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1. What is the deadline for completion of insolvency resolution processes, as per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code regulations?

- [A] 365 days B] 325 days
- [C] 330 days ☒ [D] 331

✓ As per the regulations of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), the overall deadline for completion of insolvency resolution processes is 330 days.

- ✓ Recently, IBBI announced that against the backdrop of the 21 day lockdown, IBBI has relaxed the timelines to be followed under the overall 330 day deadline. The lockdown period will not be counted for the purpose of timelines under the IBBI regulations for Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process.

2. Which Indian newspaper that was being published in the United States for 50 years has ceased its printed edition?

- [A] India Abroad ☒ [B] Indians in America
- [C] Indian Panorama [D] Indian Diaspora

✓ One of the ethnic Indian newspapers which was being published in the United States for the last 50 years named 'India Abroad' stopped its printed edition recently, amidst the coronavirus outbreak.

✓ It was founded by Indian-American publisher Gopal Raju in the year 1970. The newspaper focussed mainly on Indian news which catered to the Indian diaspora in the United States. The expatriate community in the US were the main audience for the newspaper.

3. Which global financial institution is to invest \$100 million equivalent in the Fund of Funds of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] International Monetary Fund
- [C] Asian Development Bank ☒
- [D] European Central Bank

- ✓ Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to invest \$100 million equivalent in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund – NIIF's Funds.

- ✓ ADB joins the Government of India and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) as an investor in one of the instruments of NIIF of India. NIIF is an investment platform for Indian and international investors where they are mandated to invest equity capital in domestic infrastructure.

4. Which space company has received the contract of NASA to ferry cargo and supplies to the agency's proposed lunar space station?

- [A] Blue Origin** **[B] SpaceX** ☒
- [C] Astra Space** **[D] Exos Aerospace**

- ✓ NASA has recently selected a new space capsule from Elon Musk-owned SpaceX to ferry cargo and supplies to be used in its proposed lunar space station.

- ✓ The Lunar space station aims to build a permanent post on the moon and mount future missions to Mars. SpaceX will get a portion of a \$7 billion NASA contract to send 'Dragon-XL' spacecraft by using its Falcon Heavy rocket.

5. Which Indian state celebrated its statehood day on March 30?

- [A] Gujarat [B] Rajasthan ☒
- [C] Maharashtra [D] Karnataka

- ✓ Every year, March 30 is being celebrated as 'Rajasthan Day', to commemorate the day on which the state, which was earlier known as Rajputana came into existence.

- ✓ The state of Rajasthan came into existence on March 30, 1949. Rajasthan is the largest state of India in terms of the area. It comprised of around 21 small and big princely states before Independence. Rajasthan was inaugurated as a unified state by the first Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on April 18, 1948.

6. As per the recent report of S&P Global Ratings, what is the GDP growth rate of India in the financial year 2020–21?

[A] 5.0% [B] 4.5% [C] 3.5% ☒ [D] 2.5%

- ✓ As per the recent report of S&P Global Ratings, the GDP growth of India in the financial year 2020–21 is slashed to 3.5% from its earlier forecast of 5.2%.
- ✓ The main reason for the decrease is said to be the huge dip in output from the COVID–19 outbreak for the Asia–Pacific region. It had also forecasted the Asia–Pacific economy will grow at 2.2% in 2020.

7. According to the recent announcement from the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, which country has assured uninterrupted supply of LPG to India?

[A] Saudi Arabia ☒ [B] Iran
[C] Iraq [D] Venezuela

- ✓ Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan recently announced that Saudi Arabia has assured India of uninterrupted supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). The Minister announced this after his discussions with Saudi Minister of Energy, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman.
- ✓ As the cooking gas demand surged due to the nation-wide lockdown, Saudi Arabia has assured of LPG supplies to support the domestic requirement in the upcoming days.

8. Which state government has launched a mobile application called PRAGYAAM to issue e-passes for people involved in essential services amid lockdown?

[A] Telangana [B] Odisha
[C] Jharkhand ☒ [D] Punjab

- ✓ The state government of Jharkhand has launched a mobile application called 'PRAGYAAM' to issue e-passes to the people engaged in delivery of essential services during the national lockdown.
- ✓ The country observes a 21-day nation-wide lockdown to combat the spread of COVID–19. After verifying and uploading the documents through this android-based app, the District Transport Officers will issue e-passes.

