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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.

1. The Chief Minister of which Indian state has been conferred with the 'Hero to Animals Award', by the animal rights body PETA India?
- [A] West Bengal [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Kerala [D] Odisha ☒
- ✓ The animal rights body PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) India has conferred the 'Hero to Animals Award' on the CM of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik.
- ✓ The Chief Minister was selected for his empathetic act of allocating Rs.54 lakhs from relief fund, to feed public animals in the municipal corporations of Odisha during the COVID-19 lockdown.
2. Aerobiosys Innovations, which has developed an affordable and emergency-use ventilator called 'Jeevan Lite', is an incubated start-up of which institution?
- [A] IIT – Madras [B] IIT – Hyderabad ☒
- [C] Indian Institute of Science [D] AIIMS
- ✓ Aerobiosys Innovations, an incubated start-up of IIT Hyderabad, Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) has developed an affordable and emergency-use ventilator called 'Jeevan Lite'.
- ✓ This portable device can be operated through a mobile application. The ventilator can also be operated by a battery, which enables it to be deployed in areas without power supply.
3. The research centre of which organisation have developed full-body disinfection chamber called 'Personnel Sanitization Enclosure'?
- [A] DRDO ☒ [B] AIIMS
- [C] IISc [D] BHEL
- ✓ One of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) laboratories Vehicle Research Development Establishment (VRDE), Ahmednagar has designed a full body disinfection chamber called as Personnel Sanitisation Enclosure (PSE). This enclosure is a walk through setup, which is designed for personnel sanitization.
- ✓ The portable system which sanitises one person at a time, is equipped with sanitiser and soap dispenser. An electrically operated pump creates a disinfectant mist of hypo sodium chloride for 25 seconds.
4. After the recent curbs on exports of diagnostic kits by the Indian Government, an exporter will have to get a licence from which authority for out-bound shipments?
- [A] Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) ☒
- [B] Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)
- [C] Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics
- [D] Department of Health Research
- ✓ The Government of India placed curbs on exports of diagnostic kits with immediate effect. As per the recent notification of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, this step has been taken to discourage shipments amid the coronavirus outbreak.
- ✓ An exporter will have to get license from the DGFT for shipments, which were allowed without restrictions earlier.
5. According to the recent announcement of the Health Ministry, about 50 Crore citizens will be eligible for free COVID-19 testing and treatment under which scheme?
- [A] Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana – PMJAY ☒
- [B] Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
- [C] Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
- [D] Pradhan Mantri Poshan Abhiyan
- ✓ As per the recent announcement of the Union Health Ministry, more than 50 crore vulnerable citizens will be eligible for free COVID-19 testing and treatment under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ✓ Hospitals empanelled under the AB-PMJAY scheme can use their authorised testing facilities or tie up with an authorised testing facility to provide this service.

6. Bronx zoo, where a tiger was tested +ve for COVID-19 for the 1st time in the world, is located in which country?

- [A] Italy [B] France
[C] United States of America ☒ [D] Germany

✓ A four-year-old female tiger named Nadia from the Bronx Zoo in New York City, has been tested positive for the coronavirus. This is claimed to be the 1st known case where transmission of the COVID-19 from human to an animal has been confirmed.

✓ The tiger is believed to have been infected by an asymptomatic zoo-keeper. Later, six other animals, including lions and tigers, have also been showing symptoms.

7. Which country, through its aid agency has announced a grant of USD 2.9 million to India to help it tackle the effect of coronavirus pandemic?

- [A] Russia [B] China
[C] United States of America ☒ [D] Australia

✓ One of the leading aid agencies in the world, USAID of the United States government, has announced a grant of USD 2.9 million to India to help it tackle the effect of coronavirus pandemic. This assistance was announced by the US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster.

✓ The aid agency will also support the World Health Organization (WHO) initiatives in India. The proposed funds will help the Indian Government of India in curbing the spread of COVID-19.

8. For the first time in 2020, April 5 is observed as which day by the United Nations?

- [A] International Day of Conscience ☒
[B] International Day of Promotion of Love
[C] International Day of Peace
[D] International Day of Promotion of Culture

✓ During the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2019, Bahrain sponsored its Prime

Minister's initiative to designate April 5 as the 'International Day of Conscience'.

✓ The Assembly unanimously adopted resolution "Promoting the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience" and declared 5 April as the International Day of Conscience. It is celebrated in 2020 for the 1st time.

9. The National Maritime Day is celebrated on April 5, to commemorate the maiden voyage of which ship that was wholly owned by India?

- [A] SS Loyalty ☒ [B] SS Galia
[C] SS Jalabala [D] SS Ramdas

✓ The National Maritime Day is celebrated on April 5, to commemorate the maiden voyage of the first wholly owned ship of Indians. It was the first ship was owned by the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd.

✓ On the same day in the year 1919, the ship travelled from Mumbai to the city of London, United Kingdom. This year is the 57th edition of the National Maritime Day. World Maritime Day is observed on the last week of September on Thursday annually.

10. Kobe Bryant along with eight others, were selected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The museum cum hall of fame is located in which country?

- [A] Brazil [B] United States of America ☒
[C] Britain [D] Germany

✓ Basketball legend, who died in a helicopter crash earlier this year, Kobe Bryant along with eight others, were selected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Other personalities include American basketball coach Tim Duncan and former professional basketball player Kevin Garnett.

✓ The Honourees will be officially inducted in on August 29 in Massachusetts, United States of America, where the basketball museum, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is located.

