Grant of Domicile Certificate (Procedure) rules 2020" has been provided through an amendment of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Decentralisation and Recruitment) Act, 2010.

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* The rules have included extraordinary penalty of Rs 50,000 to the competitive authority in case the issuing of domicile certificate is delayed.

20. Ans. B.

- Every year May 20 is being celebrated as World Bee Day by the United Nations. The official celebrations began in 2018.
- The World Bee Day is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Slovenian apiculture pioneer Anton Jansa. This year, it is celebrated under the theme "Bee Engaged"
- The day is being celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators, hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, etc.
- The Convention on Biological Diversity focuses on conserving these pollinators as well.

21. Ans. D.

- The Indian Railways operationalized the first 12,000 HP electric locomotive. The locomotive was built by the French Alstom Company under the Make in India initiative.
- The locomotive was manufactured at the Madhepura Electric Locomotive in Bihar. It is capable of hauling 6000 tonnes at a top speed of 120 km/hr.
- The locomotive was manufactured as a joint venture between the Indian and French share holding of 74% and 26%.
- With this, India has become the sixth country in the world to produce high horse power locomotive.

22. Ans. B.

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

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

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

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

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

23. Ans. C.

- India's Chief Hydrographer of Indian Naval Hydrographic, Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar has been awarded the Alexander Dalrymple Award 2019.

- This award is given to him for his outstanding contribution to Indian hydrography and across the broader Indian Ocean region.

- The award was presented by the UK Ministry of Defence.

- The recipients of the award are selected by the chief Committee of the UK Hydrographic Office(UKHO) for his or her efforts in raising the standards of hydrography, cartography and navigation around the world.

24. Ans. A.

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- Lesotho Prime Minister, Thomas Thabane has formally resigned from the post.

- Thabane and his current wife are suspected of conspiring to murder his former wife nearly three years ago, thus evolving political crises in the country.

- Lesotho's Finance Minister Moeketsi Majoro has been named by parliament as the interim PM of the country.

25. Ans. A.

- National Institute of Virology, Pune, has developed first indigenous antibody-based ELISA test kit - COVID KAVACH for diagnosis of novel Corona Virus.

- This test is expected to change the dynamics of COVID-19 testing in the country.

- The kit has displayed high sensitivity and accuracy in the validation tests at different sites.

- It can test around 90 samples in approximately two and half hours.

26. Ans. B.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nation (UN) postal agency released a commemorative postage stamp on the 40th anniversary of the eradication of smallpox.

- The commemorative stamp was designed and developed by Sergio Baradat, United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in collaboration with WHO.

- The stamp will be available for purchase at unstamps.org and it can be used to mail postcards and letters

around the world, provided that they are sent from the UN headquarters in New York, Geneva or Vienna respectively.

27. Ans. B.

- The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) tie-up with Bharat Biotech to develop indigenous COVID-19 vaccine.

- The vaccine is to be developed using virus strains that have been isolated from COVID-19 patients at ICMR's National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.

- ICMR has shared one of the 11 virus strains that it managed to culture with Bharat Biotech.

- The industry partnership is to develop the vaccine candidate and ICMR has transferred the technology to them One of the strains has now been successfully transferred from NIV to Bharat Biotech International Ltd. (BBIL) in Hyderabad as part of the partnership.

- ICMR-NIV will provide continuous support to BBIL for vaccine development.

28. Ans. D.

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

- The Book reveals details of the royal couple Harry and Meghan The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, quit as senior members of the royal family earlier this year stepped back as frontline royals to

settle in Los Angeles, United States with their one-year son Archie.

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

29. Ans. B.

- Every year, May 12 is commemorated as International Nurse Day.
- The birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale is celebrated as the International Nurse Day.
- She was also known as Lady with the Lamp. She was the founder of modern nursing and was a British social reformer and statistician.
- International Council of Nurses has published its theme for the year 2020 around the COVID-19 pandemic on its official website icn.ch "Nurses: A Voice to lead-Nursing the World to Health".
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated the year 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.

30. Ans. C.

- Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Dr Narottam Mishra launched country's first ever 'FIR AapkeDwar Yojana' in Bhopal
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to implement such an innovative scheme under which now people would not be required to visit police station to lodge an FIR
- 'FIR AapkeDwar' Yojana has been started as a pilot project in 23 Police Stations including one urban and one

rural Police Station at 11 Divisional Headquarters.

- For this Yojana "Dial 100" vehicle would have trained Head Constables to lodge FIR.

31. Ans. A.

- A Non-Invasive BiPAP Ventilator "SwasthVayu" has been developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore to treat COVID-19 patients.
- The unique features of the Non-Invasive BiPAP Ventilator "SwasthVayu" helps to alleviate the fear of the virus spread.
- The ventilator is very simple to use without any specialized nursing and is cost effective, compact and configured with majority of indigenous components.
- A BiPAP Non Invasive Ventilator "SwasthVayu" is a microcontroller-based precise closed-loop adaptive control system.
- It has a built-in biocompatible "3D printed manifold & coupler" with Highly Efficient Particulate Air (HEPA) filter.

32. Ans. A.

- The Department of Consumer Affairs operating under Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Food and Public Distribution launched Suraksha Store Initiative.
- It aims at health and safety of the citizens during lockdown.
- The main objective of the initiative is to educate the owners of Kirana store owners all over the country about COVID-19, protocols required to be followed and also about COVID-19 safety guidelines.

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- Under the initiative, so far 5 lakh stores have been registered. Over 7 lakh retailers have enrolled for training and 70,000 employees have already completed their training.

- The store is the best example of how India is using technology to solve high impact problems with simple solutions.

33. Ans. B.

- Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched Central University of Odisha Helpline "Bharosa".

- This helpline has been launched with an objective of relieving the student community from the distress caused during the troubled time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- All University Students of Odisha will be offered Cognitive Emotional Rehabilitation Services via this helpline.

- The Helpline "Bharosa" will address the issue of distress faced by any student of any University in Odisha in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

34. Ans. A.

- CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) and TATA Sons signed an MoU for licensing of KNOWHOW for FNCAS9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay (FELUDA) for rapid diagnosis of COVID-19.

- The license includes the transfer of the knowledge for scaling up the KNOWHOW in the form of a kit that can be deployed for COVID-19 testing on ground in May 2020.

- A completely indigenous scientific invention, FELUDA for COVID-19 was designed for mitigating the ongoing

COVID-19 situation and cater to mass testing.

- The technology is highly affordable, relative ease of use, and non-dependency on expensive Q-PCR machines.

- The technology was initiated and developed at CSIR IGIB under sickle cell mission and utilizes an indigenously developed cutting edge CRISPR Cas9 technology to specifically recognize the COVID-19 sequence in the given sample.

- The new technology will help to rapidly assess and establish the presence of viral infection in a sample.

35. Ans. D.

- Uttar Pradesh state government unveiled the AyushKavach app that will provide health-related tips and information about ayurvedic medicines amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

- AyushKavach mobile app will help people access prescriptions to strengthen their resistance through the ancient mode of Yoga and Ayurveda of India.

- The mobile app AyushKavach was developed by the Ayush Department of Uttar Pradesh in view of the COVID-19 health crisis.

36. Ans. D.

- Professor Saurabh Lodha from Electrical Engineering, IIT Bombay, received the Young Career Award in Nano Science & Technology for the year 2020.

- The award is instituted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

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- The award recognized his contributions in the development of logic transistor technologies beyond silicon and nanoelectronic devices based on two-dimensional Van der Waals materials.

37. Ans. D.

- The cabinet of Himachal Pradesh decided to start the "Mukhya Mantri ShahariRojgar Guarantee Yojna".
- In this Yojna, 120 days" assured employment will be provided to people living in urban areas. It is being launched to revive the coronavirus-hit economy of the state.
- Adequate training will be given to the people for their skill upgrade if required.
- The cabinet also decided to provide an assistance of Rs 2,000 to each of the 1 lakh workers registered under the Building and Other Construction Workers Board.

38. Ans. A.

- Egyptian Youssef Hossam has been banned from tennis for life after being found guilty of multiple match-fixing and other corruption offences.
- A Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) investigation found that the 21-year-old had committed 21 breaches of anti-corruption rules between 2015 and 2019 and conspired with others to carry out a campaign of betting-related corruption at the lower levels of professional tennis.

39. Ans. A.

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has honoured North Korean leader Kim Jong Un with a commemorative World War II

medal to mark the 75th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany.

- The medal was awarded to Kim for the role he played in safeguarding the memories of Soviet soldiers who died in the territory of North Korea.
- Russian ambassador in North Korea, Alexander Matsegora presented the award to North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Son-gwon.

40. Ans. B.

- United States President, Donald Trump has nominated Indian-American lawyer Ashok Michael Pinto as US representative to World Bank's lending arm International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).
- He was nominated as US Alternate Executive Director of IBRD for a period of 2 years.
- He currently serves as Counsellor to the Under Secretary for International Affairs at the United States (US) Department of the Treasury.

41. Ans. B.

* Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur has joined hands with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the development of affordable ventilators for Covid-19 treatment.

* An MoU to this effect, has been signed between BDL, IIT Kanpur, IIT Kanpur's incubator Foundation for Innovation and Research in Science and Technology and Nocco Robotics Private Limited(NRPL), an incubated start-up of IIT Kanpur.

42. Ans. C.

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* The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog in association with Piramal Foundation (the philanthropic arm of the Piramal Group) launched virtually the 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' campaign to ensure well being of senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

* The aim of the campaign is to create awareness about various aspects of senior citizens' health and lifestyle including preventive measures and requisite behavioural changes in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

* It focus on behaviour change, access to services, early detection & tracking of COVID-19 symptoms

43. Ans. C.

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) will launch 'India SME Services Platform', a digital platform to educate stakeholders in the small and medium enterprises (SME) ecosystem and have information on coronavirus-related initiatives for the sector.

- The platform will provide Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) information about starting operations, getting finance, credit enhancement and other support services.

- The platform will bring together all MSMEs, MSME ecosystem stakeholders, financiers, corporates, government, regulators, employees and associations in an interactive platform, where all will be at one place & one place for all kinds of initiatives.

44. Ans. B.

- Indian Navy launched Operation Samudra Setu, meaning Sea Bridge, as

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

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

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

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

45. Ans. C.

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

- It will be carried out by the Central Government's Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) programme.

- It is to take forward the Prime Minister's (PM) 'Prepare Not Panic' for 'SAARC fights Corona'.

- PM Narendra Modi has suggested that the health professionals of the member nations come together to fight the coronavirus pandemic at the India-initiated video conference of SAARC leaders on March 15.

1. Which state/UT's legal service authority has launched a helpline under 'Serve-the-Seniors Initiative' to help and facilitate the senior citizens who live alone and are unable to step out?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Himachal Pradesh

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

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

3. Which country has legalized the cannabis cultivation for medical and industrial purposes?

- A. Yemen
- B. Lebanon
- C. Oman
- D. Iraq

4. Which state government has given the approval of the third edition of his government's 'SujalamSufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan' amid Coronavirus lockdown?

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

5. In partnership with which healthcare company the government of Rajasthan has launched 'Aayu&SehatSathi' app to fight against COVID-19?

- A. 1mg
- B. MedCords
- C. #3healthcare
- D. AdressHealth

6. The Municipal Corporation of which city developed a mobile application "Saiyam" to effectively track the home-quarantined citizens and ensure they are actually staying in the home?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Pune

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

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

8. Renowned politician Laisenia Qarase passed away recently, he was former Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Surinam
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Malaysia
- D. Fiji

9. Under whose chairmanship the government of India has formed a committee for the purpose of public grievances and suggestions to look into any problems in concern with the exit from lockdown?

- A. Amit Khare
- B. Kapil Dev Tripathi
- C. Sanjay Kothari

D. P Iyer

10.The Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) has developed a global model to predict the ionospheric electron density, where the institute is located?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Navi Mumbai

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

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

12.Who among the following has won the Formula One Esports Chinese Virtual Grand Prix championship?

