

Weekly Current Affairs Revision Set 3rd Week of May 2021



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1. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, how many cities India has in the list of World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities?

- A. 12
- B. 23
- C. 34
- D. 43
- E. 45

2. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the riskiest city in the world?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Shanghai
- C. Jakarta
- D. Chennai
- E. Bengaluru

3. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the riskiest city in India?

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. New Delhi
- E. Hyderabad

4. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the safest city in the world?

- A. Glasgow, Scotland
- B. London, England
- C. New York, USA
- D. Copenhagen, Denmark
- E. Oslo, Norway

5. Who became the only Indian to the Whitley Award 2021 for his efforts toward creating "Biodiversity Peace Corridor"?

- A. Jadav Payeng
- B. Sumaira Abdulali
- C. Y Nuklu Phom

- D. Rajendra Singh
- E. Kinkri Devi

6. Who crowned as the 69th Miss Universe 2020?

- A. Adeline Castelino
- B. Andrea Meza
- C. Julia Gama
- D. Janick Maceta
- E. Kimberly Perez

7. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's largest footwear retailer Bata India Ltd.

- A. Gunjan Shah
- B. Ravindra Dhariwal
- C. Akshay Chudasama
- D. Alberto Toni
- E. Ram Kumar Gupta

8. Chinese Spacecraft Tianwen 1 carrying rover Zhurong landed on which celestial body successfully?

- A. Mercury
- B. Moon
- C. Mars
- D. Saturn
- E. Jupiter

9. Which state government has launched MOMA Market Mobile application to solve the issues of home delivery of fresh vegetables?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Manipur
- D. Nagaland
- E. Meghalaya

10. Renowned personality Professor MS Narasimhan has passed away recently, he was a veteran ____.

- A. Economist
- B. Environmentalist



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- C. Mathematician
- D. Biologist
- E. Politician

11. Moctar Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Uganda
- B. Rwanda
- C. Kenya
- D. Ethiopia
- E. Mali

12. Renowned cricketer Harry Frederick Gurney announced his retirement from the sport, he belongs to which country?

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

13. Stupa Sports Analytics has partnered with which sports organization to provide Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled real-time match and practice solutions?

- A. International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
- B. International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- C. Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- D. International Hockey Federation (IHF)
- E. International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

14. AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships 2021 will be held in which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Serbia
- C. Switzerland
- D. Hungary
- E. Romania

15. Who has authored the book titled 'Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance'?

- A. Preet Mohan Singh Malik
- B. Deep Halder
- C. Swapan Das Gupta
- D. Kalki Koechlin
- E. Sutapa Basu

16. Which Payments Bank has launched "DigiGold", a digital platform for customers to make investments in gold?

- A. Airtel Payments Bank
- B. India Post Payments Bank
- C. Fino Payments Bank
- D. Jio Payments Bank
- E. Paytm Payments Bank

17. Rupsi airport has started its Commercial operations recently, the Airport is located in which state?

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

18. Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) located in which city of India that has developed the country's first vaccine for deadly viral nervous necrosis (VNN) disease?

- A. Vishakhapatnam
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Thiruvananthapuram
- E. New Delhi

19. Which international organization has launched the 'ID-Art' app which will help identify the stolen cultural property, reduce smuggling and increase the possibility of recovering stolen works and artifacts?

- A. INTERPOL
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNICEF
- D. UN Economic and Social Council



E. UNEP

20. Which government has developed a web portal 'CGTeeka' for systematic vaccination of people in the age group 18-44 years?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar
- E. West Bengal

21. With which technology company the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has signed an MoU for digital transformation of Tribal schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ashram Schools, and other schools under MoTA?