1. The Cabinet approved the temporary suspension of the MPLAD (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme) Fund for how many years, amidst the coronavirus pandemic?

- [A] 1 [B] 2 ☒ [C] 3 [D] 4

- ✓ The Cabinet has recently approved to suspend the MPLAD (Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme) Fund during 2020–21 & 2021–22, temporarily.
- ✓ Rs.7900 crores, the consolidated amount of MPLAD Funds for 2 years, will be moved to Consolidated Fund of India. The cabinet also promulgated an ordinance to reduce the salaries, allowances and pensions of Members of Parliament by 30 percent for one year. The President, Vice President, Governors of States have said to have voluntarily admitted for the reduction in pay.

2. The Government has constituted an empowered Committee to coordinate with Private Sector, NGOs and International Organisations related to COVID–19. Who chairs the empowered committee?

- [A] Rajiv Kumar [B] Amitabh Kant ☒
[C] Surjit Bhalla [D] Amit Shah

- ✓ The Government of India has constituted an empowered Committee (Group 6) to coordinate with Private Sector, NGOs and International Organisations related to COVID–19. The committee is chaired by the CEO of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant.
- ✓ It aims to address the issues with UN agencies, World Bank, ADB; Civil Society Organisations and Industry associations. Other members include Principal Scientific Advisor Dr. Vijayaraghavan and members from CBIC, Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs.

3. The highest ever highway construction by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was achieved in which financial year?

- [A] 2016–17 [B] 2017–18
[C] 2018–19 [D] 2019–20 ☒

- ✓ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has recently announced that it has completed the construction of 3979 km of highways in the financial year 2019–20.

- ✓ Its official statement also read that this is the highest ever highway construction achieved in a financial year by NHAI, since its inception in 1995. Though NHAI could not meet the target of 4500 km for the current fiscal, it has seen a steady growth in the construction phase.

4. India has received 1.70 lakh personal protection equipment (PPE) coveralls, donated by which country, after opening up supply lines from abroad?

- [A] Australia [B] China ☒
[C] United States [D] Saudi Arabia

- ✓ As per the notification of the Union Health Ministry, India has received 1.70 lakh personal protection equipment (PPE) coveralls, which have been donated by China. The 1.7 lakh coveralls along with 20000 domestic coveralls, a total of 1.90 lakh equipment are to be distributed to hospitals.

- ✓ After the supply lines from abroad have been opened up, India has received the donation of coveralls for the 1st time. It also said that about 3.87 lakh PPEs are available in India.

5. Pravin Rao has been appointed as the new Chairman of which industry body of India?

- [A] NASSCOM ☒ [B] CII
[C] FICCI [D] IMAI

- ✓ The Information Technology Industry body NASSCOM announced that it has appointed Infosys Chief Operating Officer UB Pravin Rao as its chairman for the year 2020–21.

- ✓ Pravin Rao is set to replace the incumbent Chairman WNS Global Services Group CEO Keshav Murugesh. The Chairman and Senior Managing Director of Accenture in India, Rekha M Menon has been named as the vice chairperson for 2020–21.

6. Which port-trust became the first state-owned port trust to invoke the clause of force majeure at the backdrop of coronavirus outbreak?

- [A] Kolkata Port Trust ☒ [B] Mumbai Port Trust
[C] Chennai Port Trust [D] Cochin Port Trust

✓ Kolkata Port Trust has recently declared force majeure at its Haldia Dock Complex from 06:00 Hrs on 22 March to 06:00 Hrs on 15 April 2020, thereby becoming the first state-owned major port trust to invoke the clause, at the backdrop of coronavirus outbreak.

✓ The force majeure clause is invoked when the firms are not able to meet their contractual commitments for reasons beyond their control. During the lockdown, as the trade is gripped, several private ports & terminals operating in the country already invoked the clause.

7. Which day that is celebrated on April 6 focusses on health benefits of participating in sporting and physical activity amid social-distancing, this year?

- [A] Intl., Day of Sport and Physical Exercise
[B] Intl., Day of Sport for Development & Peace ☒
[C] Intl., Day of Healthy Habits
[D] Intl., Day of Sports and Games

✓ The United Nation has been observing April 6 as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.

✓ This year, the international day focusses on health benefits of participating in sporting and physical activity. The UN also announced a tagline for this day as "For the International Day of Sport this year, let's be active and healthy to beat COVID19".

8. What is the tagline for World Health Day 2020?

- [A] Support Doctors and Health Professionals
[B] Support Nurses and Midwives ☒
[C] Support Health Care
[D] Contribute to Health Care

✓ The World Health Organisation (WHO) has been celebrating the World Health Day on 7th April every year. This year, the tagline for World Health Day 2020 is 'Support nurses and midwives'.

✓ This year had also been designated as the 'Intl., Year of the Nurse and the Midwife'. WHO highlighted the crucial role of Nurses & other health workers, who are working in the COVID-19 response activities of the world.

9. Which Asian country has declared a state of emergency over coronavirus?

- [A] China [B] Japan ☒
[C] Thailand [D] Singapore

✓ The Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe recently declared a state of emergency in the country, due to the rise in the coronavirus cases. A month-long state of emergency starting from April 7 has been declared in the capital city Tokyo and six other parts of the country.

✓ This move gives powers to local governments to contain the spread of the coronavirus, by urging residents to stay at home and calling for businesses to close.