- A. Charles Leclerc
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Sebastian Vettel

13.Name the mobile application launched by the Government of India to connect essential health services with the people of India to fight against COVID-19.

- A. AarogyaSetu
- B. SewaSetu
- C. UpcharSetu
- D. AarogyaSewa

14.The Competition Commission of India has approved the formation of Joint Venture between Total S.A. and which of the following for solar power generation in India?

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

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

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

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

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

17.Which state government has started "Active Case Finding Campaign" in the state for COVID-19?

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

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

- A. ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- B. Apollo Munich Health Insurance Co. Ltd.
- C. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd.
- D. HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co.

Ltd.

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

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Delhi
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar

20. Which of the following ministries has introduced the "Companies Fresh Start Scheme, 2020"?

- A. Finance Ministry
- B. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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

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

22. What is the name has been given to the coronavirus risk-tracking app launched by the Government of India?

- A. Corona Warriors
- B. Corona Kavach
- C. Corona tracker
- D. Safe from COVID-19

23. Who has/have been conferred with The Hindu Annual prize 2019?

- A. Mirza Waheed
- B. Santanu Das
- C. Amitava Kumar
- D. Both A and B

24. Which of the following country joined officially as the 30th and newest member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- A. Moldova
- B. Sweden
- C. North Macedonia
- D. Ukraine

25. Which country has become the world leader in international patent filings via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)?

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

26. Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has collaborated with which organization for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs)?

- A. WTO
- B. WHO
- C. UNICEF
- D. UNDP

27. Indian-American, BrahmKanchibotla, passed away due to coronavirus, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Doctor
- B. Businessman
- C. IT Professional
- D. Journalist

28. Who among the following cricketers has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden?

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- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Ben Stokes
- D. Steve Smith

29. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has removed export restrictions on 24 pharma ingredients including 12 active pharmaceutical ingredients, it operates under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- B. Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

30. As per the report published by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ended March 31, 2018 which state commits highest crime related to the environment in the country?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh

31. What amount has been allocated by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF) for COVID-19 projects in 8 member countries?

- A. USD 2 million
- B. USD 3 million
- C. USD 4 million
- D. USD 5 million

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

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Sana Mir
- C. Shashikala Siriwardene

D. Ellyse Perry

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

- A. "Together, We Care"
- B. "Get + Involved"
- C. "Hear their voices"
- D. "Treatment for All, The Vision of All"

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

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Mahesh Bhupati
- C. Sania Mirza
- D. Viswanathan Anand

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

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

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

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

37. Which of the following National Parks become India's 1st Quarantine centre for animals?

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- A. Nagarhole National Park
- B. Balphakram National Park
- C. Bandhavgarh National Park
- D. Jim Corbett National Park

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

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

39. Renowned personality Ranjit Chowdhry passed away recently, he was veteran_____.

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

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

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

41. Which state hospital has employed 'COBOT-Robotics' Robots to serve food, medicine to COVID-19 patients without human intervention?

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

42. Online agriculture trading portal Electronic- National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) to complete 4 years of

implementation, which is the leading agency to implement it?

- A. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
- B. National Commission on Farmers (NCF)
- C. Small Farmers Agricultural Business Association (SFAC)
- D. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)

43. Which becomes the first state to integrate allopathy and Ayurveda to treat COVID-19 patients

- A. Gujarat
- B. Delhi
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala

44. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh has set up India's 1st remote health monitoring system in partnership with which institutions?

- A. Infosys
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited
- C. Wipro
- D. Tata Consultancy Services

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

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

ANSWERS

1. Ans. C.

* Jammu and Kashmir State Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) has launched a helpline under 'Serve-the-Seniors Initiative'.

* The objective of starting this helpline, comprising is to help and facilitate the senior citizens who live alone and are unable to step out to get medicines, groceries and other essentials in this hour of crisis.

* This initiative working under the guidance of Justice Gita Mittal, Patron-in-Chief and Justice Rajesh Bindal Executive Chairman of State Legal Services Authority.

* The helpline numbers of the Nodal Officers who could be contacted in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

2. Ans. A.

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

* She has also been honoured by the West Bengal Government as the best actress for the play GudiaGhar.

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

3. Ans. B.

- The Lebanese parliament has passed the legislation to legalize the cannabis cultivation for medical and industrial purposes.

- Earlier, the farming of cannabis was illegal in Lebanon, but now the cannabis farming would be regulated within the country.

- Legalizing the cultivation of Cannabis is expected to produce high value-added medicinal products.

- It is also a potentially lucrative export for Lebanese economy which is in dire need of foreign currency as it is grappled with a financial crisis.

4. Ans. B.

- The government of Gujarat has given the approval of the third edition of his government's 'SujalamSufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan' amid Coronavirus lockdown.

- The scheme will see the deepening of lakes, check dams and rivers by removing silt.

- This will be done till June 10, 2020, with people's participation also as under MNREGA. The scheme was started in 2018 after a weak monsoon.

- It is a conservation plan to deepen water bodies in the state before the monsoon.

5. Ans. B.

- The state government of Rajasthan has partnered with healthcare startup MedCords to launch 'Aayu&SehatSathi' app to fight against COVID-19. This app helps state people to consult doctors online and place orders for their medicine requirement in the wake of a lockdown due to COVID-19.

- Indian startup "MedCord" is fully adopted 7 districts of Rajasthan (Kota, Udaipur, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Ajmer, Pali and Jaipur).

6. Ans. D.

- In order to effectively track the home-quarantines citizens and ensure they are actually staying in the home, a

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mobile application called Saiyam has been developed by the Pune Municipal Corporation.

- The teams will check if those under home quarantine have downloaded the Saiyam Mobile application.
- The app has GPS tracking so that whenever quarantined citizens leave their homes, city administration gets alerted and the local ward or the local police station gets informed, who then visit the family.

7. Ans. C.

- Himachal Pradesh government has rolled out "e-sanjeevani-opd" for free online medical consultation to sick people.
- The "e-sanjeevani-opd" has been launched to provide free online medical consultation to sick people at their residence throughout the state.
- Hence, through this new initiative, the Himachal Pradesh government will ensure the facility of health services to the people in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic.

8. Ans. D.

- The founder of the SoqosoqoDuavata Ni Lewenivanua Party & former Fiji Prime Minister (2000-2006) Laisenia Qarase passed away at 79 in Oceania Hospital, Suva due to an illness.
- He hails from Mavana, Vanuabalavu, Lau.
- He was the former Managing Director (MD) of Fiji Development Bank, served on the board of Fijian Holdings Limited, was a former Chairman of Fiji Television Limited, was the MD of Merchant Finance & also served as a senator after

being nominated by the Great Council of Chiefs.

9. Ans. A.

- The government of India has formed a committee for the purpose of public grievances & suggestions to look into any problems in concern with the exit from lockdown.
- It is headed by Amit Khare, secretary, ministry of human resource development.

10. Ans. D.

- Researchers from Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), Navi Mumbai have developed a global model to predict the ionospheric electron density with larger data coverage- a crucial need for communication and navigation.
- Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) replicate the processes in the human brain (or biological neurons) to solve problems such as classification, clustering, pattern recognition, linear & nonlinear data fitting and time series prediction.
- It is an autonomous Institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India (GOI).

11. Ans. D.

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

12. Ans. A.

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc wins the Formula One Esports Chinese Virtual Grand Prix championship.
- Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the actual F1 races are not being held.
- In its place, Formula 1 has announced new F1 Esports Virtual Grand Prix series.
- The virtual races will run instead of each delayed Grand Prix.
- The Virtual Grand Prix series to use the official F1 2019 PC video game, developed by Codemasters.

13. Ans. A.

- The Government of India has launched the mobile application "AarogyaSetu" to connect essential health services with the people of India to fight against COVID-19.
- The mobile application aims to augment the initiatives of the Government of India, particularly the Department of Health, by proactively reaching out to and inform the users of the app regarding the risks, best practices along with the relevant advisories related to the containment of COVID-19.

14. Ans. A.

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the formation of Joint Venture (JV) between Adani Green Energy Limited and Total S.A. for solar power generation in India.
- The proposed combination predicts that Adani Green Energy will transfer certain of its subsidiaries to a newly incorporated company (JV) & then the

total S.A. will acquire 50% of JV's equity share capital, either directly or indirectly.

15. Ans. C.

- A new definition for domicile for Jammu and Kashmir was introduced which has stated that a person residing in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for at least 15 years or has studied for a period of seven years in Jammu and Kashmir and appeared in Class 10 or 12 examinations will now be eligible to be a permanent resident of the UT.
- This new rule was issued under the Section 3A of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Adaptation of State Laws Order 2020, under the Jammu and Kashmir civil services decentralisation and recruitment Act.

16. Ans. B.

- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to launch its new mission called the Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE), a very large radio telescope to study how the sun generates & releases the giant space weather storms (solar particle storms) into planetary space.
- The study will help to protect the astronauts that travel to the moon & mars by providing better information on how the Sun's radiation affects the space environment in which they travel.

17. Ans. D.

- Himachal Pradesh government has started "Active Case Finding Campaign" in the state.
- The campaign has been rolled out in the state to provide information about

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the symptoms of COVID-19 to the people at their doorsteps.

- Under the “Active Case Finding Campaign”, the information would be provided to the people by the health workers.
- Every ASHA worker with a two-person team will reach out every house in the village and collect health information of every person.

18. Ans. A.

- BharatPe inks partnership with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited to introduce ‘COVID-19 Protection Insurance Cover’.
- This Insurance cover for shopkeepers, who are most affected financially due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- According to this policy, 100% of the sum assured will be paid to the policyholder for the diagnosis of Coronavirus. This includes expenses incurred after hospitalization.
- The ICICI Lombard Health Cover, available on the BharatPe app, provided at a reasonable cost & offers a premium starting from Rs 199 and a sum assured of Rs 25,000 and value-added benefits.

19. Ans. C.

- The Jharkhand Government has launched a mobile app PRAGYAAM to issue e-passes. The app was launched by the State Chief Minister Hemant Soren.
- The app aims to issue e-passes to everyone associated with the delivery of essential services during the nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19.

20. Ans. B.

- The Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has come up with the ‘Companies Fresh Start Scheme 2020’ to enable companies make good of any filing-related defaults, irrespective of duration of default, and make a fresh start as a fully compliant entity.

- To provide a similar facility to Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), the MCA has also revised the ‘LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020’.

- The Fresh Start scheme and modified LLP Settlement Scheme reduce compliance burden during the unprecedented public health situation caused by Covid-19

21. Ans. C.

- Author & screenwriter Satyarth Nayak authored his 1st non-fiction book titled as ‘Sridevi: The Eternal Screen Goddess’ which is about the late actress Sridevi. It is published by Penguin eBury Press
- The book states about her cinematic journey from child star to megastar & also give glimpses of her as a person, sister, mother & wife.
- Satyarth Nayak is known for his bestselling novel The Emperor’s Riddles (2014), a historical thriller.

22. Ans. B.

- * The Government of India has launched a coronavirus risk-tracking app called ‘Corona Kavach’ to protect Indian citizens from getting infected by COVID-19.

- * Jointly developed by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the app uses a person’s location to assess

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whether they are in the high-risk geographical zone or not.

* The app is now available for download on Google Play Store for Android phones.

23. Ans. D.

* The Hindu Annual Prize 2019 is awarded to Mirza Waheed's Tell Her Everything (Fiction)-2019 and SantanuDas's India, Empire, and First World War Culture: Writings, Images and Songs (Non-Fiction)-2018.

* Mirza Waheed's novel talks about human ethics, noble love & the corrosive nature of companionship & is published by Westland Publications Limited (Context).

* He also has written 2 other novels namely: The Collaborator (2012), The Book of Gold Leaves(2014) & also is a journalist.

* SantanuDas' book retrieves the intellectual worlds of militants, non-combatants and civilians from India, who were not divided in World War I, is published by Cambridge University Press.

24. Ans. C.

* The Republic of North Macedonia has inducted officially as the 30th and newest member of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

* This membership comes after North Macedonia's 2017 deal with Greece under which the former changed its name from Macedonia.