9. In the context of measures taken to combat Covid–19, what is 'CoNTeC' that was making news recently?

[A] Tele–medicine Hub ☒ [B] Mobile Application
[C] Portal to buy medicines [D] DB of Hospitals

- ✓ The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan recently launched the 'National Tele-consultation Centre (CoNTeC)'.
- ✓ CoNTeC is a Tele–medicine Hub, which has been implemented by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Expert doctors from various domains will be available to resolve and answer the questions from all over the country.

10. Which Indian public sector bank unveiled a new logo ahead of its merger with the United Bank of India and the Oriental Bank of Commerce?

[A] Bank of Baroda [B] Punjab National Bank ☒
[C] Canara Bank [D] Union Bank of India

- ✓ Punjab National Bank has unveiled its new logo ahead of its merger with the United Bank of India and the Oriental Bank of Commerce. The new logo bears the symbols of all the three public sector banks.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a notification that the merger of ten banks into four will be carried out as scheduled, on April 1, 2020. After the amalgamation process, PNB will become the second largest lender in India after the State Bank of India.

1. What is the new limit for investment of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in corporate bonds, as per the notification of the Reserve Bank of India?

- [A] 10% [B] 12% [C] 15% ☒ [D] 17.5%

- ✓ As per the recent notification of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the limit for investment of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in corporate bonds is hiked to 15% of outstanding stock for FY2020–21.
- ✓ FPIs can invest Rs 3.17 lakh crore in Indian corporate bonds, at present. After this hike in limit, they can invest up to Rs 4.29 lakh crore of corporate bonds for the half year April to September 2020, and Rs 5.41 lakh crore for the half year October 2020 to March 2021.
- ✓ The revised limits for FPI investment in Central Government securities (G-secs) and State Development Loans (SDLs) will be notified separately.

2. What is the limit of the short-term crop loan, for which a subvention of 2% per annum is provided under the Interest Subvention scheme?

- [A] Rs 1 lakh [B] Rs 2 lakh
[C] Rs 3 lakh ☒ [D] Rs 5 lakh

- ✓ Under the Interest Subvention Scheme, a subvention of two per cent per annum is provided for short-term crop loan of up to Rs 3 lakh per farmer.
- ✓ As per the recent notification from the Ministry of Agriculture, as the government has extended the subsidy to banks till May 31, the farmers will be given a subvention of 2% for short term crop loans up to Rs. 3 lakhs. The farmers who repay the loans promptly will continue to get the loans at 4%.

3. Insurance Australia General (IAG) has sold its entire 26% stake held in which Insurance company of India?

- [A] SBI General Insurance ☒ [B] HDFC Ergo
[C] ICICI Lombard [D] Aditya Birla

- ✓ As per the recent notification from the country's largest lender State Bank of India said Insurance Australia

General (IAG) of Australia has exited from SBI General Insurance.

- ✓ IAG sold its entire 26% stake in the SBI General insurance, for USD 310 million (about Rs 2,325 crore) to Napean Opportunities and WP Honey Wheat Investment Ltd, which are subsidiaries of Premji Invest and Warburg Pincus group respectively. SBI owns 70% stake in its insurance arm.

4. What is the GDP growth estimate of India for the financial year 2020–21, as per India Ratings (Ind–Ra)?

- [A] 2.5% [B] 3.6% ☒ [C] 4.1% [D] 5.0%

- ✓ Domestic rating agency, India Ratings and Research (Ind–Ra) recently announced that the Gross domestic product (GDP) forecast for the financial year 2020–21 is estimated at 3.6%. The agency had earlier estimated that India would grow at 5.5% in 2020–21.
- ✓ The main reason for the big reduction in growth is said to be the COVID–19 outbreak and the resultant nation-wide lockdown imposed, which reduced all economic activities.

5. Ken Shimura, a Japanese personality who recently passed away, was associated with which field?

- [A] Entertainment ☒ [B] Business
[C] Politics [D] Research

- ✓ Veteran comic actor of Japan, Ken Shimura (70) who tested positive for COVID–19 has recently passed away. He has been in the entertainment media field since 1970.