10. Which firm has bagged the order from the Indian Army to set up a unified network management system?

- [A] Tata Consultancy Services [B] Infosys
[C] Larsen & Toubro ☒ [D] Wipro

✓ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has bagged the large order of the Indian Army to set up a unified network management system. The communication business of L&T Construction has secured the order to manage and operate the armed forces network.

✓ The project is to be set up under the Network for Spectrum (NFS). The project is to be implemented in 18 months followed by three years of warranty and seven years of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC).

1. What is the name of the online challenge for students, launched by the innovation cell of MHRD and AICTE, for developing solutions to the Coronavirus pandemic?

- [A] Samriddhi [B] Samadhan ☒
[C] Soochna [D] Chunauti

- ✓ The innovation cell of Ministry of HRD and AICTE have recently launched an online challenge for students called 'SAMADHAN'.
- ✓ This challenge calls for students to search and develop quick solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic that will assist the government agencies and health services. Under the programme, the students of the country will be motivated for conducting new experiments.

2. What is the brand name of the rapid antibody diagnostic kit for COVID-19, developed by the state-owned enterprise, HLL Lifecare Limited?

- [A] Test Sure [B] Make Sure ☒
[C] Check Sure [D] COVID Sure

- ✓ A Central government enterprise under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, HLL Lifecare Limited has developed a rapid antibody diagnostic kit for COVID-19.
- ✓ The kit has been validated and approved by the NIV and the ICMR and will be marketed under the brand name of "Make Sure". The result would be obtained from the patient sample in 15-20 minutes using the kit. About 2 lakh kits for supplying to various government units are to be manufactured within the next 10 days.

3. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), along with which private firm, has developed a face shield for doctors and medical staff treating COVID-19 patients?

- [A] TATA [B] WIPRO ☒
[C] Larsen & Toubro [D] HCL

- ✓ Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), along with WIPRO, has developed a unique shield for doctors and medical staff treating COVID-19 patients. This full-face shield will protect the healthcare

personnel from directly contracting the coronavirus infection.

- ✓ DRDO has also developed bio-suit to protect the front-line health workers and has supplied masks, full-body suits and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for the medical staff.

4. Which state government has unveiled a 5 step plan named "5Ts Plan", to tackle the spread of COVID-19?

- [A] Maharashtra [B] New Delhi ☒
[C] Chandigarh [D] Kerala

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said that the state government has formed a 5 step plan named "5Ts Plan" for tackling the spread of COVID-19.
- ✓ The Chief Minister explained that the 5Ts are Testing, Tracing, Treatment, Teamwork, Tracking and Monitoring. He also revealed that mass testing like South Korea will be initiated in Delhi.

5. Which instant messaging platform has limited the sharing of forwarded messages to one chat, amid the rise in fake news during coronavirus pandemic?

- [A] Telegram [B] WhatsApp ☒
[C] WeChat [D] Messenger

- ✓ Facebook owned Instant messaging platform WhatsApp recently announced that it has limited the sharing of frequently forwarded messages to only 1 chat at a time.
- ✓ This step has been taken to curb spreading of misinformation and fake news amid the coronavirus pandemic. WhatsApp also launched the WHO COVID-19 Health Alert service for people across the world and "MyGov Corona" Helpdesk in India in partnership with the Indian government.

6. As per the notification of WIPO, which country topped the world in filing International Patents filed with WIPO, in 2019?

- [A] United States of America [B] China ☒
[C] Russia [D] Germany

- ✓ As per the recent notification of WIPO, China topped the world in filing International Patents filed with WIPO, in 2019. China has filed 58,990 applications in 2019 via WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) System thereby surpassing the United States, which topped every year since the PCT began operations in 1978.

- ✓ China also recorded growth in the international intellectual property services, treaty-adherence activity of WIPO.

7. What is the name of the tropical Cyclone that hit South Pacific island nations Vanuatu islands and Fiji recently?

- [A] Harold ☒ [B] Sidr
[C] Diane [D] Gretel

- ✓ The Tropical Cyclone named 'Harold' recently hit the South Pacific island nations including Vanuatu islands and Fiji. It started from the south-west Pacific nation Solomon Islands last week, where it claimed 27 lives.

- ✓ Later, it hit the Vanuatu islands and caused damages especially in the main town Luganville. Though the cyclone was expected to only reach Category Three, it reached the Category Four in Fiji, where the winds are blowing up to 240 kilometres per hour.

8. The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide is observed on April 7, to commemorate the genocide happened in which country?

- [A] Libya [B] Rwanda ☒
[C] Sudan [D] Germany

- ✓ The International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide is observed on April 7, to commemorate the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.

- ✓ The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003. April 7 marks the beginning of the genocide done by the Hutu extremist-led government against the more than a million Tutsi minorities. Rwanda observes nation-wide mourning on April 7 and the mourning period ends on the Liberation Day – July 4.

9. Which institution is set to provide emergency loans to small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) named 'SAFE PLUS'?

- [A] Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
[B] National Bank for Agriculture and Development
[C] Small Industries Development Bank of India ☒
[D] National Small Industries Corporation Limited

- ✓ The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) recently announced that it will provide emergency loans to small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) named 'SIDBI Assistance to Facilitate Emergency' – SAFE PLUS.

- ✓ Working capital of up to Rs 1 Crore will be provided to small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in manufacturing of medical equipment and products related to COVID-19. The SAFE PLUS collateral-free loans will be disbursed within 48 hours at an interest rate of five per cent. The limit of the loans has been enhanced from 50 lakh rupees to two crore rupees.