* After the name change, Greece agreed to drop objections to its NATO and European Union (EU) membership.

* North Macedonia was granted a protocol on accession to NATO membership in February 2019.

25. Ans. D.

* China has become the world leader in international patent filings via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) with a total of 58,990 applications surpassing the United States (US), which was at top spot since the PCT began operations in 1978.

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

26. Ans. C.

* Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has collaborated with UNICEF for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs).

* The partnership aims to highlight the importance of Social Distancing.

* UNICEF would provide the necessary support to be circulated to the SHG centres in the form of Digital Multimedia content, Webinars for Virtual training (basic orientation on COVID response, key preventive behaviours), Social Media campaigns (on social distancing, home quarantine, etc.) and Vanya Radio. It is aimed to reach more than 18,000 participants and would cover tribal regions across all the 27 States.

27. Ans. D.

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* Indian-American journalist, BrahmKanchibotla, passed away due to coronavirus. He was a former contributor to the United News of India news agency and was working as New York and UN correspondent of the United News of India.

* He got infected with the disease while he was busy doing ground reports for his news agency United News of India (UNI).

28. Ans. C.

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

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

29. Ans. B.

* The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has removed export restrictions on 24 pharma ingredients including 12 active pharmaceutical ingredients.

* In this regard, amendment has been made in the chapter 29 and 30 of the Schedule 2 of the ITCHS (Indian Trade Clarification based on Harmonized System) Export Policy, 2018 which is related APIs and formulations.

* It should be noted that the outbound shipments of paracetamol and its formulations continue to remain restricted or need a license from the government to get exported.

30. Ans. A.

* In accordance with the report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ended March 31, 2018, 40.59% of the crimes related to the environment in the country were committed in Rajasthan (RJ) during 2014-16.

* The major crimes were violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Protect Act, 1972 which resulted in using of forest land for non-forest purposes without approval of government and capturing, poisoning, snaring or trapping of wild animals respectively.

31. Ans. D.

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

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

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

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

32. Ans. D.

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

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

33. Ans. B.

- World Hemophilia Day observed globally on 17 April every year.
- This day is observed to raise awareness for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.
- The date was chosen in honour of the World Federation of Hemophilia founder Frank Schnabel birthday.
- This year is the 30th edition of World Haemophilia Day.
- The theme of World Haemophilia Day 2020: "Get + Involved".

34. Ans. D.

- WWF (World Wide Fund) India has appointed World chess champion Viswanathan Anand as its ambassador for the environmental education programme.
- Anand lends his support to the conservation and protection of the environment.
- This year WWF India is celebrating its 50th year of conservation in India.
- WWF India was found in November 1969.
- WWF India's environmental education programme is as old as the organisation itself, starting way back in 1976 with the Nature Clubs of India (NCI) initiative.

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

35. Ans. D.

- Limited-overs Vice-captain of Indian cricket team Rohit Sharma was named brand ambassador of "CricKingdom" a Dubai-based cricket coaching academy which provides a platform for online coaching after the global COVID-19 pandemic subsides.
- It provides support on booking of coaches, ground/nets with the management of academies.
- They are trying to merge the modern scientific training methods with the time-tested theories of the legends in the game.

36. Ans. D.

- The mascot for the 4th Asian Para Games scheduled to be held here from October 9 in 2022 was unveiled by the organizing committee of Hangzhou Asian Games.
- The design of 'Feifei' is inspired by the motif of the 'Divine Bird' in the Liangzhu Culture.
- The first fei' of the mascot represents the birds flying, implying inclusiveness, respect, and fraternity of human society, whereas the 2nd fei' represents the mental tenacity of the athletes with disabilities pursuing dreams and reaching beyond themselves.

37. Ans. D.

- Jim Corbett National Park, the India's oldest forested wildlife sanctuary located in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand, has become the India's

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1st quarantine centre for animals with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

38. Ans. D.

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

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

39. Ans. D.

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

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

40. Ans. B.

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

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

41. Ans. C.

- * Jharkhand hospitals employ 'COBOT-Robotics' Robots to serve food, medicine to COVID-19 patients without human intervention.

- * The remote-controlled robot dubbed as 'COBOT-Robotics' has been developed by District Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC) Aditya Ranjan and his team of engineers.

- * The 20-bed 'high-tech isolation wards' are going to be inaugurated at the ANM Skill Centre, ChaibasaSadar Hospital.

- * The 30-bed 'high-tech isolation wards' are going to be inaugurated at COVID-19 Railway Hospital, Chakradharpur.

42. Ans. C.

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

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

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

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

43. Ans. C.

- * Goa Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant announced that Goa becomes the first state to integrate allopathy and Ayurveda to treat COVID-19 patients and those who have been quarantined.

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* The CM also added that although Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19, it will certainly boost patients' immunity.

* The treatment will be administered in consultation with doctors who are dealing with COVID-19 patients, who is also an Ayurvedic practitioner.

44. Ans. B.

* The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)-Rishikesh, in collaboration with Bengaluru-based Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has developed a health monitoring system to remotely assess the health of Covid-19 patients quarantined in homes and hospitals.

* Besides aiming at significantly reducing the risk of exposure to healthcare workers, the solution is also

expected to reduce the increasing demand of PPE and other logistics.

45. Ans. D.

* Former pro golfer Doug Sanders passed away.

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

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

March 2020

1. Who has become the first nation in the world to provide free Public Transport?

- A. Japan
- B. Palestine
- C. Sweden
- D. Luxembourg

2. What is the name of the 'Global Coalition for Biodiversity' launched on World Wildlife Day?

- A. United for Biodiversity
- B. Coalition for Biodiversity
- C. Save Wildlife
- D. Wild Biodiversity

3. Which of the following states hosted the All India Police Athletic Championship 2019?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Haryana

4. Which of the following institutions along with IIT Delhi has been ranked among world's top 50 tech institutions?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Kharagpur
- D. IIT Mandi

5. Which of the following organization has sanctioned 12 billion USD to assist countries with economic impacts of coronavirus?

- A. World Bank
- B. ADB
- C. AIIB

D. IMF

6. What is the name of the recently launched app by Government that will provide doorstep delivery of diesel?

- A. Diesel at door
- B. Humsafar
- C. Saathi
- D. Safarnama

7. Which of the following city has launched "Suposhit Maa Abhiyaan"?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kota
- C. Surat
- D. Jaipur

8. Which of the following Indian State hosted the "Chilli Festival"?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Odisha

9. Which city is set to conduct World Productivity Congress 2020?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Bangalore
- D. Hyderabad

10. Who has been honoured with Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award 2020?

- A. Sumaira Abdulali
- B. Jadav Payeng
- C. Norma Alvares
- D. Claude Alvares

11. In which city has Indian Railways launched its first "Restaurant on Wheels"?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Kochi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Asansol

12. Joginder Singh Saini who recently passed away belonged to which field?

- A. Athletics
- B. Comedy
- C. Journalism
- D. Mathematics

13. Who has been sworn as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh?

- A. Digvijay Singh
- B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- C. Kamal Nath
- D. Kailash Vijayvargiya

14. The Union Cabinet has approved the extradition treaty between India and which country?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Italy
- D. Belgium

15. Flying car-maker PAL-V of which country will set up a manufacturing plant in Gujarat?

- A. Germany
- B. Netherlands
- C. USA
- D. Japan

16. Amid the growing COVID-19 epidemic India has postponed its 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI),

'RAISE 2020- Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' to _____.

- A. August
- B. September
- C. October
- D. November

17. What is India's rank in the in the recently released 26th annual edition of Economic Freedom Index 2020 published by the Heritage Foundation?

- A. 120th
- B. 134th
- C. 144th
- D. 173rd

18. Which country has become the first country in the world to withdraw from Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- A. USA
- B. France
- C. Canada
- D. India

19. Which oil company becomes the first company to begin supply of BS-VI fuel across country?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- B. Hindustan Petroleum (HP)
- C. Bharat Petroleum (BP)
- D. Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL)

20. Who will head 21-member high-level technical committee of public health experts to guide the people in preventive & control activities of COVID-19?

- A. Preeti Sudan
- B. V K Paul
- C. RandeepGuleria

D. Sujeet Singh

21. Which of the following foundation has had set up the first hospital of India that will operate exclusively to treat Corona Virus patients?

- A. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- B. Reliance Foundation
- C. Google.org
- D. Amazon charity

22. The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed annually on which date?

- A. 23rd March
- B. 24th March
- C. 25th March
- D. 26th March

23. The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed annually on which date?

- A. 24th March
- B. 25th March
- C. 26th March
- D. 27th March

24. To mark the beginning of the Hindu Lunar calendar the new year day celebration 'Ugadi' is celebrated in which of the following states?

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

25. The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers agreed to move the Tokyo Games to _____.

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

26. Who has won the 2020 PEN/Hemingway Award for her Novel, "A Prayer for Travelers"?

- A. Shobhaa De
- B. Anita Nair
- C. Ruchika Tomar
- D. Kiran Desai

27. Which of the following state has the highest number of participants in the flagship programme PoshanAbhiyaan?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Haryana
- D. Tamil Nadu

28. Hans Raj Bhardwaj who passed away recently, belonged to which of the following fields?

- A. Comedy
- B. Journalism
- C. Cricket
- D. Politics

29. Which of the following state hosted the SAREX-2020 exercise of Indian Coast Guard?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Goa
- D. Maharashtra

30. Which State has topped list for highest number of Rooftop Solar installations?

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

- A. 2022
- B. 2021
- C. 2024
- D. 2025

31. Which of the following states celebrated Attukal Pongala, one of the largest all-women religious congregations in the world?

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

36. Which state launched a dedicated monitoring cell under Mission Bhagiratha to invite grievances and issues of supply of drinking water?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Telangana

32. Which country has been ranked as the 2nd largest arms importer as per report published by SIPRI?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. China
- D. India

37. Which Player has become 1st Cricketer to play 500 T20s?

- A. Kieron Pollard
- B. Chris Gayle
- C. Dwayne Bravo
- D. Virat Kohli

33. Which of the following Indian cities is set to get a world class marina with parking?

- A. Jammu
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Kolkata

38. Which of the following states has highest per capita milk availability in country as per livestock census 2019?

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

34. Which team won ICC women's T20 world cup 2020?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. New Zealand

39. Which of the following states has decided to form trust for construction of "Ram Van Gaman Path"?

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

35. By which year has Government of India (GoI) decided to create 75 lakh Self Help groups (SHGs)?

40. Who has been appointed as new chairman and Managing director of Power Finance corporation?

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- A. M K Goel
- B. Mahendra Goyal
- C. Rajeev Sharma
- D. Ravinder Singh Dhillon

41. Which football club won ISL (Indian Super League) trophy?

- A. ATK FC
- B. Chennaiyin
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Goa

42. Which company along with NASSCOM has launched "Innovate for Accessible India" campaign?

- A. Flipkart
- B. Amazon
- C. Facebook
- D. Microsoft

43. Who has been appointed as new MD of Google Cloud India?

- A. Kunal Misra
- B. Harmeet Sidhu
- C. Karan Bajwa
- D. Mayoorkangoo

44. Which company along with Tata steel has been named as world's most ethical companies?

- A. HCL
- B. WIPRO
- C. Amazon
- D. TCS

45. Which state has been declared as a disturbed area under the Armed Forces Act 1958 for six months?

- A. Assam
- B. Sikkim
- C. Mizoram

D. Tripura

46. Imtiaz Khan who recently passed away belonged to which field?

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

47. Whose biography has been authored by **Sadguru Patil** and **Mayabhushan Nagvenkar**?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Manohar Parrikar
- C. Sushma Swaraj
- D. Sheela Dixit

48. Which country of world has been recognized as 'Dark Sly Place'?

- A. Slovenia
- B. Niue
- C. Costa Rica
- D. Slovakia

49. Which State hosted Phool Sankranti festival also known as Phool Dei festival?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. Himachal Pradesh

50. Who won men's title at Badminton All England Championship?

- A. Kento Momota
- B. Chou Tien-chen
- C. Chen Long
- D. Viktor Axelsen

1. Ans. D.

- Luxembourg (Europe) has become the first country in the world to make all forms of public transport free.
- It is a tactic in tackling road congestion and pollution, as well as supporting low earners while the burden is shouldered by the better off population.