- A. Google
- B. Infosys
- C. Intel
- D. Microsoft
- E. IBM

22. Which country hosted the 'GOA MARITIME SYMPOSIUM (GMS)-21' in which 13 Indian Ocean Littoral Countries Participated?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Indonesia
- D. Malaysia
- E. Maldives

23. Who becomes the first Indian Women Mountaineers to Summit Mount Purnima in Nepal?

- A. Baljeet Kaur
- B. Gunbala Sharma
- C. Shivangi Pathak
- D. Anshu Jamsenpa
- E. Both A and B

24. The Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of _____.

- A. Bank of India
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. Bank of Maharashtra
- D. Punjab National Bank
- E. Canara Bank

25. Which country unveiled its most powerful supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is 100 times more powerful than the previous supercomputer of the country?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Iraq
- E. UAE

26. Which space agency is developing Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE), an interplanetary spacecraft?

- A. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- B. European Space Agency (ESA)
- C. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- D. Roscosmos State Corporation for Space Activities
- E. China National Space Administration (CNSA)

27. Who became the first Indian origin fighter to win an MMA world champion title?

- A. Arjan Singh Bhullar
- B. Sasha Nitin Sharma
- C. Jaideep Singh
- D. Gurdarshan Singh Mangat
- E. Agilan Thani

28. Renowned personality Dr. Krishan Kumar Aggarwal has passed away recently, by profession he was a veteran _____.

- A. Economist
- B. Litterateur



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- C. Mathematician
- D. Doctor
- E. Environmentalist

29. Which state government has launched "HIT (Home Isolation Tracking) Covid App" to monitor and track the COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation across the state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Bihar
- E. West Bengal

30. Which state government has launched 'Jagrut' app where people get to know about various Central Government and State Government Schemes?

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

31. Which state has been ranked as the Number One state in establishing a Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat project for the year 2020-21?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Gujarat

32. Name the Indian scholar who along with Professor David Klenerman won the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize for the development of revolutionary DNA sequencing techniques – Next Generation DNA Sequencing (NGS)?

- A. Professor Sugata Bose
- B. Professor Shankar Balasubramanian
- C. Professor Avinash Dixit
- D. Professor Ramesh Mashelkar

E. Professor Ashok Venkitaraman

33. Renowned personality Chaman Lal Gupta passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Economist
- B. Politician
- C. Mathematician
- D. Doctor
- E. Environmentalist

34. Which state's health department has signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Health Authority (NHA) for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) scheme in the State?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. West Bengal
- E. Kerala

35. Which state government has launched the 'Amrit Vahini' App and Website which enables people to book a hospital bed online.

- A. Delhi
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Uttar Pradesh

36. Sahitya Akademi awardee Rayangala Shri Krishna Raja Narayana Perumal Ramanujam Naicker passed away recently, he was writer and novelist of which language?

- A. Kannada
- B. Malayalam
- C. Tamil
- D. Telugu
- E. None of the above

37. Which state government has a new scheme named 'Mahtari Dular Yojna' through which the government will pay for the education for those



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children who lost their parents due to the Covid-19 pandemic?

- A. Delhi
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Uttar Pradesh

38. According to the ranking released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) which state ranked first among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of Smart City projects?

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

39. Name the Indian origin immunologist who has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in USA in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research"?

- A. Sankar Ghosh
- B. Shinjini Kundu
- C. Ashwini Ram
- D. Hardik Goel
- E. Srikanth Narayanan

40. Mountaineer, Tashi Yangjom held from which state/UTs who becomes the first Indian Woman to Scale the World's highest Mountain, Mt Everest in 2021?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Uttarakhand

41. Which country hosted the Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021?

- A. Paris, France
- B. London, England
- C. Belgrade, Serbia
- D. Cape town, South Africa
- E. Madrid, Spain

42. What is India's rank in the 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021, released by Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY)?

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth
- E. Fifth

43. Which country ranked first in the 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021, released by Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY)?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Japan
- D. Germany
- E. France

44. Which defence manufacturing entity has launched the first prototype of Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mk-II (MMME Mk-II) for the Indian Army?

- A. L & T Defence
- B. Bharat Dynamics Ltd
- C. BEML Ltd
- D. Tata Advanced Systems
- E. Bharat Electronics Limited

45. Veteran Congress leader Jagannath Pahadia passed away recently he was former chief minister of which state?

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



E. Assam

46. Which state government has allocated 50 Acres of land to establish the National Institute of Medicinal Plants (NIMP)?