10. As per a recent report, about 400 million workers of India will fall into poverty. Which international organisation released the report?

- [A] World Bank
[B] World Economic Forum
[C] International Labour Organisation ☒
[D] United Nations

- ✓ According to a recent report from International Labour Organisation (ILO) titled 'ILO Monitor 2nd edition: COVID-19 and the world of work', about 400 million workers of India will fall into poverty. India has nearly 90% of its people working in informal economy.

- ✓ It also revealed that the lockdown measures in India have impacted these workers significantly. The measures are at the high end of University of Oxford's COVID-19 Government Response Stringency Index.

1. What is the amount of financial package released by the Centre for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package', to the states/UTs?
- [A] Rs.10000 Cr [B] Rs.15000 Cr ☒
[C] Rs.20000 Cr [D] Rs.25000 Cr
- ✓ The Union Government has approved Rs. 15,000 crores for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package' for States / UTs. Rs 7,774 crore is expected to be released for immediate response.
- ✓ This package which has been approved to build the health infrastructure, will be provided in three phases — January 2020 to June 2020, July 2020 to March 2021 and April 2021 to March 2024. This fund would be divided on the basis of the number of positive COVID-19 cases and the size of the State / UT.
2. An initiative of 'Arogya Setu Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) service' has been launched by the Centre in association with which state government?
- [A] Tamil Nadu ☒ [B] Rajasthan
[C] Kerala [D] Odisha
- ✓ An Interactive Voice Response System initiative called "Arogya Setu IVRS" has been launched by the Centre in association with Tamil Nadu government & IIT Madras. The service has been launched for people who do not use smart phones and to assist them in tackling COVID-19.
- ✓ It will be activated by a missed call and the location of the user is identified. Assistance on healthcare and guidance will be available through the voice service.
3. Which state/UT has announced 'Operation SHIELD' in containment zones to contain the spread of COVID-19?
- [A] Maharashtra [B] Telangana
[C] New Delhi ☒ [D] Punjab
- ✓ As per the announcement of the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the government will implement 'Operation SHIELD' at 21 locations which have been identified as containment zones in the UT.
- ✓ 'Operation SHIELD' is an acronym, which includes Sealing; Home Quarantine; Isolation and Tracing of people; Doorstep Delivery of Essential Items; Local Sanitisation and Disinfection and door to door checking of people having symptoms of COVID-19.
4. India's fiscal deficit stood at 5.07% of gross domestic product (GDP) in February. What is the revised fiscal deficit target for FY20, as a percentage of GDP?
- [A] 3.5 [B] 3.8 ☒ [C] 3.2 [D] 3.0
- ✓ According to a recent report released by the government, India's fiscal deficit stood at 5.07% of gross domestic product (GDP) in February. Industrial output, measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production, was also at 4.5% in February.
- ✓ The Government has revised its fiscal deficit target of 3.8% of GDP for FY20, during the 2020 Union Budget presentation. With a 5.07% fiscal deficit, it is expected that the revised target for the year 2019-20 would be difficult to be achieved.
5. National Pension System (NPS) subscribers are to be allowed partial withdrawal for covering expenses for COVID-19 treatment. Which organisation manages NPS?
- [A] Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority
[B] Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority of India ☒
[C] Life Insurance Corporation of India
[D] Securities and Exchange Board of India
- ✓ The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India (PFRDA) recently announced that the National Pension System (NPS) subscribers will be allowed partial withdrawal for covering expenses related to COVID-19 treatment.
- ✓ It also announced that COVID-19 would be declared as a critical illness which is life threatening in nature. PFRDA also announced that there is no provision for partial withdrawal for Atal Pension Yojana customers at present. Both NPS and APY are managed and run by PFRDA.

6. April 9 is celebrated by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as which day?

- [A] Anti-Doping Day [B] Play True Day ☒
[C] Fair Play Day [D] World Play Day

- ✓ World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is celebrating the 'Play True Day 2020' on April 9, which has been celebrated since 2014.
- ✓ Canada-based World Anti-Doping Agency is a foundation launched by the International Olympic Committee, to promote awareness against drugs in sports. WADA is celebrating the day this year with the theme 'Play Safe on Play True Day 2020'.

7. Chris Cassidy is associated with which profession?

- [A] Sportsperson [B] Astronaut ☒
[C] Virologist [D] Economist

- ✓ Chris Cassidy, an astronaut of NASA, along with two cosmonauts of Russia – Roscosmos, Anatoly Ivanishin and Ivan Vagner docked at the International Space Station. The three-man crew docked successfully aboard the Soyuz MS-16 capsule, which was launched from the Russia's space hub, Baikonur, in its neighbouring country Kazakhstan.
- ✓ The crew reached the ISS at 1413 GMT, over six hours after blasting off. The next crew to return to Earth from the ISS will fly to their home countries on April 17.

8. Masatsugu Asakawa is the President of which international financial institution, which has also assured \$2.2 billion assistance to India?

- [A] World Economic Forum [B] World Bank
[C] Asian Development Bank ☒ [D] BRICS Bank

- ✓ Manila-based international financial institution, Asian Development Bank (ADB) assured \$2.2 billion assistance to India, for tackling the COVID-19 outbreak.
- ✓ Earlier, the World Bank has approved to provide \$1 billion assistance to India for fighting against COVID-

19, especially to detect and prevent the disease and to strengthen its public health preparedness.

9. The Centre has removed the customs duty and health cess on the import of medical equipment related to COVID-19 till which month of 2020?