6. International Olympic Committee (IOC) shifted the Tokyo Olympics to July 2021. In which country is the headquarters of IOC located?

- [A] Greece [B] Switzerland ☒
[C] Italy [D] United States of America

- ✓ On the 125th anniversary of the Olympic Games in 2019, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

- ✓ IOC was seen in news recently as the Tokyo Olympics which was scheduled to be held this July has been shifted to be held from July 23 to August 8 in 2021. IOC also announced that the Paralympics Games will be organised from August 24 to September 5, 2021.

7. According to a recent report from UNCTAD, which country along with China will not be affected by recession?

- [A] India ☒ [B] Japan
[C] Germany [D] Saudi Arabia

- ✓ United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has released an analysis report titled 'The COVID-19 Shock to Developing Countries: Towards a 'whatever it takes' programme for the 2/3 of the world's population being left behind'.
- ✓ As per its analysis, the world economy will go into recession this year except India and China. The loss to be incurred is estimated to be several trillions of dollars due to the coronavirus pandemic.

8. As per the 'World Cyber Protection Week Survey' by the firm Acronis, what percentage of companies suffered data loss last year?

- [A] 12% [B] 22% [C] 32% [D] 42% ☒

- ✓ Switzerland based Technology company Acronis recently unveiled the inaugural edition of '2020 World Cyber Protection Week Survey'.
- ✓ As per the survey, 42% of companies experienced a data loss event that resulted in interruption last year. It also revealed that traditional strategies of data protection can no longer keep up with the modern technology needs of individuals and organizations.

9. The term of which Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India was extended for a period of one year, recently?

- [A] N S Vishwanathan [B] B P Kanungo ☒
[C] M K Jain [D] Michael Debabrata Patra

- ✓ As per the recent notification of the Reserve Bank of India, the Centre has extended the tenure of Reserve Bank Deputy Governor B P Kanungo by a year with effect from April 3, 2020.

- ✓ Kanungo assumed charge as a Deputy Governor in 2017 and his term was to end at April 2. Now he has been re-appointed as the Deputy Governor for a period of 1 year. Other three Deputy Governors are N S Vishwanathan, M K Jain and Michael Debabrata Patra.

10. The Department of Science and Technology has released Rs. 1 Crore to a company named 'Scitech Park' for manufacturing which product?

- [A] Masks [B] Hand Sanitiser
[C] Air Purifier ☒ [D] Ventilator

- ✓ The Department of Science and Technology has released Rs. 1 Crore to an incubatee firm called Science and Technology park also called as 'Scitech Park'. The Pune based 'Scitech Park' has developed a novel air-purifying technology, which is expected to be used during the ongoing response of the country against COVID-19.
- ✓ The production of the new purifier called 'Scitech Airon' is to be scaled up and 1000 units will be soon installed in hospitals.

1. "Stranded in India" is a portal launched by which Union Ministry to help foreign tourists who are stranded in the country amid the prevailing lockdown?

[A] Ministry of External Affairs

[B] Ministry of Tourism ☒

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

✓ The Union Ministry of Tourism has launched a new portal named 'Stranded in India', to assist the foreign tourists who are stranded in the country amid the prevailing lockdown. The portal aims to extend support to tourists by circulating information about the services available for them in India.

✓ The portal comprises of information about the helpline numbers and call-centres, about the control centres of External affairs Ministry and regional support.

2. After the revision in the interest rates on small savings schemes for the first quarter 2020-21, what is the interest rate for Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme?

[A] 8.2% [B] 8.0% [C] 7.8% [D] 7.6% ☒

✓ The Government of India lowered the interest rates on various small savings schemes for the first quarter of 2020-21. As per the revision, the interest rate for the flagship Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme has been reduced to 7.6% against 8.4% earlier.

✓ Investments in PPF will earn 7.1% against 7.9%; the five year National Savings Certificate will earn 6.8% against 7.9% earlier; KVP will earn 6.9% against 7.6% earlier and five year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme will return 7.6% against 8.6% earlier.

3. The 2nd Extraordinary G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting was held under the Presidency of which country?