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

47. Which state government has approved the formation of the Legislative Council?

- A. Jharkhand
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- C. West Bengal
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48. Renowned personality Sundarlal Bahuguna passed away recently he was a veteran _____.

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- C. Mathematician
- D. Doctor
- E. Environmentalist

49. Name the Indian Choreographer who becomes the first Indian to win the 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020'?

- A. Suresh Mukund
- B. Prabhu Deva
- C. Ganesh Acharya
- D. Ahmed Khan
- E. Chinni Prakash

50. Which organization has constituted a technical group on Social Stock Exchanges (SSEs) under the chairmanship of Harsh Bhanwala that has recommended not to allow the political and religious organizations, trade organizations, corporate foundations, infrastructure and housing companies (except

affordable housing) to raise funds using SSE mechanism?

- A. Supreme Court
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- E. Ministry of Finance

51. Renowned sportsperson Fortunato Franco passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

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

52. Around which sanctuary the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) announced 48.32 square km are as an Eco-Sensitive Zone?

- A. Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary
- B. Vikramshila Dolphin Sanctuary
- C. Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary
- D. Haliday Island Wildlife Sanctuary
- E. Okhla Bird Sanctuary

53. Which bank has appointed Indranil Pan as its chief economist?

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

54. Under whose chairmanship the Maharashtra government has constituted an eight-member committee to study the Supreme Court's order striking down quota for the Maratha community?

- A. Dilip Bhosale
- B. Darius Khambata
- C. Rafique Dada



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D. Basanti Naik

E. Anoop V Mohta

55. According to the new report 'Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022' released by International Energy Agency (IEA), India's Renewable Energy capacity addition declined by almost _____

A. 20%

B. 30%

C. 40%

D. 50%

E. 60%

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1. Ans. D.

- According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, India has 43 of the World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities and China has 37 most environmentally riskiest cities.
- Jakarta in Indonesia was ranked as the riskiest city in the world, followed by Delhi and Chennai.
- 99 of the World's 100 riskiest cities are in Asia.
- Lima, Peru is the only non-Asian city to be listed in the World's 100 Riskiest cities.
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5. Ans. C.

- An environmentalist from Nagaland's remote Longleng district Y Nuklu Phom has won this year's Whitley Awards 2021, also known as the Green Oscar.
- His name, along with that of five others, was announced in a virtual award ceremony organised by the UK-based Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN).
- Worth £40,000, the award is for creating a new network of community-owned forests to protect Amur Falcons and increase biodiversity in Nagaland.
- He is the only Indian to win the prestigious award.
- The award to Y Nuklu Phom was donated by the MAVA Foundation.
- The Whitley Award is also known as the 'Green Oscar'.

6. Ans. B.



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- Andrea Meza from Mexico was crowned as the 69th Miss Universe.
- The pageant that was held on May 16, in the Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood Hotel.
- Meza was preceded by Miss Universe Zozobini Tunzi of South Africa.
- Miss India's Adline Quadros Castelino made it to the Top 4.
- Brazil's Julia Gama is the first runner-up, Peru's Janick Maceta is the second runner-up while India's Adline Castelino and Dominican Republic's Kimberly Perez are third runner-up and fourth runner-up, respectively.

7. Ans. A.

- India's largest footwear retailer Bata India Ltd., appointed Gunjan Shah as its new chief executive officer (CEO). He will succeed Sandeep Kataria who was elevated as the global CEO of Bata Brand.
- He has been appointed as a whole-time director of Bata for a period of five years with effect from June 21, 2021.
- He will take over the new position in June and will be based in Gurugram, Haryana.
- Before this Gunjan Shah has been working as chief commercial officer in Britannia Industries Ltd.
- He has also worked in Asian Paints and Motorola.