2. Ans. A.

- The European Commission (EC) launched the 'United for Biodiversity' coalition made up of zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, national parks, and natural history and science museums from around the world, on World Wildlife Day 2020.
- The coalition focuses to boost public awareness about the nature crisis and urge nations to adopt a new global framework to protect and restore nature.

3. Ans. D.

- Union Minister Kiren Rijju inaugurated 68th edition of All India Police Athletic Championship began at Bhanu in Panchkula District of Haryana.
- The main aim of the championship is to bring India in top 10 in the Olympics scheduled in 2028.

4. Ans. A.

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay and IIT Delhi have secured 44th and 47th positions respectively in Engineering and Technology category in the World University Rankings released by Quacquarelli Symonds.

- IIT Delhi has moved a massive 14 places from last year's 61st position. Overall, IIT Bombay improved on its 2019 performance by 9 places.

5. Ans. A.

- The World Bank on Tuesday announced an initial \$12 billion immediate funds to assist countries grappling with the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak that has spread quickly from China to over 60 countries.
- World Bank President David Malpass announced that the fund can be used for medical equipment or health services and will include expertise and policy advice helping in fast and effective recovery.

6. Ans. B.

- * Mobile Application 'Humsafar' has been launched by the labour minister, Santosh Gangwar in the National Capital Region
- * Through this app, housing societies, hotels, and hospitals will be able to get diesel delivered at their doorsteps.
- * This will provide good quality and quantity of fuel, live tracking of the delivery vehicle, automated billing, delivery within 8 hours and no spillage and wastage of fuel.

7. Ans. B.

- The Speaker of Lok Sabha Om Birla launched the 'Suposhit Maa Abhiyan', a scheme to ensure nutritional support to pregnant women in Kota.
- The scheme is in line to achieve 'Malnutrition-free India' by 2022.

8. Ans. C.

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- Madhya Pradesh hosted two-day unique Chilli Festival begins at Kasrawad in Khargone district.

- The Festival is a big business opportunity for traders, investors and exporters and will also help in fulfilling the Central Government's goal of doubling the income of farmers.

9. Ans. C.

- World Productivity Congress, the world's largest convention for productivity development, will be held in India after a gap of 45 years.

- The 19th edition of World Productivity Congress (WPC) will be held on May 6 to May 8, 2020 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, Bangalore.

10. Ans. B.

- Padma Shri Jadav Payeng, the Forest Man of India will be conferred with the prestigious Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award in New Delhi.

- The award is instituted by My Home India for his consistent efforts in creating a real man-made forest through massive reforestation.

11. Ans. D.

- Indian Railways has launched its first "Restaurant on Wheels" at the circulating area of Asansol railway station for the use of passengers as well as the general public.

12. Ans. A.

- [Joginder Singh Saini](#), one of India's longest-serving [athletics](#) coaches who guided top athletes for nearly three decades, died in [Patiala](#).

- He was 90. Saini, who passed out of the National Institute of Sports (NIS) in the 1960s, emerged as one of the top coaches.

13. Ans. B.

- * BJP's Shivraj Singh Chouhan was sworn in as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh by Governor Lalji Tandon at a ceremony at the Raj Bhawan in Bhopal.

- * This is the fourth time Shivraj Singh Chouhan has been administered the oath of office as CM.

- * The ceremony was held amid a coronavirus-induced lockdown in the state capital resulting in no invitations for party leaders or the press.

- * On earlier occasions, Chouhan had taken oath at the Jamboree Grounds in the BHEL township making it a mammoth affair.

14. Ans. D.

- * Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi announced that it has approved to sign & ratify the extradition treaty between India and Belgium, which will enable the countries to surrender any person found in its territory who is accused of or convicted in an extraditable offence in the territory of the other party.

- * The treaty states that if the offence involved is a political offence & also if the offence requested is a military offence the extradition will be refused.

- * The agreement also mentions some offences which will not be considered as political offences.

- * The treaty will provide a legal framework to hand over terrorists, economic criminals and other criminals from & to Belgium.

15. Ans. B.

- * Flying car-maker PAL-V (Personal Air Land Vehicle) of the Netherlands will set up a manufacturing plant in Gujarat.
- * A Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) was signed between state industries Principal Secretary MK Das and Carl Maasbommel, Vice President of PAL-V's international business development.
- * The Dutch car company sets up the firm for the first time in India and has set a target of commencing production by 2021.

* The company has chosen Gujarat state for its world-class infrastructure, ease of doing business, better port and logistic facilities.

16. Ans. C.

* Amid the growing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, the Indian government announced the postponement of the country's 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), 'RAISE 2020- Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment' to October 5-6, 2020.

* It was to be conducted between April 11 & 12, 2020 in New Delhi by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

* The summit is a drive to India's vision & roadmap for social empowerment, inclusion & transformation through AI.

17. Ans. A.

* The Heritage Foundation published its 26th annual edition of Economic Freedom Index 2020 to measure the level of economic freedom in 186 countries.

* Hong Kong (89.1) for the 1st time secured 2nd rank since the 1st publication in 1995.

* New Zealand (84.1) secured the 3 rank, North Korea (4.2) is positioned in 180th rank, Venezuela (25.2) in 179th rank & Cuba (26.9) in 178th rank.

* Due to lack of reliable statistics Iraq, Libya, Liechtenstein, Somalia, Syria, Yemen is not ranked.

* India ranked at 120th position.

* India secures 28th rank among 42 countries in the Asia-Pacific region & also has made improvement in its score by 1.3 points from 2019.

18. Ans. C.

* Canada has become the first country in the world to withdraw from Tokyo 2020 Olympics. The decision has been taken in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

* The Canadian Olympic Committee announced that holding the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as per schedule would threaten the health of its athletes.

19. Ans. A.

* Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) began the supply of the world's cleanest petrol and diesel across the country.

* All 28,000 petrol stations of IOC's across the country are dispensing BS-VI (Bharat Stage- VI) ultra-low sulphur grade fuel in order to reduce the pollution from vehicles in the air.

* India has switched to the cleanest fuel as other fuel retailers such as Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are also supplying BS-VI grade fuel.

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* The Government of India had set April 1, 2020 as the deadline for starting supply of Euro- VI (equivalent to BS-VI grade) fuels in all petrol stations.

20. Ans. B.

* The government set up a 21 member high-level technical committee of public health experts to guide the people in preventive & control activities of COVID-19.

* The committee is headed by NITI Aayog member V K Paul & is co-chaired by Union Health Secretary- Preeti Sudan and Balram Bhargava, the Director General Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

21. Ans. B.

* The Reliance Group of Companies in collaboration with Brihanmumbai Municipal corporation has set up a COVID-19 Centre at the Seven Hills Hospital in Mumbai.

* The centre is completely supported by Reliance Foundation. It has all required infrastructure including a negative pressure room.

* The Negative Room Pressure technology is used to isolate patients.

22. Ans. C.

* The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed annually on 25 March by the United Nations.

* The day is marked each year on the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former journalist who was working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) when he was abducted by armed gunman in 1985.

23. Ans. B.

* International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed annually on 25th March every year.

* This day offers the opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system.

* International Day also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice today.

24. Ans. D.

* Telugu New Year day 'Ugadi (GudiPadwa) is celebrated across the two Telugu states, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to mark the beginning of the Hindu Lunar calendar.

* Though the nation-wide lockdown due to coronavirus dampens the traditional fervour and gaiety, people are observing the customary festivities.

* The date of Ugadi is based on calculations of the position of the moon dating back to 12th century. Ugadi begins on the first new moon after the Spring Equinox.

* Ugadi is celebrated the next morning as an Indian day starts from sunrise. This date usually falls in late March or early April in the western calendar and this date moon signifies a change in the seasons and essentially means Ugadi is a spring festival.

* In Maharashtra, it is known as Gudipadawa and may be called GudiPadava in other parts of India.

25. Ans. B.

* The International Olympic Committee and Tokyo Olympic organizers agreed

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to move the Tokyo Games to 2021. Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the head of the International Olympic Committee agreed to postpone the Tokyo 2020 Games by a year in an extraordinary move, unprecedented in peacetime, as the world battles the coronavirus pandemic.

26. Ans. C.

* Critically-acclaimed debut novelist Ruchika Tomar is the winner of the 2020 PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel, for "A Prayer for Travelers".

* It was published on July 9, 2019. The Novel states about the friendship of 2 women which grows complicated until the relationship breaks apart and one of the friends disappear.

* Ruchika Tomar hails from California & is currently working as a lecturer at Stanford University.

27. Ans. D.

- Tamil Nadu tops the list of the states in terms of the number of participants in the programme.

- The aim of Poshan Abhiyan is to improve the nutritional status of Indian citizens.

- The programme helps children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers by leveraging technology and a targeted approach.

28. Ans. D.

- Hans Raj Bhardwaj was former Law Minister and senior Congress leader of India.

- He died after a cardiac arrest at the age of 83.

- Bhardwaj had also served as the governor of Kerala and Karnataka.

29. Ans. C.

- Final exercise of the National level Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2020) was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard in the sea at Vasco, South Goa district.

30. Ans. C.

- Gujarat tops the list of highest number of Rooftop Solar installations states list.

- Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL) has received more than 1,15,000 applications for residential rooftop solar installations.

31. Ans. D.

- Famous annual all-women "AttukalPongala" was celebrated in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

- It is one of the largest religious congregations based annual all-women based festival

32. Ans. D.

- India retained its position as the second-largest arms importer in the world.

- Saudi Arabia is the world's largest importer of arms.

- Pakistan was ranked at 11th position in arms imports in the world over as per the latest report

- SIPRI stands for Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

33. Ans. B.

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- Mumbai will get a world-class marina with a parking facility for 300 yachts.

- As per the global tender floated by Mumbai Port Trust, the marina will be built under the public private partnership model at an estimated cost of Rs 300 crore.

34. Ans. B.

- Australia won the ICC women's T20 world cup 2020 tournament, beating India by 85 runs in the final.

- It was held in Australia between 21 February and 8 March 2020.

- The final took place at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on International Women's Day.

35. Ans. A.

- Government of India (GoI) is planning to create a total of 75 lakh Self Help Groups by 2022 to enable more women to get livelihood.

- Narendra Singh Tomar announced that more than 17 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) are to be developed by 2022. Currently, there are more than 60 lakh self-help groups in the country mobilizing 6 crore women.

36. Ans. D.

- The Mission Bhagiratha is a safe drinking water project that was launched for the state of Telangana.

- It aims to provide drinking water to every village and city household.

- It will supply clean drinking water from the rivers Krishna and Godavari.

37. Ans. A.

- West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard became the first player in the history of T20 cricket to feature in 500 matches..

- Dwayne Bravo is second in the list with 453 matches under his belt so far.

38. Ans. A.

- Punjab has highest per capita milk availability in country as per livestock census 2019.

- Punjab produces 1,181-gram milk per day on an average.

39. Ans. C.

- The Madhya Pradesh Government decided to constitute a trust for construction of the Ram Van Gaman Path from Chitrakoot to Amarkantak .

- "Ram Van Gaman Path" will be constructed under the Chief Minister's chairmanship including the Chief Secretary among members.

40. Ans. D.

- Ravinder Singh Dhillon has taken over as the Director (Projects) in Power Finance Corporation.

- He was serving as an Executive Director in PFC. Dhillon has more than 34 years of experience in various areas of the power sector.

41. Ans. A.

- ATK FC lifted the Indian Super League (ISL) trophy for the record 3rd time following a 3-1 win against Chennaiyin FC in the final held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

- ATK FC became the champions of the season 6 of the ISL.

42. Ans. D.

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- The NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) recently launched the "Innovate for Accessible India" campaign along with Microsoft India.

- The other partners of the initiative include Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

43. Ans. C.

- Karan Bajwa appointed as MD of Google Cloud in India.