[A] Japan

[B] China

[C] Saudi Arabia ☒

[D] India

✓ The 2nd Extraordinary G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors meeting was recently organised via tele-conferencing under the Presidency of Saudi Arabia.

✓ Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the meeting. The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy and markets was discussed and coordinate efforts in response to this global challenge. Finance Minister asked for reviewing and enhancing the IMF toolkit.

4. The report titled 'East Asia and Pacific in the Time of COVID-19' has been released by which global organisation?

[A] World Bank ☒ [B] Asian Development Bank

[C] United Nations [D] International Monetary Fund

✓ According to the World Bank, titled 'East Asia & Pacific in the Time of COVID-19', it has estimated that nearly 11 million people would be affected by poverty in East Asia and the Pacific as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

✓ The World Bank has earlier estimated that about 35 million people would escape poverty in East Asia and the Pacific in 2020.

5. All private sector and foreign banks should intimate re-appointment of MD & CEO how many months in advance, as per the new stipulation of the Reserve Bank of India?

[A] 3 [B] 4 [C] 6 ☒ [D] 8

✓ As per the new stipulation of the Reserve Bank of India, all private sector and foreign banks will have to intimate cases of re-appointment of Managing Director and Chief executives to the Central Bank, 6 months in advance.

✓ Earlier the practice was intimating the cases 4 months in advance. The number of names required to be mentioned in cases of fresh appointments of MD and CEOs has also been reduced to two, from three earlier.

6. Which Indian private sector bank has recently rolled out banking services on WhatsApp amidst the nation-wide lock-down?

[A] HDFC Bank

[B] ICICI Bank ☒

[C] Axis Bank

[D] Yes Bank

✓ India's leading private lender ICICI Bank recently announced the launch of banking services on WhatsApp amid the nation-wide lockdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

✓ The customers have to save ICICI Bank's verified WhatsApp profile number in their contact. Using the WhatsApp banking services, the customers are provided with several banking services including checking their savings A/c balance, last transactions, credit card limit and block / unblocking credit & debit card.

7. As per the recent changes in the direct tax system, what is the number of days NRIs needed to spend in India to qualify as Indian tax resident?

[A] 120 ☒

[B] 150

[C] 175

[D] 180

✓ From April 1, 2020, several changes are coming into force in the direct tax regime of India, with the changes in provision of Finance Act. The prime change is with respect to the Non-Resident Indians.

✓ The NRIs with over ₹15 lakh income from Indian sources will be deemed as Indian residents for the purpose of taxation, if they had spent 120 days in India in the previous year. Earlier the number of days needed to be spent was 182.

8. Which payment company has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance to launch the first corona virus insurance cover for merchants?

[A] BharatPe ☒

[B] PhonePe

[C] Paytm

[D] Mobikwik

✓ Domestic payment company BharatPe has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance to launch the country's 1st COVID-19 insurance cover for merchants.

✓ The insurance policy which can be purchased from the BharatPe mobile application aims to cover about 40 lakh shop-keepers, who are more prone to the coronavirus infection amid the lock-down.

✓ The health cover pays out 100% of the sum insured if they are tested positive for the pandemic for a premium of ₹199 for a ₹25,000 cover for one year.

9. The Foreign Trade Policy, which has been extended till March 2021, came into force in which year?

[A] 2014

[B] 2015 ☒

[C] 2016

[D] 2017

✓ The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry recently announced changes in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) of the Indian Government. The present policy had been valid for 5 years up to March 31, 2020 while it came into force on 1st April, 2015.

✓ At the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic, the Government has decided to extend the policy by one more year, up to 31 March, 2021.

10. The statehood day of which Indian state is celebrated as 'Utkal Divas' on April 1?

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Odisha ☒

[C] Gujarat

[D] Karnataka

✓ The Indian state of Odisha was formed on 1st April 1936. Its statehood day is called as 'Utkal Divas', which is celebrated in the state and across the country.

✓ On the memory of the formation of Odisha as a separate state from the earlier Bihar and Orissa province, the day has been celebrated. Due to the nation-wide lockdown because of the coronavirus pandemic, there were no prominent celebrations in the state.