8. Ans. C.

- The Chinese Spacecraft Tianwen 1 carrying rover Zhurong landed on Utopia Planitia region, Mars successfully.
- This makes China only the second country after the US to send a rover to the surface of the Red Planet.

- The lander that carried the Zhurong rover touched down the Martian surface successfully and it landed in the Utopia Planitia region.

- However, when the lander entered the Martian atmosphere, the spacecraft endured "Seven Minutes of Terror" as that of the Mars Perseverance rover of NASA.

- The rover, which weighs 240 kilograms, can last three Martian months, about 92 days on Earth.

9. Ans. C.

- To ensure the availability of fresh vegetables for day to day consumption and reduce the distress sale of farm produce during the pandemic Manipur state government has launched the MOMA Market Mobile application to solve the issues of home delivery of fresh vegetables.

- The application was introduced by the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur.

- MOMA is assigned to channelize the farm producers to consumers through home delivery.

- Under this initiative the vegetables from various farms will be collected by the Farmers Producer Companies (FPCs) working with MOMA.

- The collected farm produce will be disbursed to the registered marketing agencies.

10. Ans. C.

- Noted Indian mathematician, Professor MS Narasimhan has passed away. Professor Narasimhan, along with C. S. Seshadri, were known for their proof of the Narasimhan-Seshadri theorem.

- He is the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science.

- He was graduated from Loyola College, Chennai, and Tata Institute of Fundamental



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Research, Bombay Narasimhan had also obtained PhD from Mumbai University.

11. Ans. E.

- Mactor Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali by President Bah Ndaw.
- Mactor had submitted his resignation letter on May 14, 2021.
- He will be incharge of forming a new cabinet.
- He was appointed as Prime Minister of Mali in September 2020, following the military coup which overthrew President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita in August, 2020.
- The Interim Government of Mali is set to hold a constitutional referendum on October 31, 2021 followed by elections in February, 2022.

12. Ans. D.

- England's Fast bowler Harry Frederick Gurney announced his retirement from Cricket at the age of 34.
- He has represented the England Cricket Team in 10 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 2 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).
- He picked up 11 wickets in 10 ODIs & 3 wickets in his T20I career.
- He has played for clubs like Nottinghamshire, Melbourne Renegades (BBL – Big Bash League), Quetta Gladiators (PSL – Pakistan Super League), and Kolkata Knight Riders (IPL – Indian Premier League).

13. Ans. A.

- The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has entered into a partnership with Stupa Sports Analytics, an Indian start-up company to provide Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled real-time match and practice solutions to leading players in all its 226 member associations.

- AI will help in taking Table Tennis to the next level by providing real time and in-depth analysis.

- During COVID-19 pandemic, ITTF collaborated with Stupa Analytics to provide online training lessons.

- AI analytics will help players to optimise their training, unearth new revelations, patterns and discover data driven insights.

14. Ans. B.

- The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has announced that the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships is scheduled to be held in Belgrade, Serbia from October 26 to November 6, 2021.

- The previous edition of Championships was hosted by Ekaterinburg, Russia in 2019.

15. Ans. A.

- Preet Mohan Singh Malik's book about Sikkim named 'Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance' was published by HarperCollins India, on May 16, 2021, the day on which Sikkim Day is being celebrated.

- The book's objective is to clarify the strategic issues behind India's decision to accept Sikkim's demand to be merged with India.

- The book focuses on the history of Sikkim along with the story of how it merged with India in 1975.

16. Ans. A.

- Airtel Payments Bank has launched "DigiGold", a digital platform for customers to make investments in gold.

- This has been rolled out in partnership with SafeGold, a provider of digital gold.

- With DigiGold, Airtel Payments Bank's saving account customers can invest in 24K gold using the Airtel Thanks app. Customers can also gift



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DigiGold to their family and friends, who have a savings account with Airtel Payments Bank.

17. Ans. C.

- Commercial operations in Rupsi airport, northeast India's 15th airport and Assam's 7th, would have been started.
- A trial flight was conducted on the Guwahati-Rupsi-Guwahati route by private Flybig airlines.
- The airport in Assam's Kokrajhar district has been developed at a cost of Rs 69 crore under the Regional Connectivity Scheme-Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN) scheme.