- [A] June [B] August
[C] September ☒ [D] December

- ✓ The Union government recently announced that it has removed customs duty and health cess on the import of medical equipment related to COVID-19 till September 30, 2020. The exemption on customs duty and cess have been given to all related medical equipment including ventilators, surgical masks, PPE, and test kits.
- ✓ This step is expected to boost availability of the products in the country, as per the Department of Revenue. The exemptions will be applicable on inputs used to manufacture the equipment.

10. What is the name of the campaign launched by the Ministry of HRD, for crowd sourcing of ideas to improve online education ecosystem of India?

- [A] Bharat Padhe Online ☒ [B] Bharat Idea Online
[C] Bharat Shiksha Online [D] India Studies

- ✓ The Union Minister of Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal has launched a 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign for crowd sourcing of ideas to improve online education ecosystem of India.
- ✓ This week-long campaign invites all the people in the country to share suggestions and solutions about overcoming constraints of online education. The ideas can be shared directly with HRD Ministry through their mail address or their twitter account.

1. Which former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India has been named in the external advisory group of the IMF Chief Kristalina Georgieva?

- [A] Urjit Patel [B] Raghuram Rajan ☒
[C] Y V Reddy [D] D Subbarao

- ✓ The Chief of International Monetary Fund Kristalina Georgieva has recently named former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India Raghuram Rajan and 11 other experts in her external advisory group.
- ✓ The group is expected to provide perspectives on policy issues and responses to the challenges faced by the world due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- ✓ The group has 12 eminent individuals who have expertise in policy-making, global market and private sector. Raghuram Rajan is currently serving as a professor at the University of Chicago.

2. National Commission for Women (NCW) launches WhatsApp number to report cases of domestic violence. Where is the Headquarters of NCW located?

- [A] Lucknow [B] New Delhi ☒
[C] Nagpur [D] Mumbai

- ✓ The National Commission for Women (NCW) has recently launched a WhatsApp number, where people can report cases of domestic violence.
- ✓ As per the announcement of NCW, the cases of domestic violence have seen a big increase during the lockdown period resulting from coronavirus pandemic.
- ✓ This WhatsApp number service will be operated in addition to the existing online complaint links and emails and only for the period of lockdown. The headquarters of NCW is New Delhi.

3. Which Public Sector Undertaking of India partnered with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh and developed a remote monitoring system for COVID-19?

- [A] Bharat Electronics Limited ☒ [B] BHEL

[C] HAL [D] Electronics Corporation of India Limited

- ✓ Bengaluru-based aerospace and defence Public Sector Undertaking, Bharat Electronics Ltd has partnered with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh and developed a remote monitoring system for COVID-19.
- ✓ This newly developed system reduced the need for personal protective equipment as it uses non-invasive sensors to measure the main parameters including temperature, pulse rate and respiration rate.

4. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has given approval to plasma therapy for COVID-19 treatment to Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST). The institution is located in which state?

- [A] Tamil Nadu [B] Kerala ☒
[C] Telangana [D] Karnataka

- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has given approval to plasma therapy for COVID-19 treatment to Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST).
- ✓ It is an institution of national importance under the Department of Science and Technology, located in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of the state of Kerala.
- ✓ The treatment called 'convalescent-plasma therapy' transfers the antibody from a recovered patient to a sick person, increasing his/her immune power. The scientists have also discovered Chitra Disinfection Gateway and Chitra UV Based Facemask Disposal Bin.

5. Who represented India in the recently held G20 Extraordinary Energy Ministers' virtual Meeting?

- [A] Piyush [B] Dharmendra Pradhan ☒
[C] Harsh Vardhan [D] Nirmala Sitharaman

- ✓ Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan represented India in the recently held G20 Extraordinary Energy Ministers' virtual meeting.

- ✓ Saudi Arabia, which currently holds the Presidency of G20 nations, had called for the Energy Ministers' meeting. It was chaired by Energy Minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Abdulazi. Heads of several international organizations including OPEC, IEA and IEF also attended the meeting. The meeting focused on measures to ensure stable energy markets.

6. Name the renowned Hindustani classical singer and Padma Shri awardee, who recently passed away?

[A] Walter D'Souza [B] Shanti Hiranand ☒

[C] Sasi Kalinga [D] M K Arjunan

- ✓ Veteran Hindustani classical singer and Padma Shri awardee Shanti Hiranand Chawla passed away at Gurgaon, at the age of 87. She had been conferred with several accolades including the prestigious, 'Padma Shri' award in 2007.

7. Anak Krakatau volcano which was recently seen erupting ash and lava continuously, is located in which country?

[A] Philippines [B] Indonesia ☒

[C] New Zealand [D] Australia

- ✓ Anak Krakatau volcano is located in Indonesia and was seen in news recently as it was continuously erupting ash and lava. This was the longest eruption since 2018, when the explosion and collapse of the island caused a deadly Tsunami along the coasts of Sumatra and Java, which killed 430 people. A level 2 alert status on a scale of four was made for the eruption.

8. As per the recent notification from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), which industry has been exempted from the lockdown?

[A] Coal Mining [B] Fishing & Aquaculture ☒

[C] Textile [D] Automobile

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has recently released a notification, wherein it has exempted the operations of Fishing (Marine) and Aquaculture

Industry from the nation-wide lockdown imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19.

- ✓ The operations of the marine and aquaculture industry including harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing; hatcheries, movement of fish / shrimp etc. were exempted in the order.