- Google announced the appointment of Karan Bajwa as Managing Director of Google Cloud in India. Bajwa was earlier leading IBM's India operations. Before that, he was with Microsoft.

44. Ans. B.

- Wipro and Tata Steel have been recognised by the Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the world's most ethical companies.

45. Ans. A.

- Assam Government puts State under AFSPA for six months as per the power conferred under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958.

- The government of Assam has declared the entire State of Assam as 'disturbed area' up to 6 (six) months.

46. Ans. A.

* Imtiaz Khan who was an actor passed away at an age of 77.

* The veteran actor is late actor Amjad Khan's brother and was married to television actress Krutika Desai.

47. Ans. B.

* A book on the life and times of bureaucrat-turned-politician Manohar Parrikar.

* He served as the defence minister and Goa chief minister, will hit the stands in April, announced publishing house Penguin Random House India

48. Ans. B.

- Niue is World's First Country to Become a Dark Sky Place.

- The Pacific nation now provides protection for sky, sea, and land. The Pacific island of Niue is the world's first whole country to become an International Dark Sky Place.

49. Ans. A.

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Trivendra Singh Rawat** celebrated the traditional harvest festival "**Phool Dei**". The festival also showcases the inner bonding between the communities who all are residing in the hills.

- Phool Dei is celebrated on the first day of **Chaitra or in mid-March (according to Gregorian calendar)**.

50. Ans. D.

- In the men's event, Denmark's Viktor Axelsen won his first All England Championship title, beating Taiwanese top seed Chou Tien-chen.

- **Tai Tzu Ying** is the women's champion for the third time in four years, defeating China's **Chen Yu Fei**.

1. Who won the 2020 Australian Open Men's Singles title?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Dominic Thiem
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal

2. The annual Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (KGAF) 2020 was celebrated in _____.

- A. Chennai
- B. Faridabad
- C. Agra
- D. Mumbai

3. Revolutionary poet Rabi Singh passed away recently. He was famous for writing in which language?

- A. Bengali
- B. Sanskrit
- C. Odia
- D. Marathi

4. Who has been awarded for the Mathrubhumi Literary Award-2020 for his translated book "Blue Is Like Blue"?

- A. Geetanjali Shree
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Anita Desai
- D. Vinod Kumar Shukla

5. Who has become once again a member of the Commonwealth of nations in February 2020?

- A. Maldives
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. India

6. Which film won the Best Film Award at the 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020?

- A. Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
- B. Avengers: Endgame
- C. 1917
- D. Marriage Story

7. With which country India has signed first ever term contract to import crude oil?

- A. Iran
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Kuwait
- D. Russia

8. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the 1st time is going to sign a pact with which country to manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India?

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

9. Which of the following states won the award for the implementation of 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) in the state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh

10. Which magazine named RBI governor Shaktikanta Das as the 'Central Banker of the Year 2020' for the Asia-Pacific region?

- A. Forbes
- B. India Today
- C. The Banker
- D. Times

11. Which is the first country to declare LOCUST a 'national emergency' after worst locust invasion?

- A. Nigeria
- B. Mali
- C. South Africa
- D. Somalia

12. The Union Cabinet approved to set up the Vardhavan port in which state of India?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. West Bengal
- D. Gujarat

13. In which city a workshop on "Van Dhan and entrepreneurship Development" has been organised by TRIFED?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Faridabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. New Delhi

14. Which state has made it mandatory for singing the National Anthem in all schools and colleges from February 19, 2020?

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

15. The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species

(CMS) of Wild Animals hosted by which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Malaysia
- C. India
- D. France

16. Who has been conferred with International Olympic Committee's Coaches Lifetime achievement awards 2019?

- A. Li Yong Bo
- B. Remy Mainaky
- C. Park Joo Bong
- D. Pullela Gopichand

17. Which country won the ICC Women's Championship Trophy 2020?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. England

18. Who has been named 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of Year?

- A. Lalremsiami
- B. Rajani Etimarpu
- C. Bichu Devi Kharibam
- D. Gurjit Kaur

19. Which of the following institutions has approved the funding of USD 2 million to combat the spread of novel coronavirus (nCoV)?

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

20. Who has won the Men's National Snooker Championship 2020?

- A. Pankaj Advani
- B. Aditya Mehra
- C. Manan Chandra
- D. Lucky Vatnani

21. Who won the Best Actor Award at the 92nd annual Academy Awards 2020?

- A. Joaquin Phoenix
- B. Bong Joon Ho
- C. Sam Mendes
- D. Leonardo DiCaprio

22. Which team won the Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020?

- A. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- B. Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC)
- C. Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- D. Boarder Security Force (BSF)

23. The African Union Summit 2020 was held in which city place?

- A. Pretoria, South Africa
- B. Abuja, Nigeria
- C. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- D. Nairobi, Kenya

24. Who becomes the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America?

- A. Malavath Purna
- B. Premlata Agarwal
- C. Anshu Jamsenpa
- D. Kaamyia Karthikeyan

25. Which country has won the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Sri Lanka

26. "Run for India Tea" has been organised by Tea development corporation of which state?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Tripura
- C. Manipur
- D. Kerala

27. Which city will host the Kala Kumbh exhibition to promote GI crafts and heritage of India?

- A. [New Delhi](#)
- B. Kolkata
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

28. With which ride company has Delhi Police integrated "Himmat Plus app"?

- A. Uber
- B. Ola
- C. Meru
- D. Jugnoo

29. In which city, "Kashi EkRoopAnek" exhibition has been inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi?

- A. Mathura
- B. Azamgarh
- C. Lucknow
- D. Varanasi

30. Which State government has launched "Yodhavu" mobile app to combat drug abuse?

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- A. Kerala
- B. Assam
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Bihar

31. Which State Government is set to declare buffer area of Silent Valley National Park as Bhavani Wildlife Sanctuary?

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

32. The Department of Science and Technology has launched which initiative to create strong science and technology infrastructure in India?

- A. SATHI
- B. SAHAYTA
- C. SAHKTI
- D. SAMRIDDHI

33. As per Skill development and Entrepreneurship Ministry's data, number of people trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) from 2016-20 are _____.

- A. 69.84 Lakh
- B. 71.97 Lakh
- C. 73.47 Lakh
- D. 75.09 Lakh

34. What is the theme of the 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 held in Kochi, Kerala?

- A. Marine Food: An Alternative to traditional Food
- B. Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition
- C. 'Safe & Sustainable Seafood from India'

D. Marine Ecology and Marine Food

35. Which state has started 'water bell scheme' to ensure that children keep themselves hydrated?

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

36. Where will the Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and the United Kingdom be conducted?

- A. Pune
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Jhansi
- D. Salisbury Plains

37. Which corporation has constituted Municipal bonds development committee headed by Sujit Prasad?

- A. RBI
- B. SEBI
- C. SIDBI
- D. EXIM

38. Which Company has replaced SBI to become India's 10th most valued firm by market capitalization on BSE?

- A. HDFC
- B. Bajaj Finance
- C. Aditya Birla Ltd
- D. ICICI

39. What is India's rank as most polluted countries in the World Air Quality Report 2019 released by the pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace?

- A. Second
- B. Third
- C. Fourth

D. Fifth

C. 45

D. 55

40. As per the World Air Quality Report 2019 released by the pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace which city of India has emerged as the most polluted city of the world?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Noida
- D. Kanpur

45. Which state government has set up a five-member committee to study Andhra Pradesh's Disha Act?

- A. Mizoram
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Karnataka

41. 1st Khelo India Winter Games 2020 was held in which state/ UTs?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Union Territory of Ladakh

46. Which city hosted International conference on "Ensemble Methods in Modelling & Data Assimilation"?

- A. Noida
- B. Kanpur
- C. Bangalore
- D. Hyderabad

42. According to a report by Knight Frank India, which Airport ranks highest in duty-free revenue per passenger?

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- B. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Mumbai
- C. Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru
- D. Chennai International Airport

47. Who received SERB Women Excellence award 2020?

- A. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
- B. Niti Kumar
- C. Mangala Narlikar
- D. Aditi Pant

43. Which country has become India's top trading partner by surpassing China?

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

48. Which State hosted the North East SDG conclave 2020 organised by NITI Aayog?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Mizoram

44. For how many Rajya Sabha seats will elections be conducted?

- A. 50
- B. 49

49. Mahathir Mohamad who has recently resigned is PM of which country?

- A. Mauritius
- B. Nepal
- C. Maldives
- D. Iran

50. Which country hosted the Defence and Security expert working group meeting of SCO?

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

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. C.

Serbian star Novak Djokovic won the 2020 Australian Open Men's Singles title.

He defeated Austrian Dominic Thiem (6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4) in the final match.

It was his 78th Australian Open Men's Singles title.

Australian Open was held in Melbourne, Australia in January 2020.

2. Ans. D.

The 21st edition of the 9-day Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (KGAF) 2020, one of the biggest open street arts and cultural festival of India, has begun in Mumbai.

The theme for 2020 KGAF is "PAST FORWARD."

3. Ans. C.

Eminent Odia poet Rabi Singh passed away following a prolonged illness.

He was popularly known as "Biplabi Kabi" (revolutionary poet) for his patriotic writings.

4. Ans. D.

Noted Hindi poet-novelist **Vinod Kumar Shukla** has been awarded the Mathrubhumi Book of the Year 2020 award for his translated book "Blue Is Like Blue".

The Mathrubhumi Group's award, which comes with a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, will be given to the best work of fiction in English published in the year.

5. Ans. A.

The Maldives has once again become a member of the Commonwealth of nations.

The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, confirmed Maldives' reinstatement into the organization as its 54th member state.

The Maldives withdrew from the Commonwealth on 13 October 2016.

The Commonwealth of Nations is a political association of 54 member states, mostly former territories of the British Empire.

6. Ans. C.

• 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020 ceremony, popularly referred to as BAFTA Awards 2019 was held in Royal Albert Hall, London, United Kingdom.

• It honours the best national and foreign films of 2019.

• First World War drama '1917' won the Best Film award, which was directed by Sam Mendes. The film 1917 won 7 awards including best picture & director for Sam Mendes, the 1st time he has been honoured for direction by the British academy.

7. Ans. D.

- The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and the Chairman of Rosneft (Russia's largest oil producing company) signed the first ever term contract.
- According to the contract India will import 2 million metric tonnes of Urals grade crude oil.
- The agreement was signed between IOCL and Rosneft. The companies discussed on energy cooperation and hydrocarbon enhancement.
- Rosneft is the largest oil producing company in Russia.
- The company is extended over 20 countries in the world.

8. Ans. B.

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the 1st time, will sign a partnership pact with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) at the DefExpo 2020 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- This pact is signed for manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India.
- As a large MALE (Medium Altitude, Long Endurance) UCAV has a maximum flight time of over 36 hours in favourable conditions.
- This will be manufactured to cater both to Indian requirements for a combat UCAV and possibly exports to third nations in the future as well.

9. Ans. D.

- Madhya Pradesh has bagged the first position for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.

- Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani will present this award to Madhya Pradesh at a function in New Delhi.
- Madhya Pradesh Minister for Women and Child Development Imarti Devi and Principal Secretary Anupam Rajan will receive the award.
- Indore district has also bagged the first place for better performance of the scheme.

10. Ans. C.

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the Central Banker of the Year, Asia-Pacific 2020, by the Banker magazine, a unit of Financial Times (FT).
- The award is given to central bankers who have "best managed to stimulate growth and stabilise their economy."
- Jorgovanka Tabakovi, National Bank of Serbia, was adjudged the winner as the Global Central Banker of the Year.

11. Ans. D.

- Somalia is the first country of Africa which declared national emergency due to locust.
- Pakistan is another country to declare this emergency.
- Somalia is one of the countries of horn of Africa.

12. Ans. B.

- Union Cabinet approved to set up the Vardhavan port in Maharashtra.
- The port is to be developed in "Landlord Model".

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- The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust will act as the lead partner in developing the port.
- With the development of Vardhavan port, India will enter into the category of countries with top 10 container ports in the world.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP) is the biggest container port in India and 28th in the world.

13. Ans. D.

* The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) organized a workshop on "Van Dhan and Entrepreneurship Development" in New Delhi.