18. Ans. B.

- In a major breakthrough, the Chennai-based Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) has developed the country's first vaccine for deadly viral nervous necrosis (VNN) disease, which is currently affecting several species of fish.
- Scientists say the VNN disease is a serious threat affecting many marine, brackishwater and freshwater fish causing up to 100% mortality in larval and early juvenile stages.
- The disease is caused by nervous necrosis virus (NNV). Red-spotted grouper nervous necrosis virus (RGNNV) is the only genotype prevalent in India and most other tropical countries.
- The vaccine can be used in all species susceptible to VNN such as Asian seabass, milkfish, grey mullet, mangrove red snapper etc."

19. Ans. A.

- The Interpol has launched a mobile phone application (app) which will help identify stolen cultural property, reduce smuggling and increase the possibility of recovering stolen works and artefacts.
- The 'ID-Art' app enables users — from law enforcement agencies to the general public — to

get mobile access to the Interpol database of stolen works of art, create an inventory of private art collections and report cultural sites that are potentially at risk, said the Interpol. It is available for both Android and Apple devices.

- The app's users can immediately cross-check if an object is among the over 52,000 items registered as stolen in the Interpol's "Stolen Works of Art" database.

20. Ans. B.

- Making Covid vaccination registration quick, convenient and hassle-free, the Chhattisgarh government has developed a web portal 'CGTeeka' for systematic vaccination of people in the age group 18-44 years.
- This web portal, developed by CHiPS, was launched by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

- CGTeeka web portal has been developed on the basis of social and geographical conditions in the state. This initiative of the government would save the people from waiting in long queues.

21. Ans. D.

- * The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) virtually signed an MoU with Microsoft during the virtual event 'Empowering Youth For Success' for digital transformation of Tribal schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ashram Schools, and other schools under MoTA.
- * Under the agreement, Microsoft will make the Artificial Intelligence (AI) curriculum available to tribal students in English and Hindi at all EMRS schools. This is to ensure inclusion and access.

- * During the 1st phase of the program, 250 EMRS schools will be adopted by Microsoft for the purpose.

- * The main aim of the agreement is to build an inclusive, skills based economy.

22. Ans. A.



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* Indian Navy hosted 'GOA MARITIME SYMPOSIUM (GMS)-21' virtually for 2 days, from 11th & 12th May 2021, it was for the 1st time GMS-21 held virtually.

* The theme for GMS-21 was focused on "Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies".

* 13 Indian Ocean Littoral countries (India, Bangladesh, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand) participated in the GMS-21.

23. Ans. E.

* Baljeet Kaur of Himachal Pradesh and Gunbala Sharma of Rajasthan have become The First Indian Women Mountaineers to Summit Mount Pumori in Nepal.

* The two women are also the first ones to scale a mountain that is a part of the Everest Massif.

* Everest Massif is formed by four peaks- Mount Pumori(7,161m), Mount Nuptse(7,862 m), Mount Lhotse(8,516m) and Mount Everest(8,848.86m) together.

* It has to be noted that on May 10, 2021, two Indian male mountaineers Hem Raj and Stanzin Norboo had submitted the same mountain, along with four sherpas.

24. Ans. A.

* The Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of Bank of India.

* Vandita Kaul has been working as an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services.

25. Ans. B.

* Iran has unveiled a new supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is 100 times more powerful than the previous supercomputer of the country to date.

* The supercomputer has been developed indigenously by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT). It has been named after a mythical Phoenix-like bird 'Simurgh'.

26. Ans. B.

* Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE), an interplanetary spacecraft being developed by European Space Agency (ESA) has entered into a crucial testing phase.

* It is being tested at ESA's European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) in the Netherlands.

* The Jupiter bound Spacecraft has been assembled by Airbus Friedrichshafen, Germany.