9. The World Homeopathy Day is celebrated on which day, every year across the world?

[A] Apr.6 [B] Apr.8 [C] Apr.10 ☒ [D] Apr.12

- ✓ Every year April 10th is observed as World Homeopathy Day. The theme of this year's World Homeopathy Day is selected as "Enhancing the scope of Homeopathy in Public Health".

- ✓ This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the father of the Homeopathy system of medicines. Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), under the Ministry of AYUSH organized an international webinar on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day.

10. National Safe Motherhood Day is celebrated on April 11. Which scheme was launched in 2011, to encourage institutional deliveries?

[A] Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram ☒

[B] Janani Suraksha Yojana

[C] Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan

[D] Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana

- ✓ In 2003, the government of India declared the national safe motherhood day on April 11, which is the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, wife of Mahatma Gandhi. The day is celebrated to raise awareness about access to care during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services.

- ✓ The govt of India has launched Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram in 2011, to motivate the general public to opt for institutional deliveries. It aimed to eliminate out of pocket expenses for pregnant women and infants in accessing public health institution.

1. Which country is the largest producer of Hydroxy Chloroquine accounting for nearly 70 percent of annual global production?

[A] China

[B] India ☒

[C] Brazil

[D] Japan

- ✓ India is the largest producer and exporter of Hydroxychloroquine with nearly 70% of annual global production. As per the recent announcement from the Dept of Pharmaceuticals, our country has enough stock and manufacturing capacity of the formulation to cater both the domestic requirement & export commitments.
- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research had recommended hydroxychloroquine to be used as a preventive medication for persons in the high-risk group.

2. Which national park in India has set up the country's first quarantine facility for animals?

[A] Jim Corbett Park ☒

[B] Ranthambore National Park

[C] Kaziranga National Park

[D] Gir Forest National Park

- ✓ Jim Corbett, the oldest National Park of India, has set up the country's first quarantine facility for animals. The national park is situated in Paurhi Garhwal region in the state of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ After a tiger was tested positive for COVID-19 in Bronx Zoo in the United States, the Indian park has started to set up about 10 quarantine centres within its premises to isolate animals. The cages built for wild animals are also to be converted into quarantine facility.

3. M S Mahabaleshwara has been reappointed as the MD and CEO of which bank, for three more years?

[A] Punjab National Bank

[B] Karnataka Bank ☒

[C] Bank of Baroda

[D] City Union Bank

- ✓ India's leading Private sector lender Karnataka Bank announced that it has received approval from the

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for reappointment of Mahabaleshwara M S as its MD and CEO for next three years, with effect from April 15.

- ✓ The Reserve Bank has also approved the reappointment of P Jayarama Bhat as Non-executive Chairman up to Nov.13, 2021.

4. The YUKTI (Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation) web portal is an initiative of which Union Ministry of India?

[A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

[B] Ministry of Human Resource Development ☒

[C] Ministry of Science and Technology

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs

- ✓ The Union Minister for Human Resource Development Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has recently launched a web-portal YUKTI (Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation).

- ✓ The webportal comprises of a comprehensive dash board, which will assist in monitoring and recording the initiatives of the HRD Ministry. The portal also has information about the COVID-19. It also consolidates the efforts of the research institutions related to COVID-19.

5. Which multilateral funding agency has tripled its COVID-19 response package, initially announced for its developing member countries, to \$20 billion?

[A] World Bank

[B] Asian Development Bank ☒

[C] World Economic Forum

[D] BRICS Bank

- ✓ The multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has tripled its Covid-19 response package initially announced for developing member countries to \$20 billion.
- ✓ Last month, ADB had announced a \$6.5 billion package for its 31 developing member countries to assist them

in recovering the economies. The lender has also announced that \$2 billion will be provided through loans for private sector and financial institutions and microfinance loans for medium-sized enterprises.

6. A new initiative titled 'Food Bank', has been launched in which Indian state to provide free food to the poor and needy, amidst the lockdown due to coronavirus pandemic?

- [A] Assam [B] Kerala
[C] Manipur ☒ [D] Odisha

✓ In the north-eastern state of Manipur, a new initiative titled 'Food Bank' has been introduced, to provide free food to the poor and needy, amidst the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.

✓ The Imphal East District Administration has been implementing this initiative, which aims to provide free food and essential items which were donated by the general public, to the beneficiaries. Other items like hand sanitisers & face masks are also being distributed.

7. The Central Bank of which country has become one of the investors with more than one per cent stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC)?

- [A] Japan [B] Singapore
[C] China ☒ [D] Malaysia

✓ The Central Bank of China, the 'People's Bank of China (PBoC)' has joined the group of investors with more than one per cent stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC).

✓ People's Bank of China now holds 1.01 percent in HDFC, which is the largest standalone housing finance company of India. The Central Bank has been included in the group of 8 foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), who own more than one per cent stake in HDFC.

8. The UN's Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has signed an agreement with which Indian non-profit organisation to empower consumers during the coronavirus pandemic?

- [A] CUTS International ☒ [B] Give India
[C] Paani Foundation [D] Startup Village

✓ The UN's Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has recently inked an agreement with the Indian non-profit organisation CUTS International, to empower consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

✓ Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) International is a Rajasthan-based non-profit organisation founded in 1983. UNIDO and CUTS have also planned to develop a BRICS e-commerce project, which was implemented as a pilot project by UNIDO in the BRICS countries between 2016 and 2018.