* The workshop was inaugurated by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda.

* Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) is an initiative targeting livelihoods generation for tribals by harnessing the wealth of the forest i.e., Van Dhan.

* The programme aims to tap the traditional knowledge and skills of tribals and add branding, packaging and marketing skills to optimize their income through a market led enterprise model by setting up of Van Dhan Kendras (VDVKs).

14. Ans. B.

* Singing the national anthem will be mandatory in all schools and colleges in Maharashtra beginning February 19. The national anthem should be sung before college proceedings begin everyday. This will come into effect from February 19, on the occasion of Shiv Jayanti [birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj]

15. Ans. C.

- The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals hosted by India.
- It is an Environment Treaty Supported by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- The conference has been organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in Gandhinagar, from 17th – 22nd February 2020.

16. Ans. D.

- Chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand received the prestigious 2019 International Olympic Committee's Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award in the male category.
- Gopichand was honoured for the role he played in the development of the game in the country.

17. Ans. B.

- Australia won ICC Women's Championship trophy, which they have retained by taking a winning lead in the eight-team ODI competition played from 2017 to 2020.

18. Ans. A.

- India forward Lalremsiami has been named as the 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year, the International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- Lalremsiami took the prize ahead of Argentina's Julieta Jankunas and Frederique Matla of the Netherlands.
- Lalremsiami first came into the wider hockey consciousness at the Hockey Women's World Cup in 2018 when she

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was one of the stand-out players of the tournament.

19. Ans. C.

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved the funding of USD 2 million to combat the spread of novel coronavirus (nCoV).
- The funds will support the efforts to stop the outspread of novel coronavirus (nCoV) by supplementing ongoing regional technical assistance and strengthening response capacity in China, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Myanmar.
- The funds will also help in boosting the supply of diagnostic and laboratory equipment for rapid testing to help in fight against the outbreak.

20. Ans. B.

- Aditya Mehta has won the National Snooker Championship held in pune, Maharashtra.
- Aditya Mehta defeated the world champion Pankaj Advani to win the men's title of the National Snooker Championship.
- While representing the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB), he defeated Pankaj Advani with a score line of 6-2.

21. Ans. A.

- Joaquin Phoenix has won the best actor award for "Joker" at 92nd annual Academy Awards 2020.
- These awards are presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) to honour the excellence in cinematic achievements of 2018 in 24 different categories.

- The Academy Awards were presented for the first time on May 16, 1929, at a private function at Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

22. Ans. B.

- The Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red won the first Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020.
- They defeated Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) team 3-2 in a nail-biting thriller final match. 13 teams participated in the Khelo India Ice Hockey Championship.
- Khelo India is an initiative taken by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to aware people about the importance of sports and fitness.

23. Ans. C.

- The African Union Summit was held in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia to tackle terrorism in the continent.
- The Summit is important for India as India has recently signed the defence agreement, Lucknow Declaration with 50 African countries at DefExpo 2020.
- India is planning considerable investment in Defence sector in the regions of African Union.

24. Ans. D.

- Kaamya Karthikeyan, a class VII student of Navy Children School (NCS), Mumbai, became the youngest girl in the world to summit Mt. Aconcagua, the highest peak in South America and outside of Asia.
- Kaamya Karthikeyan summited the mountain peak on February 1 and unfurled the tricolor

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- The young girl overcame many administrative hurdles and extreme climbing conditions to achieve this rare feat.

- At 6962 metres, Mt. Aconcagua is the highest peak outside Asia.

25. Ans. C.

- Bangladesh has won the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held in South Africa.

- Bangladesh Under-19 cricket team defeated India Under-19 team by 3 wickets to win the final of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020 held at JB Marks Oval, Potchefstroom, South Africa.

- This was the 13th edition of the tournament in which 16 teams participated from all over the world.

26. Ans. B.

- Tripura Tea Board organizes 'Run for India Tea' event.

- Tripura, Tea Board of India in collaboration with Tripura Tea Development Corporation (TTDC) organized "Run for India Tea" to promote and popularise Tripura tea alongside India tea.

27. Ans. A.

- The Ministry of Textiles is organising a Handicraft thematic Exhibition named 'Kala Kumbh', for promoting Geographical Indication (GI) crafts

- Recently the Kala Kumbh exhibition was inaugurated at Bengaluru and Mumbai. It is also proposed to be held at other major Indian cities including Kolkata and Chennai next month.

28. Ans. A.

- In order to ensure safety and security of commuters as well as the cab drivers, Delhi Police Commissioner, Amulya Patnaik, on Monday launched 'Himmat Plus' scheme integrated with Uber app

29. Ans. D.

- * Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kashi EkRoopAnek', a cultural arts and handicrafts exhibition, at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay HastkalaSankul in Bada Lalpur, Varanasi.

- * 'Kashi EkRoopAnek' showcased products from over 10,000 artisans from all over Uttar Pradesh.

30. Ans. A.

- * Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched "Yodhav" (Warrior) mobile app (application) at Kochi, Kerala.

- * The public can inform police about drug abuse with the informer's identity kept secret.

31. Ans. A.

- * The Kerala government is set to declare 148-sq-km buffer zone of the Silent Valley National Park as Bhavani wildlife sanctuary.

- * Encompassing parts of the Mannarkkad and Nilambur (South) forest divisions, the region will become the 25th protected area in the State.

32. Ans. A.

- The Department of Science & Technology (Ministry of Earth Sciences) has launched a unique scheme called Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI).

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- The DST has already set up 3 such centres in the country, one each at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi and BHU.

- It has planned to set up 5 SATHI Centres every year for the next four years.

- These Centres have major analytical instruments and advanced manufacturing facilities to provide common services of high-end analytical testing, thus avoiding duplication and reduced dependency on foreign sources.

33. Ans. C.

- As on January 17, 2020 approximately 73.47 lakh candidates were provided skilling under Short Term Training (STT) courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across India from 2016-2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

- It is a flagship program under the Skill India Mission of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E).

- Post placement support of Rs. 1500 per month per trainee will be given for special groups & special areas for 2 or 3 months after the training.

34. Ans. B.

- The 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 is being held in Kochi from 7-9 February 2020.

- The show is being organized by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).

- The theme of this year's seafood show is "Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition".

35. Ans. B.

- Scientifically 2-3 liter of water per day is required for healthy human body so inculcating this habit in students Karnataka government has started this initiative in primary schools.

36. Ans. D.

- Joint Military Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR-2020 between India and the United Kingdom will be conducted at [Salisbury Plains](#), the United Kingdom from 13 to 26 February 2020.

37. Ans. B.

- SEBI has constituted a municipal bonds development committee headed by its Executive Director Sujit Prasad and comprises representatives from municipal corporations

38. Ans. B.

- Bajaj Finance has replaced SBI to become India's 10th most valued firm by market capitalization on BSE

- Bajaj Finance has market capitalization of ₹2.87 trillion

- State Bank of India has a market cap of ₹2.81 trillion

39. Ans. D.

- India was the fifth most polluted country in 2019 and accounts for almost two-thirds of the world's most polluted cities according to the World Air Quality Report 2019.

- The report was released by the pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace.

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- The ranking is based on a comparison of PM 2.5 levels.
- Bangladesh emerged as the most polluted country for PM 2.5 exposure followed by Pakistan, Mongolia, Afghanistan and India.

40. Ans. B.

- As per the report released by the pollution tracker IQAir and Greenpeace 21 of the 30 most polluted cities in the world are located in India with Ghaziabad in the National Capital Region ranked the world's most polluted.
- Indian cities, on average, exceed the World Health Organisation (WHO) target for annual PM 2.5 exposure by 500%.

41. Ans. D.

- The Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the first-ever Khelo India Winter Games in the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- Open Ice Hockey Championship, Figure Skating, Speed Skating will be the three winter sports held during the winter games.

42. Ans. A.

- The duty-free revenue per passenger for Indira Gandhi International Airport is highest in India at 10 to 11 dollars per passenger.
- According to a report by Knight Frank India, retailers do two times the business compared to some of the most successful city malls.
- The share non-aeronautical revenue of the joint venture airport in New Delhi is at 70 per cent, well above the global

average of 40 per cent. From this 70 per cent, 34 per cent comes from retail, food and beverage, and duty free components.

43. Ans. C.

- United States has become India's top trading partner surpassing China, according to The 2018-19 data from the Commerce Ministry.
- The bilateral trade between the US and India amounted to USD 87.95 billion as compared to USD 87.07 billion with China.

44. Ans. D.

- Elections to 55 Rajya Sabha seats will be held on 26 March, the Election Commission (EC) with around one-fifth of the seats in the 245-member Upper House falling vacant in April, as members from across 17 states are set to retire.

45. Ans. B.

- A five-member committee has been constituted by the Maharashtra government led by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to study the Andhra Pradesh Disha Act that provides for death penalty in rape cases, reducing the judgement period in such cases to 21 working days.
- The tri-party alliance government of the state is also planning to implement the Disha Act in Maharashtra.
- The concerned law enacted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been evoking interest among other states across the country.

46. Ans. A.

- A three-day international conference on "Ensemble Methods in Modelling and

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Data Assimilation (EMMDA)“ is being organised by NCMRWF, MoES from February 24, 2020 at NCMRWF, Noida, India.

47. Ans. B.

- Dr.Niti Kumar, Senior Scientist of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology Division, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow, has received the SERB Women's Excellence Award-2020.

- She will be awarded by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind during the National Science Day celebration at Vigyan Bhawan on February 28, 2020.

48. Ans. B.

The North East Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020 commenced on 24 February 2020 at the Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati with the goal of identifying solutions as well as accelerators for the implementation of SDGs in the North Eastern Region (NER).

Organized by NITI Aayog, in partnership with the North Eastern Council, Govt. of Assam and Tata Trust, the conclave is supported by UNDP and RIS.

49. Ans. C.

- Malaysian PM Mahathir Mohamad has resigned in a surprise move that could unravel the ruling coalition.

- The resignation of Mr Mahathir, 94, comes amid rumours that he may form a new coalition without his designated successor, Anwar Ibrahim.

- The world's oldest elected leader returned to power in 2018.

50. Ans. D.

- Pakistan hosted the two-day 9th Defence and Security Expert Working Group (EWG) meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

January 2020

1. Which organization has released the second edition of Sustainable Development Goals India Index 2019?

- A. Central Statistics Office (CSO)
- B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme
- C. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- D. NITI Aayog

2. According to the second edition of Sustainable Development Goals India Index 2019, which state is at the top?

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

3. India's second spaceport for launching small satellites will be established in which state of India?

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

4. Which City has topped in the Swachh Survekshan League 2020 for first and second Quarters conducted by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs?

- A. Kurukshetra
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Varanasi
- D. Indore

5. Who is appointed as the Chairman of Railway Board?

- A. Rajesh Agrawal
- B. Purnendu Sekhar Mishra
- C. V K Yadav

D. Aniket Dey

6. RBI launched _____ Application for visually challenged people to Identify currency denomination?

- A. RUPAY
- B. MANI
- C. MONY
- D. BHIM

7. According to the Ministry of Agriculture 2019 the sowing area of rabi crops has increased by _____ hectares?

- A. 40 lakh
- B. 45 lakh
- C. 36 lakh
- D. 35 lakh

8. Which state government has planned to deliver sand at doorsteps?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. New Delhi
- D. Andhra Pradesh

9. Which country has become the first country in the world to ban sunscreen that is harmful to corals and sea life?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Ireland
- C. Palau
- D. Sweden

10. Who has won the presidential election 2020 in Guinea-Bissau?

- A. Edgar Chagwa Lungu
- B. Rodrigo Duterte

- C. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan
- D. Umaro Cissoko Embaló

11. 27th National children's science congress 2019 held in which city of India?