* It is set to be launched in 2022 on an Ariane 5 Rocket & is expected to reach Jupiter in 2029.

* The mission will study 3 of Jupiter's Galilean moons – Europa, Callisto & Ganymede. It will investigate the conditions necessary for habitability.

27. Ans. A.

* Indo-Canadian Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Singh Bhullar defeated Brandon Vera to become the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship and became the first Indian-origin fighter to win an MMA world champion title.

* A former freestyle wrestler, Bhullar had won the 2010 Commonwealth games gold medal in New Delhi representing Canada.

28. Ans. D.

* Padma Shri awardee Dr. Krishan Kumar Aggarwal has passed away due to Covid-19 in New Delhi.

* He was former National President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA).

* In 2010, the Government of India honoured Dr.KK Aggarwal with the Padma Shri, India's



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fourth-highest civilian award, for his contributions to the field of medicine.

* He was a renowned cardiologist and has been working as the Head of the Heart Care Foundation of India.

* He was awarded the Dr. BC Roy Award, the highest Indian award in the medical category in 2005.

29. Ans. D.

* Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar launched the “HIT (Home Isolation Tracking) Covid App” to monitor and track the COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation across Bihar on a regular basis.

* The app was developed by the Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (BELTRON) under the guidance of the Department of Health and the Department of Information Technology (DIT).

* The app was used on a pilot basis in five district of Bihar – Supaul, Aurangabad, Bhagalpur, Gopalganj and Nalanda.

30. Ans. A.

* Tripura government has launched a New App named Jagrut Tripura where people get to know about various Central Government and State Government Schemes and can avail the scheme if they are eligible.

* The project was developed by EasyGov, a Jio Group company, and it will be available to all the residents of Tripura.

* The ‘Jagrut Tripura’ will empower citizens of Tripura.

31. Ans. D.

• Karnataka has been ranked as the Number One state in establishing a Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat project for the year 2020-21.

• HWCs are established to provide comprehensive primary healthcare in rural areas.

• Ayushman Bharat was launched in 2018 with its two main pillars of HWCs & Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).

• The Central Government has set a target of 1.5 lakh functional AB-HWCs by December 2022.

32. Ans. B.

• Cambridge University chemists Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman were declared the winners of the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize.

• It is a prestigious global science and technology prize awarded for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques which means DNA can now be read in super-fast times.

• The prize, awarded by Technology Academy Finland (TAF) at two-year intervals since 2004 - when Sir Tim Berners-Lee was honoured for his discovery of the World Wide Web - to highlight the extensive impact of science and innovation on the wellbeing of society, is worth Euro 1 million.

• Sir Balasubramanian, an India-born British professor of medicinal chemistry, and Sir Klenerman, a British biophysical chemist, co-invented the Solexa-Illumina Next Generation DNA Sequencing (NGS), technology enabling fast, accurate, low-cost and large-scale genome sequencing.

33. Ans. B.

Chaman Lal Gupta, a veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Union Minister passed away at his residence in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

• He was born on 13th April 1934 in Kaleeth, Jammu, J&K



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- Chaman Lal Gupta served as a member of the J&K legislative Assembly in 1972 and between 2008 and 2014.

- He was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Udhampur constituency (Jammu) in 1996, 1998 and 1999.

- He has authored 3 Hindi books titled “Sansad mein Jammu Kashmir”, “Sansad mein dedh varsh” and “Mere Prayaas”.

34. Ans. B.

- Telangana Medical and Health department has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Health Authority (NHA) for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)) scheme in the State.

- The guidelines for the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the State was also issued by the state Medical and health department and will be implemented by the Aarogyasri Health Care Trust.

- The health insurance coverage is for Rs 5 lakh for beneficiaries.

35. Ans. D.

- Hemant Soren Chief Minister of Jharkhand launched the ‘Amrit Vahini’ App and Website which enables people to book a hospital bed online. He also launched a “Chatboat App” which can provide all the information related to coronavirus.

- Through the Amrit Vahini’ App, the government of Jharkhand will provide better facilities for people with coronavirus infection.