1. The 70th anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic relations between India and which country, was celebrated on April 1?
- [A] Thailand [B] China ☒
- [C] Japan [D] Nepal
- ✓ On April 1, the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Diplomatic relations between India and China was celebrated on April 1. As per the release of the Union External Affairs Ministry, the Presidents, PM's and External Affairs Ministers of India & China exchanged messages of felicitation to mark the 70th anniversary.
- ✓ India was the 1st non-Communist country in Asia to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, on April 1, 1950.
2. The new rule of the Centre for expanding domicile to 15 years of residence or 7 years of study, has been made for which Indian state/ UT?
- [A] Mizoram [B] Nagaland
- [C] Jammu and Kashmir ☒ [D] Chhattisgarh
- ✓ As per the new gazette notification under the J&K Civil Services (Decentralization & Recruitment) Act, a person who has resided in J&K for at least 15 years will be eligible to be a domicile of the Union Territory.
- ✓ The person who has studied for a period of seven years and appeared in class 10 or 12 examination in an educational institution based in the Union Territory will also be eligible to be a domicile.
3. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is to probe its first overseas case on the terrorist attack on a Gurudwara, located in which country?
- [A] Pakistan [B] Afghanistan ☒
- [C] Nepal [D] Singapore
- ✓ The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered its first overseas case and has started investigation into the terrorist attack on a gurdwara at Kabul, Afghanistan.
- ✓ On March 25, 2020, some gunmen entered a gurdwara in Kabul and fired, which killed 27 devotees and injured several others. The recent amendments in NIA Act have permitted NIA to investigate cases against the Indian citizens or affecting the interest of India, which are committed at places outside India.
4. What is the name of the first indigenous testing kit for COVID-19 in India, which was launched at Pune?
- [A] Patho Detect ☒ [B] Covid Detect
- [C] India Detect [D] Mylab Detect
- ✓ The Research and Development team of the Pune-based Mylab Discovery, headed by the virologist Minal Dakhve Bhosale has designed the first made-in-India testing kit for the COVID-19 disease.
- ✓ This first indigenous kit, which has been developed in a record time of six weeks, is called 'Patho Detect'. Usually developing such testing kits would take 3-4 months. Mylab Discovery is a molecular diagnostic company, which is also the 1st Indian firm to get full approval to make and sell COVID-19 testing kits.
5. As per the recent notification of the Reserve Bank of India, what is the new deadline for exporters to realise their export proceeds for exports made up to July 31?
- [A] 9 months [B] 12 months
- [C] 15 months ☒ [D] 18 months
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India recently released some measures to deal with the consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. As per the new export norms, the exporters can take 15 months to realise their export proceeds, for exports made up to July 31 against the earlier 9 months.
- ✓ RBI also increased the Ways and Means Advances limit for state governments and UTs by 30 % till September 30. It also said that the banks are not required to activate counter-cyclical capital buffers for one more year.

6. What is the name of the initiative of Civil Aviation Ministry which aims to supply medical supplies across country amid lockdown?

- [A] Corona Udan [B] Lifeline Udan ☒
[C] Medico Udan [D] COVID-19 Udan

✓ The Union Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched a new initiative called 'Lifeline Udan' under which flights are operated to transport essential medical supplies across the country amid coronavirus lockdown.

✓ The air carriers which are involved in Lifeline Udan operations include Air India, Alliance Air, Indian Air Force & Pawan Hans. Cargo hubs have been established at Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Kolkata

7. What is the theme of the 2020 World Autism Awareness Day?

- [A] Assistive Technologies
[B] The Transition to Adulthood ☒
[C] Together we can
[D] Autism is not a disease

✓ The World Autism Awareness Day is observed every year on April 2 to recognize and support all children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The day is to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society. The 2018 theme is "The Transition to Adulthood".

8. What is the name of the Nobel Prize-winning physicist known for his work on magnetism and superconductivity, who recently passed away?

- [A] Adam Schlesinger [B] Philip Anderson ☒
[C] Sir James Gowans [D] Vincent Marzello

✓ The Nobel Prize winning physicist, Philip Anderson (96) recently passed away in the United States. The physicist was known for making the science community understand about magnetism and superconductivity and for starting solid state physics as a field.