9. What was Tim Brooke-Taylor, a British personality who recently passed away?

- [A] Sports person [B] Businessperson
[C] Actor ☒ [D] Politician

✓ Veteran British actor Tim Brooke-Taylor (79) has been recently passed away, after contracting COVID-19 infection. The actor was presented the OBE, an order of the British Empire award, which is the second highest ranking Order of the British Empire award.

10. Which technological company has launched a Braille keyboard called 'TalkBack', for assisting the visually challenged users?

- [A] Google ☒ [B] Apple
[C] Xiaomi [D] Nokia

✓ Google has recently announced that it has launched a Braille keyboard named 'TalkBack', for assisting the visually challenged users.

✓ This new type of keyboard is integrated directly into its Android operating system and the visually challenged users can use the keyboard easily without having to install any extra hardware. The keyboard uses a six-key layout, wherein each key represents one among the six Braille dots.

1. What is the name of the design software system jointly launched by Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Informatics Centre?
- [A] SoftCAD [B] CollabCAD ☒
- [C] NetCAD [D] AtalCAD
- ✓ Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Informatics Centre jointly launched a collaborative software system called 'CollabCAD'.
- ✓ The system provided a comprehensive engineering solution from 2D drafting to 3D product design. This software is aimed at enabling the students of Atal Tinkering Labs to create 3D designs, models & printing.
2. Which Union Ministry has launched a nation-wide call centre, which aims at free movement for agricultural commodities?
- [A] Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- [B] Union Ministry of Agriculture ☒
- [C] Union Ministry of Communication
- [D] Union Ministry of Electronics and IT
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Agriculture has recently set up a call-centre for enabling free inter-state movement of agricultural commodities.
- ✓ Named the 'All India Agri Transport Call Centre', it coordinates the movement of perishable goods like vegetables and fruits as well as agricultural inputs like seeds, pesticides and fertilisers from one state to another. If any query in transport is received, the call centre forwards it to officials of state government.
3. 'Nearby Spot' is an initiative of which technological firm, to provide information on locating local stores that sells essential things?
- [A] Facebook [B] Google ☒
- [C] Amazon [D] Apple
- ✓ Technological giant Google has recently launched a new feature under its flagship app Google Pay, called 'Nearby Spot'.
- ✓ This feature enables the users to locate the local stores that sells essential things and to check if they are open amidst the lockdown. The feature has been launched in Bengaluru on a pilot basis and will be extended to other cities of the country very soon.
4. 'Exit from The Lockdown' is the report released by which industry body of India?
- [A] CII ☒ [B] NASSCOM
- [C] FICCI [D] ASSOCHAM
- ✓ The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is a leading non-government and non-profit Industry association of India. It has recently released a report titled 'Exit from The Lockdown – a CII Strategy'.
- ✓ In the report, the association suggested that govt should give adequate notice before announcing the end of restrictions. It also recommended a calibrated lifting of the lockdown. The association also expects the announcement of an economic package before the lifting of lockdown.
5. GMR Airports Limited received approval to build a Greenfield International airport at Bhogapuram. In which state is the place located?
- [A] Tamil Nadu [B] Telangana
- [C] Kerala [D] Andhra Pradesh ☒
- ✓ A subsidiary of GMR Infrastructure Ltd, GMR Airports Limited has received the Letter of Award for the development & operation of a Greenfield International airport at Bhogapuram, Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ The airport is to be constructed about 45 kms from the proposed executive capital of the state, Vishakhapatnam. The project is to design, construct, operate and maintain the international airport for 40 years. GMR Airports had previously developed Delhi and Hyderabad international airports.

6. Ashok Desai, who passed away recently, was a famous personality associated with which profession?

- [A] Businessperson [B] Advocate ☒
[C] Sportsperson [D] Politician

- ✓ Veteran advocate and former Attorney General of India Ashok Desai (87) has passed away recently. He held various crucial designations including the offices of Attorney General of India and the Solicitor General of India. He was also a recipient of the prestigious 'Padma Bhushan' award.

7. Who was the first Law and Justice Minister of independent India, who was conferred Bharat Ratna in 1990 posthumously?

- [A] C.D.Deshmukh [B] Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
[C] B.R.Ambedkar ☒ [D] R. K. Shanmukham Chetty

- ✓ The first Law and Justice Minister of independent India was Bhim Rao Ambedkar. He was born on 14th April 1891. His 129th birth anniversary has been commemorated this year, across the country.
- ✓ Dr B.R.Ambedkar was the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, which presented the final draft of the Indian Constitution in 1949. He was presented the highest civilian honour of India, 'Bharat Ratna' in the year 1990, posthumously.

8. 'Operation Meghdoot' is commemorated as which day on April 13 every year, by the Indian Army?

- [A] Kargil Day [B] Siachen Day ☒
[C] Meghdoot Day [D] Warrior Day

- ✓ The Indian Army has launched 'Operation Meghdoot' on April 13, 1984 in order to secure the passes on the Saltoro ridgeline, including the Bilafond La pass from Pakistan.
- ✓ The courage and valour exhibited by the Army troops is commemorated every year on April 13 as 'Siachen Day' by the Indian Army across the country. The Siachen Glacier is located in the eastern Karakoram Range in the range of Himalayas.

9. The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has announced a challenge to develop Video Conferencing solution, under which scheme?

- [A] Start-up India [B] Digital India ☒
[C] MUDRA [D] Smart cities scheme

- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has announced an 'Innovation Challenge for Development of a Video Conferencing Solution' under the Digital India Programme.
- ✓ The winning team which presents the world-class solution will receive a prize money and assistance of ₹1 crore with additional annual support of ₹10 lakh for three years, for operations and maintenance. Any Indian IT start-up and software product company can participate in the challenge.