- The reservation of a bed made by a person will be kept reserved for the next 2 hours.

36. Ans. C.

- Eminent Tamil writer, novelist, and Sahitya Akademi awardee Rayangala Shri Krishna Raja Narayana Perumal Ramanujam Naicker fondly known as Ki Rajanarayanan passed away at the

age of 97 due to age related health-issues in Puducherry.

- He was born on 16 September 1923 in Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu.

- Ki. Rajanarayanan was honored with Sahitya Akademi award in 1991 for his novel ‘Gopalla Purathu Makkal’.

- He is famously called by his Tamil initials as KiRa, he was known as the pioneer of ‘Karisal Literature’.

- He also served as a member of Sahitya Akademi General Council and advisory board from 1998 to 2002.

37. Ans. C.

- The Chhattisgarh government launched a new scheme named ‘Chhattisgarh Mahtari Dular Yojna’ through which the government will pay for the education for those children who lost their parents due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Children studying in both government and private schools will be entitled to this stipend.

- The state government will also fund the education of the children who have lost the person who earns money to support their family to Covid-19.

38. Ans. C.

- Jharkhand has clinched the 1st Position among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of Smart City projects, Rajasthan came second in the rankings.

- The rankings were released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

- The ranking is based on factors like smart city plan implementation, ongoing work and tendering process, utilisation of funds and provision of utility certificates to the Central Government.



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- Rajasthan has climbed 27 ranks to get to the 2nd position, it was ranked 29th in the previous rankings.

39. Ans. A.

- Indian-origin immunologist Sankar Ghosh has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research”.

- He is one of the 120 newly elected members announced by the NAS.

- NAS is a private, non-profit institution established in 1863 by an Act of Congress, signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

- Sankar Ghosh is a Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and the chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

40. Ans. C.

- Mountaineer, Tashi Yangjom from Arunachal Pradesh becomes the 1st Indian Woman Climber to Scale the World’s highest Mountain, Mt Everest (Elevation of 8,849 Metres) in 2021.

- She was trained at the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

41. Ans. A.

- The Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021 held at Paris, France on May 18, 2021.

- Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan virtually represented India in the summit.

- The objective of the summit is to arrange financial resources for reviving the economy of African Continent, which has been affected by COVID-19.

- Under the “Vaccine Maitri” initiative, India supplied 24.7 million doses of Indigenous COVID-19 vaccines as grants, and commercial and COVAX supplies to 42 countries in the continent.

42. Ans. C.

- India ranked third in the 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021 – released by Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY).

- The USA topped the index, while China took the 2nd Rank.

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44. Ans. C.

- BEML Ltd (formerly known as Bharat Earth Movers Ltd) launched the first prototype of Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mk-II (MMME Mk-II) for the Indian Army.
- The equipment has been built on BEML TATRA 6X6, 'Atmanirbhar' product.
- It has been developed through Technology of Transfer (ToT) from Research & Development Establishment Engineers (R&DE Engineers), a lab of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation).
- MMME Mk-II will help in marking the mine fields at a fast rate, semi-automatically with minimal human intervention.
- Post successful completion of trials, BEML is expected to receive orders for more than 55 systems from the Ministry of Defence.

45. Ans. D.

- Veteran Congress leader and former Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Jagannath Pahadia passed away due to COVID-19 at the age of 89 in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Jagannath Pahadia served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan in 1980-81.
- He was the first Dalit chief minister of the Rajasthan.
- He was also a former Governor of Haryana and Bihar.
- He served as a member of the Lok Sabha for four times.

46. Ans. A.

- The Cabinet of Maharashtra chaired by Uddhav Thackeray, Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra approved the proposal to allocate 50 Acres of land in the district of Sindhudurg to establish the National Institute of Medicinal Plants (NIMP).

- The allocated land located in the Aadali village of Dodamarg taluka will be handed over to the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).
- The NIMP at Maharashtra will act as a one-stop centre for all the needs related to medicinal plants.