✓ He had been the inspiration for other Nobel Prize winning physicists including Brian Josephson (1973) and F. Duncan Haldane (2016).

9. As of April 2020, which country holds the presidency of United Nations Security Council?

- [A] China [B] Dominican Republic ☒
[C] Argentina [D] France

✓ The current President of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is the Dominican Republic, which assumed rotating presidency of the council from China for the month of April.

✓ As per the Ambassador of Dominican Republic, the 15 nation council is to meet for the first time before next week to discuss about the ongoing pandemic. The council has not held a meeting since the coronavirus pandemic hit the world and caused serious damages.

10. The Government of India has recently set up a "cargo air-bridge" with which country, to transport critical medical supplies?

- [A] Sri Lanka [B] Nepal
[C] China ☒ [D] Bangladesh

✓ The government of India recently announced the establishment of "cargo air-bridge" between India and China. This air bridge uses regular cargo flights for transporting critical medical supplies between the two countries.

✓ This initiative is operated by Air India from April 3. This is implemented under the 'Lifeline Udan' initiative of the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation.

1. What is the name of the mobile application launched by the Government of India, to enable people assess the risk of coronavirus infection?

- [A] Bharat Corona [B] India Fights
[C] Aarogya Setu ☒ [D] COVID India

- ✓ The Government of India has recently launched a mobile application named 'Aarogya Setu', to enable people assess the risk of coronavirus infection.
- ✓ The app is built in a public-private partnership mode and has been launched on both the Google Play Store and the Apple Store. The app assesses the risk of a person based on their interactions, by using Bluetooth technology and Artificial intelligence.

2. The United Nation's COP 26 climate change summit, which has been postponed to 2021, was scheduled to be held in which city?

- [A] Tokyo [B] Paris
[C] Glasgow ☒ [D] Riyadh

- ✓ The United Nation's COP 26 climate change summit was scheduled to be held in the city of Glasgow in Scotland in November 2020.
- ✓ Amid the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic, the Climate change summit has been postponed to 2021. The British government announced that the exact date of the rescheduled conference will be decided later. This decision has been taken by the COP Bureau of the UNFCCC along with the UK and Italy.

3. The Union Agriculture Minister launched new features of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform amid the lockdown. When was e-NAM launched in India?

- [A] 2000 [B] 2005 [C] 2016 ☒ [D] 2019

- ✓ The Union Agriculture Minister launched new features of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform, which includes Warehouse based trading module in e-NAM software, FPO trading module in e-NAM where

FPOs can trade their produce from the collection centre and enhanced version of logistic module.

- ✓ e-NAM platform was launched in India on 14 April 2016 as a nation-wide electronic trade portal. 585 mandis in 16 States and 2 Union Territories have been integrated on e-NAM portal.

4. As per a recent survey, about $\frac{1}{4}$ th of Indians currently pay for news. Which international organisation conducted the survey?

- [A] World Economic Forum ☒ [B] World Bank
[C] International Monetary Fund [D] UNCTAD

- ✓ As per a recent survey conducted by the World Economic Forum (WEF), about one-fourth of the consumers in India pay for news at present but nearly two-third of the population are willing to pay.
- ✓ Amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the role of media has become vital in the society. The WEF conducted a survey of news & entertainment consumers in 6 markets including China, Germany, India, South Korea, the UK and the US. It also revealed that 60% of consumers registered for a media service.

5. Gita Ramjee, an Indian-origin South African who recently passed away after contracting coronavirus, was associated with which profession?

- [A] Economist [B] Virologist ☒
[C] Sports person [D] Businessperson

- ✓ Indian-origin South African and world-renowned virologist Gita Ramjee passed away after contracting coronavirus. Gita Ramjee was a veteran virologist and a research leader in HIV prevention.
- ✓ She was the Unit Director of the HIV Prevention Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council offices in Durban. She was the recipient of 'Outstanding Female Scientist Award' by the European Development Clinical Trials Partnerships.

6. The application called 'Neighbourly', which was recently shut down, was initially launched by major tech firm?

[A] Microsoft

[B] Google ☒

[C] Facebook

[D] Amazon

✓ Technological major Google has recently shut down its neighbourhood community app called Neighbourly, which will be completely closed on May 12, 2020.