- A. Bangalore
- B. Thiruvananthapuram
- C. Chennai
- D. Tiruchirappalli

12. 11-day long 'Dhanu Jatra' is celebrated in which state of India?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Orissa
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

13. Which two new games are included in the 3rd edition of the 'Khelo India Games 2020'?

- A. Lawn Bowls, Cycling
- B. Water Polo, Cricket
- C. Cricket, Horse Riding
- D. Lawn tennis, Cycling

14. Who has been appointed as the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in India?

- A. Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa
- B. Admiral Sunil Lanba
- C. General Vijay Kumar Singh
- D. General Bipin Rawat

15. Who has been appointed as the 28th Chief of Army Staff?

- A. Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh
- B. Lieutenant General Ravendra Pal Singh
- C. Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan
- D. Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund

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16. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has set up a single standing committee on economic statistics (SCES) to deliberate and develop methodologies for surveys on industry, services and employment. Who is the head of the committee?

- A. Subramanian Swamy
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. Arvind Panagariya
- D. Pronab Sen

17. Finance Minister has launched which app for online auction of assets attached by banks?

- A. eSell
- B. eBaich
- C. eBkay
- D. eBay

18. Who is awarded with Global Child Prodigy Award 2020?

- A. Karthik Nemmani
- B. Ananya Vinay
- C. Gokul Venkatachalam
- D. Sucheta Satish

19. Who won gold in men's 10 m air pistol at 63rd National Shooting Championship?

- A. Saurabh Chaudhary
- B. Rahi Jeevan Sarnobat
- C. Lakshya Sen
- D. Jitu Rai

20. KVIC has opened its first silk processing plant in which state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Gujarat

- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

21. Which Paramilitary Force of India has decided to observe 2020 as the "Year of Mobility" for the welfare of the troops?

- A. Central Reserve Police Force
- B. Border Security forces
- C. Central Industrial Security Force
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

22. On 3rd January 2020, General Qasem Soleimani was killed by a U.S drone's airstrike ordered by U.S president Donald Trump. He was commander in chief of Iran's elite ____.

- A. Nationalist Force
- B. Quds Force
- C. National Guard
- D. Kurds Force

23. The WHO has designated which year as the International Year of the 'Nurse and Midwife'?

- A. 2026
- B. 2025
- C. 2020
- D. 2021

24. Who is known as the Missile Woman of India?

- A. Sunita Williams
- B. Kalpana Chawla
- C. Muthayya Vanitha
- D. Dr. Tessy Thomas

25. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will establish a Massive Human Space Flight Center at which place of India?

- A. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. Hyderabad, Telangana
- D. Challakere, Karnataka

26. Which film won the 'Best Motion picture- drama' award in the Golden Globe awards 2020?

- A. Inception
- B. 1917
- C. Missing Link
- D. Spotlight

27. Which state launched MyGov portal and CM app to communicate their views, suggestions, feedback as well as discontentment if any?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

28. Who among the following conferred with Polly Umrigar Award (2018-19) for being the best international cricketer at the BCCI Annual Awards?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. Jasprit Bumrah

29. World Trade Organization (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints against India filed by which country for hiking customs duties on its Goods?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Australia

D. England

30. Mohd Haitham bin Tariq al-Said took over as Sultan of which country?

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

31. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will now allow consumers to give an e-mandate for recurring payments made through Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The limit on such recurring transactions has been set at _____.

- A. Rs. 2000
- B. Rs. 4000
- C. Rs. 15,000
- D. Rs. 10,000

32. The Government of India has launched the first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India "AASHVAST" in _____.

- A. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- B. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D. Faridabad, Haryana

33. In which city of India, the Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 'Mission Purvodaya' aims at accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub?

- A. Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- B. Bokaro, Jharkhand
- C. Bardhaman, West Bengal
- D. Kolkata, West Bengal

34. Which scheme has been launched by the Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani

on January 11, 2020, for Women entrepreneurship?

- A. Yashaswini Scheme
- B. Swasthya Sahayak scheme
- C. Annapurna Scheme
- D. Udyogini Scheme

35. Union Culture and Tourism Minister, Prahlad Singh Patel launched an exhibition titled "Indian Heritage in Digital Space" at National Museum in which city of India?

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata

36. According to International Cricket Council (ICC) who is awarded with the best cricketer of the year 2019?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Steve Smith
- C. Ben Stokes
- D. Jasprit Bumrah

37. According to International Cricket Council (ICC) who is awarded with the ODI Cricketer of the Year of the year 2019?

- A. Kane Williamson
- B. David Warner
- C. Maxwell
- D. Rohit Sharma

38. According to International Cricket Council (ICC) who is awarded with the T20I Performance of the Year 2019?

- A. Kuldeep Yadav
- B. Joe Root
- C. Trent Boult
- D. Deepak Chahar

39. According to International Cricket Council (ICC) who is awarded with the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2019?

- A. Mithali Raj
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Ellyse Perry

40. Which Union Ministry of India has started "Saksham" campaign?

- A. Human Resource and Development
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Defense
- D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

41. The 7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region will start in _____.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Patna
- C. Lucknow
- D. Ranchi

42. Which city has been awarded with the Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019?

- A. Indore
- B. Bhopal
- C. Puri
- D. Chandigarh

43. Which city hosted the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Dispur
- C. Nagpu
- D. Lucknow

44. As per the Greenpeace India report which is the most polluted city of India?

- A. Noida
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Jharia
- D. Kanpur

45. Which state government has made it compulsory to recite the Preamble to the Constitution in all schools starting January 26?

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

46. Who has become the first South Asian country to launch the e-passport facility?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. India
- C. Malaysia
- D. Pakistan

47. The 12th National Tribal youth programme was inaugurated in which state/UTs to ensure the development and empowerment of the tribal youths?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Puducherry

48. In which of the following African countries, India opened its first Mahatma Gandhi Convention Centre?

- A. South Africa
- B. Nigeria
- C. Niger
- D. Ghana

49. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana'?

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

50. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju flagged off the 'Fit India Cyclothon' from which city of India?

- A. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B. Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- C. Panaji, Goa
- D. New Delhi, Delhi

51. Who among the following has been conferred with the 26th Annual Crystal Award for the year 2020 by the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- A. Aishwarya Rai
- B. Rani Mukherjee
- C. Madhuri Dixit
- D. Deepika Padukone

52. Name the Integrated Check-Post (ICP) at India-Nepal border that was inaugurated by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepalese Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli on January 21st, 2020.

- A. Galgalia-Bhadrapur
- B. Jogbani-Biratnagar
- C. Nelpalgunj Road -Nepalgunj
- D. Raxaul-Birgunj

53. Which state has been ranked the best for parameters on efficiency targets in the review of state and Central government water departments by the ministry of Jal Shakti?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Telangana
- D. Maharashtra

54. Which of the following personalities has been honoured with Australia's Highest Civilian Honour "The Order of Australia"?

- A. Shahrukh Khan
- B. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
- C. Amitabh Bachchan
- D. Azim Hashim Premji

55. Who will be the chairman of the Committee formed by the Supreme Court of India to firm up draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation?

- A. Niranjan Bhat
- B. AS Chandok
- C. PS Narsimha
- D. Sriram Panchu

56. Who among the following was conferred with 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare by Former President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi?

- A. Shibu Soren
- B. Hemant Soren
- C. Arjun Munda
- D. Babulal Marandi

57. What is the rank of India in WEF's 1st Social Mobility Index?

- A. 72
- B. 76
- C. 81
- D. 77

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58. Who will become the first woman to officiate as the third umpire in a men's international?

- A. Anjum Chopra
- B. Mithali Raj
- C. Jacqueline Williams
- D. Shashikala Siriwardene

59. Name the person who conferred with the prestigious "Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award for 2019"?

- A. RippanKapur
- B. Kanhaiya Kumar
- C. Priya Prakash
- D. Yogendra Yadav

ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

- Government think tank the NITI Aayog releases Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index every year.

- The SDG Index was launched by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar.

- The CEO of NITI Aayog is Amitabh Kant.

2. Ans. D.

* Kerala achieved the first rank in the composite SDG Index with a score of 70, followed by Himachal Pradesh at 69. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu ranked at the third position with the score of 67.

3. Ans. A.

* Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chief K Sivan announced that India's second spaceport for launching small satellites will be established in **Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi** district.

4. Ans. D.

- Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs announced the results of Swachh Survekshan League 2020, for first and second Quarters.

- Among 10 Lakh plus population category, Indore secured first place in both the quarters.

5. Ans. C.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the re-employment of V K Yadav as the Chairman of Railway Board for a period of one year.

6. Ans. B.

- The Reserve Bank of India has launched the 'MANI' application for visually impaired people to identify the denomination of the new currency notes that were launched after demonetization. The full form of 'MANI' is the "Mobile Aided Note Identifier".

7. Ans. C.

- The Ministry of Agriculture announced that the sowing area of rabi crops has increased by 36 lakh hectares.

- This is mainly due to the improvement in soil moisture in Rabi growing states

8. Ans. D.

- The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to introduce door-delivery of sand from January 2, 2020.

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- Under this initiative, the AP government will deliver sand at doorsteps and collect transportation charges from the customers.

9. Ans. C.

- The Pacific nation of Palau has become the first country in the world to ban sunscreen that is harmful to corals and sea life.

- From January 1, sunscreen that includes ingredients like oxybenzone and octinoxate is no longer allowed to be worn or sold in the Palau.

10. Ans. D.

- The Guinea-Bissau Umaro Cissoko Embaló has won the presidential election with 53.55 percent of votes.

- This was announced by the National Electoral Commission (CNE) of Guinea-Bissau.

11. Ans. B.

- The 27th edition of National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) 2019 was held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from December 27 -31,2019.

12. Ans. B.

- On **31st December** 2019 the famous 11-day long '**DhanuJatra**', has begun in **Odisha**.

13. Ans. A.

The **3rd** edition of **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020** was held at KarmabirNabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in **Guwahati, Assam** with the participation of over 10,000 students. **Vijay** the Tiger and **Jaya** the Blackbuck were the **mascots** of the tournament.

Maharashtra clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2020 champions trophy with a collection of **256 medals** (78 gold, 77 silver and 101 bronze).

Haryana secured the second position with 200 medals (68 Gold, 60 Silver and 72 medals).

Delhi secured the second position with 122 medals (39 Gold, 36 Silver and 47 medals).

About Khelo India:

It is the biggest sporting event in India. It is a national level multidisciplinary grassroot games in India held for 2 categories, namely under-17 years school students and under-21 college students.

It was first launched in 2018 in New Delhi under the name Khelo India School Games (KISG).

Haryana emerged as top performers in the 1st edition & the 2nd edition was launched in Pune, Maharashtra, where Maharashtra emerged as the top performers.

Chief Executive Officer- Avinash Joshi.

14. Ans. D.

- Army Chief General **Bipin Rawat** has been appointed as the country's first **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** who is set to retire Army Chief on 31st December 2019.

- CDS will function as a **single-point** advisor to the government on matters related to the military and will focus on the better synergy between the Army, Air Force, and the Navy.

15. Ans. D.

- On 31st December 2019, General **Manoj Mukund Naravane** took over as the **28th Chief of Army Staff**.

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• Gen Naravane will succeed **Gen Bipin Rawat**, who is appointed the country's first **Chief of Defence Staff**.

16. Ans. D.

A high-level panel under India's first chief statistician **Pronab Sen** will review and develop the country's surveys on employment, industry and services sector amid criticism of official statistics.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has set up a single standing committee on economic statistics (SCES) to deliberate and develop methodologies for surveys on industry, services and employment in place of multiple panels on these issues.

Comprising 27 members, including academics and industry representatives, the SCES will subsume in it the four standing committees on labour force statistics, industrial statistics, services sector and unincorporated sector enterprises.

17. Ans. C.

• Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has launched an **eBkray**, an online platform to increase the transparency in auctioning of assets attached by banks.

• The platform is equipped with property search features and navigational links to all PSB e-auction sites, provides single-window access to information on properties up for e-auction as well as a facility for comparison of similar properties, and also contains photographs and videos of uploaded properties.

18. Ans. D.

• Dubai-based Indian girl, Sucheta Satish was awarded Global Child Prodigy Award 2020 for being able to sing in 120 languages.

• The 13-year-old **Sucheta Satish**, known as the Dubai Indian High School's nightingale, won in the singing category.