47. Ans. C.

- The West Bengal cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, has approved the formation of the Legislative Council. At present, only Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh have Legislative Council. Previously, West Bengal had a bicameral legislature but it was abolished by the United Front government in 1969.

48. Ans. E.

- Renowned environmentalist Sundarlal Bahuguna passed away due to Covid-19 in Rishikesh. He was 94.
- The Garhwali environmentalist and Chipko movement leader was undergoing treatment at AIIMS, Rishikesh.
- For years, Bahuguna has been fighting for the preservation of forests in the Himalayas.
- Known for spearheading Chipko movement in the 1970s and anti-Tehri Dam movement in 1980s, he was awarded Padma Shri in 1981 and Padma Vibhushan in 2009.

49. Ans. A.

- The Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer Suresh Mukund, has won the 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020', (also known as Choreo Awards), becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious honour.
- He won the award in the 'TV REALITY SHOW/COMPETITION' category, for his work on the hit American TV reality show 'World of Dance'.



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- Mukund is the director and choreographer of the Indian dance crew 'The Kings', which won the 2019 season of World of Dance. The World Choreography Awards, famously known as the "Oscars of Dance",

50. Ans. D.

- A technical group on Social Stock Exchanges (SSEs), constituted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has recommended not to allow the political and religious organizations, trade organizations, corporate foundations, infrastructure and housing companies (except affordable housing) to raise funds using SSE mechanism.

- SEBI had constituted a technical group on SSE in September 2020 under the chairmanship of Harsh Bhanwala, former chairman of NABARD.

- The technical group made recommendations relating to – permitting participation of Social Enterprises on SSE, minimum reporting requirements, possible means/ mechanisms of raising finance etc.

- Before this, a Working Group (WG) on the SSE, chaired by Ishaat Hussain, submitted its report in June 2020.

51. Ans. C.

- * India's 1962 Asian Games gold-winning team member Fortunato Franco passed away recently.

- * One of India's finest mid-fielders, Franco was a part of Indian football's golden era between 1960-64.

- * Franco was a part of the 1960 Rome Olympics squad but didn't get a game. However, he was an integral part of the 1962 Asian Games gold winning team in Jakarta.

52. Ans. C.

- * The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified 48.32 sq km around the Thane Creek Flamingo

Sanctuary (TCFS) in Maharashtra as an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ).

- * Eco-Sensitive Zones are geographical areas within a radius of 10 kms around a protected area, a national park or a wildlife sanctuary, and are declared by the ministry under the provisions of Environment Protection Act 1986.

53. Ans. A.

- * Private sector lender Yes Bank said it has appointed Indranil Pan as its chief economist. Pan joins the bank from rival IDFC First Bank.

- * Pan and his team will provide strategic and policy-level inputs for the bank, based on macroeconomic developments at global and national level.

54. Ans. A.

- The Maharashtra government has constituted a 8-member panel to to study the Supreme Court's order striking down quota for the Maratha community

- The Committee will be headed by former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court Dilip Bhosale.

- Other members of the panel include former state advocate general Darius Khambata, senior advocate Rafique Dada and a few serving and former government officials.

- The apex court has struck down a Maharashtra law granting quota to Marathas in admissions and government jobs, terming the statute as unconstitutional.

55. Ans. D.

- * According to the new report 'Renewable Energy Market Update – Outlook for 2021 and 2022' released by International Energy Agency (IEA), India's Renewable Energy capacity addition declined by almost 50% to 5.62 Gigawatts (GW) in 2020 (compared to 2019).

- * The decline in capacity addition in India has been attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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* At the Global level, the annual renewable capacity additions increased 45% to almost 280 GW (up from 190 GW in 2019), which is the highest year-on year increase since 1999.

* China alone accounted for more than 50% of the green energy projects built in 2020.

* The 280 GW renewable energy capacity addition in 2020 comprised primarily Solar – 135 GW, Wind – 115 GW, Hydro – 20 GW, and 10 GW of other renewables.

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