✓ The application which was launched 2 years ago, hasn't gained much userbase as expected and hence it has been shut down. The users will be able to download the content of the application until October 12 of this year.

7. According to the recent report of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), what will be the growth rate of India in the current fiscal year?

[A] 5.0%

[B] 4.5%

[C] 4.0% ☒

[D] 3.5%

✓ Manil based Asian Development Bank released its annual economic publication, Asian Development Outlook-2020 recently. As per the report, India's growth is to slow down to 4%, from the earlier estimate of 5% in the current fiscal year.

✓ Weak global demand and the containment efforts of the government amid Covid-19 are cited as the reasons for the slash. The report also estimates the country's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at 6.2% in FY22.

8. Which international financial institution has granted \$1 billion fund to India to strengthen its response in containing COVID-19?

[A] International Monetary Fund

[B] World Bank ☒

[C] Asian Infrastructure & Investment Bank

[D] Asian Development Bank

✓ The World Bank has granted \$1 billion fund to India to strengthen its response in containing Covid-19. This is also the largest ever grant provided for India till date, from the World Bank. The fund will cover all states and

UTs and will be managed by the National Health Mission (NHM), National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

✓ The fund will be used for procurement of testing kits, setting up of new isolation wards and purchase of personal protective equipment.

9. Tony-Lewis, who devised DLS method, recently passed away. DLS is a mathematical formula associated with which game?

[A] Football

[B] Cricket ☒

[C] Tennis

[D] Squash

✓ Tony Lewis devised the Duckworth-Lewis along with a mathematician Frank Duckworth, which is a mathematical formula used to determine the winner in cricket games that are affected by bad weather.

✓ The method was introduced in 1997 and adopted by the International cricket council (ICC) in 1999. It was renamed as Duckworth-Lewis-Stern Method in 2014.

✓ Tony Lewis was a recipient of the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for his outstanding work in the field of Mathematics and Cricket.

10. The 2021 World Games, which have been rescheduled to 2022, was initially planned to be held in which city?

[A] Birmingham ☒

[B] Glasgow

[C] Tokyo

[D] Rio de Janeiro

✓ The 2021 World Games which were initially scheduled to be held in the city of Birmingham in the state of Alabama in the United States have now been rescheduled to 2022.

✓ This postponement has been announced to avoid clashing with the Tokyo Olympics, which were also rescheduled to 2021, against this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Games are held every four years and comprises of 32 sports that are not included in the Olympic program.

1. What is the name of the hackathon supported by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, which aims to find solutions for overcoming COVID-19 pandemic?

[A] Hack COVID – India [B] Hack the Crisis – India ☒

[C] Hack Corona – India [D] COVID Hack India

- ✓ An online hackathon to find working solutions for overcoming COVID-19 pandemic, called 'Hack the Crisis- India' has been recently launched. This hackathon is being organised by 'Hack a Cause – India' and 'FICCI Ladies Organization Pune'.
- ✓ It is supported by Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. Minister of State of HRD and IT Sanjay Dhotre who launched the hackathon said that over 2,000 teams & 15,000 participants will be participating in 48 hour hackathon.

2. Which Indian Non-Governmental Organisation won the prestigious USD \$1.5 million Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship?

[A] CARE India

[B] CRY

[C] ARMMAN ☒

[D] SMILE

- ✓ An India-based non-profit organization ARMMAN has been awarded the prestigious Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020.
- ✓ The NGO has been selected for its contribution towards the maternal and child health sector in India. Out of the five organisations which won this \$1.5 million award, it is the only one selected from Asia and Africa. The NGO has been implementing mobile health programs in partnership with the Government of India.

3. After the lockdown due to COVID-19, what is the estimated growth rate of India in the current fiscal, as per the recent report of Fitch Ratings?

[A] 2.0% ☒

[B] 2.4%

[C] 3.2%

[D] 4.2%

- ✓ Following the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Fitch Ratings has slashed India's growth forecast for

the current fiscal to 2 %. This GDP forecast is the lowest prediction in the last 30 years of the agency's estimates.

- ✓ The Ratings agency had earlier predicted that Indian economy would grow at 5.1%. The Fitch Ratings also announced that it also expects a global recession this yr.