19. Ans. A.

• Ace shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary** has won the **men's 10 meters** air pistol gold at the **63rd National Shooting Championship** in **Bhopal**.

20. Ans. B.

• **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** has inaugurated the first silk processing plant at **Surendranagar** in **Gujarat**.

21. Ans. C.

• On January 06, 2020, the **CISF** has decided to observe **2020** as the **"Year of Mobility"** for the welfare of the troops.

22. Ans. B.

On 3rd January, 2020 General Qasem Soleimani was killed by a U.S drone's airstrike ordered by U.S president Donald Trump.

• He was commander in chief of Iran's elite Quds force.

• He served at the rank of Major General.

• He also led 41st Tharallah division of Kermen.

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- The United States had alleged that he was supporting various militias in Iraq and Syria, and was creating a war like situation in Syria and Iraq by expanding the presence of pro-Iranian militant groups in those regions.

- U.S president Donald Trump had alleged that he was the mastermind behind the attack on US embassy in Baghdad one week ago, wherein protesters clashed with U.S forces.

- Gen. Qasem Soleimani was considered second most powerful person in Iran after Iran's Supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei.

23. Ans. C.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) designated the year 2020 as the "Year of Nurse and Midwife", in the honour of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.

24. Ans. D.

- DRDO Aeronautical Systems Director General **Dr. Tessy Thomas** who is known as **Missile Woman of India** graced, the **Women Science Congress** was inaugurated at the ongoing **Indian Science Congress in Bengaluru**

25. Ans. D.

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** will establish a Massive **Human Space Flight Center** in the **Challakere** in **Chitradurga** district of **Karnataka**.

- For this ISRO has proposed **2,700 crores** of the infrastructure plan to construct the facility that will become operational in three years.

26. Ans. B.

- '1917' is Best Motion Picture (Drama) in 'Golden Globe Awards 2020'

27. Ans. C.

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Himachal MyGov portal which will help to strengthen public participation in governance. He also launched the Chief Minister App.

28. Ans. D.

- * Jasprit Bumrah has received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award (2018-19) for being the best international cricketer at the BCCI Annual Awards in Mumbai.

- * Currently ranked as the world no.1 ODI bowler, Bumrah had made his Test debut during India's tour of South Africa in January 2018.

- * He has picked up five-wicket hauls in South Africa, England, Australia and the West Indies to become the first and only Asian bowler to achieve the milestone.

- * The 26-year-old has 62 wickets to his name in the longest format of the game and 103 scalps from 58 ODIs.

29. Ans. B.

- * The dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints of United States(US) against India for hiking customs duties of 28 American goods in July 2019.

- * US alleged New Delhi's move of increasing the custom duties and alleged that the decision was

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inconsistent with 2 global trade norms of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) 1994 agreement.

30. Ans. D.

* Mohd Haitham bin Tariq al-Said took over as Sultan of Oman after the death of a long-time ruler Qaboos bin Said Al Said.

* Late Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed had ruled Oman since 1970 as the 8th Sultan of the House of Al Said.

* The late sultan had himself chose Haitham Bin Tareq Al Saeed (cousin of late Sultan Qaboos) as his successor, as the Sultan had no children.

* He was the longest-serving monarch among the recent Arab rulers.

31. Ans. A.

* The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will now allow consumers to give an e-mandate for recurring payments made through Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

* This functionality will allow UPI users to bypass additional factor authentication (AFA) every time a payment is made to a regular merchant by giving a one-time instruction to the UPI service provider.

* This facility was earlier available for card and wallet-based payments.

* The limit on such recurring transactions has been set at Rs 2000.

32. Ans. A.

* Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit AASHVAST in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

* He also launched Video Integration and StateWide Advance Security-VISWAS project.

* The Cyber Crime Prevention Unit-AASHVAST will have a dedicated service helpline for victims of cyber-crimes.

33. Ans. D.

* Union Minister of Steel launched mission PURVODAYA for the development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal.

* Under this mission, the government aims to transform logistics and utility infrastructure which would change the socio-economic landscape in eastern India.

* This mission also includes the growth of the steel industry along with employment opportunities across the entire value chain.

34. Ans. A.

* Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani today launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa. The event was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium at Taleigao near Panaji.

* Swasthya Sakhi Project and breast cancer screening initiative were also inaugurated on the occasion.

35. Ans. B.

• Union Culture and Tourism Minister **Prahlad Singh Patel** launched an exhibition titled "**Indian Heritage in Digital Space**" at National Museum, New Delhi. This exhibition is first of its kind in the country. The exhibition will stay online until **February 15, 2020**.

36. Ans. C.

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded Ben Stokes (England) with Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for Best Cricketer of the Year

37. Ans. D.

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded Rohit Sharma with ODI Cricketer of the Year 2019.

38. Ans. D.

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded **Deepak Chahar** (India, for taking 6 wicket haul conceding 7 runs vs Bangladesh) T20I Performance of the Year.

39. Ans. D.

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has awarded Ellyse Perry with Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2019 and ICC Women's ODI Player of the Year 2019.

40. Ans. D.

- The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas inaugurated the "**Saksham**" campaign.
- "Saksham" is a fuel conservation mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA).
- This campaign aims to spread the message of fuel conservation and greener environment across India.

41. Ans. C.

- The 7th Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region will start in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the Conference. The main theme of the conference is the **ROLE OF LEGISLATORS**.

- In the Conference, delegates will discuss the Capacity Building of Legislators for Scrutinizing Budgetary Proposals and Enhancing Focus of Legislators on Legislative Business.

42. Ans. C.

- Puri, Odisha has been awarded for its initiatives for plastic waste management with the Swachhata Darpan Awards 2019.

- The award ceremony was held during the Open Defecation Free Sustainability Workshop held in New Delhi. The workshop was organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) and Ministry of Jal Shakti.

43. Ans. D.

- The **23rd National Youth Festival 2020** started from 12-16 January at **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**. This festival is celebrated on the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**. The NYF 2020 is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and State Government of Uttar Pradesh

44. Ans. C.

- According to a Greenpeace India Report Coal-belching Jharia in Jharkhand continues to be the most polluted city in India.
- As per the report Delhi has made marginal improvement in reducing air pollution and Delhi is the 10th-most polluted city in India.

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- As per the report, 6 of the top-10 polluted cities are in Uttar Pradesh comprising of Noida, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Allahabad, Moradabad and Firozabad.

- Lunglei in Mizoram is the least polluted followed by Meghalaya's Dowki, according to the report.

- The report is based on analysis of PM10 data from 287 cities across the country.

45. Ans. C.

- Maharashtra government has made it compulsory to recite the Preamble to the Constitution in all schools starting January 26.

- According to the programme, in every school of Maharashtra, the Preamble of the Constitution will be read by all in a group before the beginning of the classes.

- A government resolution in this regard was issued in February 2013, when the Congress-NCP government was in power. As per the circular dated January 21, 2020, it was not being implemented.

- Incidentally, people protesting the Citizenship Amendment Act have taken to reading the preamble at demonstrations to highlight how it terms the country as secular while speaking out against discrimination.

46. Ans. A.

- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has launched the e-passport facility for its citizens on 22 January 2020, terming it as a gift to the nation in the Mujib centenary year.

- With this, Bangladesh becomes the first country in South Asia and 119th

country in the world to provide an e-passport facility.

47. Ans. D.

- * The 12th National Tribal youth programme was inaugurated in Puducherry on January 2020.

- * It was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Puducherry Dr Kiran Bedi.

- * It is a week long program in which 200 Youths from Naxal-affected districts of Chattisgarh are taking part in this programme.

- * The programme has been jointly organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Puducherry Government to ensure development and empowerment of the tribal youths.

48. Ans. C.

- * Union Minister S Jaishankar & Nigerien President Mahamadou Issoufou jointly inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa by India to honour the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

- * The Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre is a landmark for India-Niger friendship and a symbol of India's firm commitment towards Africa.

- * It witnesses high-level and wide-ranging participation from African Union member states and other high-level conventions.

49. Ans. C.

- * Uttar Pradesh Government has launched MukhyamantriKrishakDurghatna Kalyan Yojana.

- * This scheme will provide financial assistance to the family of farmers who

die or become handicapped while working in fields.

* The scheme will also include the Bataidars, who work in the field of other persons and share the crop after it is harvested. The scheme will cover farmers and their family members in the age group of 18-70 years.

50. Ans. C.

* On January 21st, 2020, the Fit India Mission under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa, organized the inaugural event of 'Fit India Cyclothon'.

* The Cyclothon was flagged off by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant from the Campal Parade Ground in Panaji, Goa.

* The Cyclothon event witnessed participation by over 500 cycling enthusiasts who came together to cycle through a five-kilometer stretch within the Panaji city.

51. Ans. D.

* The 26th Annual Crystal Award for the year 2020 by the World Economic Forum (WEF) has been awarded to Deepika Padukone.

* Deepika Padukone was honoured for her contribution in the field of mental health.

* The award was organized at World Economic Forum in Davos.

* The Crystal Awards recognises as well as celebrates the achievements of leading artists and cultural figures whose leadership inspires inclusive and sustainable change.

52. Ans. B.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the Jogbani-Biratnagar Integrated Check Post (ICP) through video conferencing.

* The ICP is built on 260 acres of land with the cost of Rs. 140 crore.

* The ICP Biratnagar at Jogbani-Biratnagar border of India and Nepal, is furnished with some modern facilities such as electronic weighbridges, fire safety, warehousing facilities including the refrigerated cargo, 24×7 monitoring through CCTV and public announcement systems.

53. Ans. B.

* The Ministry of Jal Shakti released a report on efficiency targets in the review of state and Central government water departments.

* As per the report, Gujarat has topped in the list

* Rajasthan is the third-best and Delhi is among the worst-performing states.

* Among the seven Central departments reviewed, the Survey of India has got the top billing followed by the National Institute of Hydrology and Central Water Commission.

54. Ans. B.

* Australia conferred its highest civilian honour, the Order of Australia honour, on Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw for her contribution towards advancing the country's relationship with India.

* An alumnus of Federation University Australia, Mazumdar-Shaw is the founder of Biocon, a biopharma company.

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* Honorary appointments in the Order of Australia are made to foreigners who have made an outstanding contribution to Australia or humanity.

55. Ans. A.

* The Indian Supreme Court set up a panel headed by mediator Niranjan Bhat to firm up draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation.

* Which would then be sent to the government as a suggestion from the apex court.

* The Committee met in Hyderabad on January 12, 2020.

* The other members includes Justice K Khandan, AS Chandok, PS Narsimha, Sriram Panchu, JP Singh, Susheela S, Sadhna Ramchandran, Laila Ollapally, and Anil Xavier.

56. Ans. B.

• Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren was conferred with 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare by Former President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi.

• The award was given to Hemant for his work in the Barhait and Dumka assembly constituencies in the state.

• Soren, who had won the Dumka seat in 2009, was defeated in the following assembly elections but regained it in the recently-concluded polls.

• Soren, who also won the Barhait seat for the second consecutive term, dedicated the award to his father Shibu Soren and the people of Jharkhand.

57. Ans. B.

* The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the 1st edition of its Social Mobility Index on January 20, 2020, ahead of its 50th Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

* The titled of the report is "The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative"

* India has been ranked very low at 76th place out of 82 countries while Denmark has topped the charts.

58. Ans. C.

* Jacqueline Williams of the West Indies will become the first woman to officiate as the third umpire in a men's international.

* She will be an umpire for the first of three T20Is against the visiting Ireland team.

* The 43-year-old Williams oversaw all 3 matches of the Twenty20 International (T20I) series in Grenada, West Indies between West Indies and Ireland.

59. Ans. C.

• Priya Prakash, the founder and CEO of India based HealthSetGo, has won the Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award for 2019 for her school health programme that aims at providing 360 degree healthcare support to children.

• The prestigious award honours an individual aged 18 - 30 who is bringing about a positive change in the world by solving some of its biggest global challenges.

• The award includes a US \$250,000 prize paid to the individual's organisation to which the individual

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contributes, to further their mission of



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