4. Under Operation Sanjeevani, India has supplied essential medicines and food-grains to which country?

[A] Myanmar

[B] Maldives ☒

[C] Sri Lanka

[D] Bangladesh

- ✓ The Hercules aircraft of Indian Air Force recently delivered about 6.2 tonnes of essential medicines to Maldives as assistance to tackle the consequences of COVID 19. The medicines were procured from various cities to be delivered to the neighbouring country.
- ✓ India has earlier sent a medical team along with essential medicines to Maldives. As the island country is mostly dependent on imports from India, essential food grains and consumables were also supplied.

5. Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen are the recently released mascots of which international sporting event?

[A] Summer Olympics

[B] Winter Olympics

[C] Asian Games ☒

[D] World Games

- ✓ The official mascots of the 2022 Asian Games were released at a digital launch ceremony in China recently. Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen are named as the mascots of the 19th Asian Games, which is scheduled to be held at Hangzhou, China. Three robots nicknamed as 'Smart Triplets', representing the mascots were unveiled, to highlight the expertise of the city.

6. Three incentive schemes worth Rs 48,000 crore including PLI, EMC 2.0 and SPECS which have been notified, are associated with which sector?

[A] Electricity Generation

[B] Fossil Energy

[C] Electronics Manufacturing ☒

[D] Textile Sector

- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has notified three incentive schemes to boost electronics manufacturing namely Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI), Electronics Manufacturing Clusters 2.0 (EMC 2.0), Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronics Components and Semi-conductors (SPECs).

- ✓ The schemes which were cleared by the Cabinet last month, include incentives worth more than Rs 48,000 crore. PLI is the largest scheme with an outlay of Rs 40,000 crore which will give incentives of 4–6% on incremental sales on mobile phones and specified electronic components.

7. Which division of Indian Railways deploys 'Doodh Duroto Special' trains, to transport essential commodities during the lockdown?

- [A] Southern Railway [B] South Central Railway ☒
[C] Central Railway [D] Northern Railway

- ✓ The South Central Railway has recently started deploying 'Doodh Duroto Special' to ensure uninterrupted transport and supply of essential commodities during the lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Though passenger train services have been suspended till April 14, 2020, these trains are being operated. Recently, the train has been dispatched from Renigunta to Delhi with six milk tankers and two parcel vans with mangoes and musk melons. The special train is being run with an average speed of 110 km per hour.

8. The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is celebrated on which date, every year?

- [A] Mar.31 [B] Apr.2 [C] Apr.4 ☒ [D] Apr.6

- ✓ The fourth day of April has been observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action after the declaration by the UN General Assembly in 2005.

- ✓ The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) has been serving for more than 20 years, to save lives, to

deliver humanitarian assistance and facilitate recovery activities.

- ✓ In 2015, the UN Secretary-General designated actor Daniel Craig as the first UN Global Advocate for the Elimination of Mines and Explosive Hazards.

9. The National Health Authority (NHA) has signed an agreement with which ride-hailing app for transporting healthcare workers involved in treatment of covid-19 patients?

- [A] Uber ☒ [B] Ola
[C] Meru [D] Red Taxi

- ✓ The National Health Authority (NHA) has signed an agreement with the ride-hailing app Uber, for providing transport services to healthcare workers involved in treatment of COVID-19 patients. Through its UberMedic service, the ride-hailing firm is to provide 150 cars free of cost to support medical facilities in certain cities.

- ✓ This initiative comes at the back-drop of the lock-down, where all forms of public and private transportation have been restricted. Hygiene measures such as roof-to-floor plastic sheeting enclosing the driver's seat and disinfecting the car are ensured in every ride.

10. Which international organisation adopted a resolution on COVID-19 titled 'Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)'?

- [A] United Nations ☒ [B] UNSC
[C] World Health Organisation [D] UNICEF

- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution on COVID-19 recently, which was titled 'Global solidarity to fight the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)'. The resolution was co-sponsored by 188 member nations including India.

- ✓ The 193-member United Nations assembly has called for intensified international cooperation to fight the pandemic. This resolution, which was made under silent procedure, is the first such document on the global pandemic adopted by the UN.