10. For the 1st time in the year 2020, April 14 has been observed as which day by the WHO?

- [A] World Chagas Day ☒
[B] World Avian Malaria Day
[C] World Sleeping Sickness Day
[D] World Amebiasis Day

- ✓ For the first time in the year 2020, April 14 has been celebrated as World Chagas Day by the World Health Organisation.
- ✓ In May 2019, the decision-making body of the World Health Organisation, the World Health Assembly announced that April 14 would be observed as World Chagas Day, to create awareness about the infectious disease, caused by parasites. On the same day in 1909, the first patient of this disease was diagnosed.

1. In the webinar series 'DekhoApnaDesh' launched by the Ministry of Tourism, which city was covered in the first webinar?
- [A] Mumbai [B] Delhi ☒
[C] Kolkata [D] Ahmedabad
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Tourism has launched a webinar series named 'DekhoApnaDesh'. The webinar will have information about the important destinations of the country.
- ✓ The webinar series was aimed at highlighting the history and diverse culture of various Indian destinations. Several features like monuments, cuisine, art, dance forms and festivals are being focussed. The first webinar in the series was about the city of Delhi and was titled 'City of Cities – Delhi's Personal Diary'.
2. The Union Ministry of External Affairs has announced a training programme on COVID-19 for healthcare professionals of which regional group?
- [A] BIMSTEC [B] SAARC ☒
[C] BRICS [D] ASEAN
- ✓ The Union Ministry of External Affairs has announced a training programme on COVID-19 for healthcare professionals of SAARC countries. The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation programme will conduct this training programme from Apr.17, 2020.
- ✓ The SAARC leaders had a virtual meeting on March 15, where an idea was proposed by India, to cumulate the efforts of all health professionals against the COVID-19.
3. The 'COVID-19 Sample Collection Kiosk' (COVSACK), which was seen in news recently, was developed by the laboratory of which institution?
- [A] Defence Research & Development Organisation ☒
[B] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
[C] Bharat Electronics Limited
[D] Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- ✓ Hyderabad based Defence Research and Development Laboratory of DRDO has recently developed 'COVID-19 Sample Collection Kiosk' (COVSACK), to fight the COVID-19.
- ✓ The kiosk which has an automatic disinfecting feature, has been developed in association with the doctors of Employees' State Insurance Corporation in Hyderabad. The kiosk enables the healthcare workers to take coronavirus samples from suspected infected patients without frequently changing PPEs.
4. 'As of 2020, what is the maximum subscription an individual can make in Sovereign Gold Bonds, issued by the Government of India?
- [A] 1 kg [B] 2 kg [C] 4 kg ☒ [D] 8 kg
- ✓ According to a recent notification from the Ministry of Finance, the Government of India has decided to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds, after consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.
- ✓ The Gold Bonds are set to be issued in six tranches from April 2020 to September 2020. As per the prevalent practice, the minimum subscription for an individual in the bond is 1 gram of gold whereas the maximum subscription is 4 kg. The maximum subscription for a HUF and trusts are 4 kg and 20 kg respectively.
5. Which mobile application is the fastest in the world to reach 50 million users, as per the announcement of NITI Aayog?
- [A] Digilocker [B] Aaykar Setu
[C] Aarogya Setu ☒ [D] UMANG
- ✓ The mobile app recently launched by the Government of India to combat the coronavirus spread in the country named 'Aarogya Setu' has become the fastest application in the world to be downloaded by 50M users.
- ✓ The application took just 13 days to reach 50 million users, as per the announcement of the CEO of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant. The app, which is available on both Android and iOS platforms, was developed by the National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics & IT.

6. Which country has recently announced that it would stop the funding provided to the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

[A] China

[B] Russia

[C] United States of America ☒

[D] Italy

✓ The President of the United States Donald Trump has recently accused the World Health Organisation (WHO) for allegedly supporting China during the initial stage of the pandemic of COVID-19.

✓ As per the President, the WHO failed to investigate the conflicts between the official reports from the Chinese govt & other reliable reports. He also highlighted that the US provides \$400 million to \$500 million per year to the WHO and announced that the funding would be stopped.

7. World Art Day is celebrated on April 15 every year, by which global organisation?

[A] World Art Foundation

[B] UNICEF

[C] UNESCO ☒

[D] FAO

✓ During the 40th session of General Conference of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2019, it was proclaimed to celebrate April 15 as World Art Day every year.

✓ The day is celebrated to create awareness about the diversity of artistic and highlight the contribution of artists to sustainable development of the world. April 15 is also the birth anniversary of the legendary artist Leonardo da Vinci.

8. TLTRO route, which was making news recently, is associated with which institution of India?

[A] Securities and Exchange Board of India

[B] National Highway Authority of India

[C] Reserve Bank of India ☒

[D] Airport Authority of India

✓ The Reserve Bank of India has recently announced that the banks that have availed funds under the 1st tranche of the Targeted Long-Term Repo Operations route, will have to deploy the funds raised within 30 days.

✓ If the banks fail to deploy funds within the stipulated time from the auction, they shall have to pay a penal interest of an additional 200 basis points in the policy repo rate, for the number of days these funds are not deployed.

9. In the year 2020, which country holds the Chairmanship of the ASEAN bloc?

[A] Thailand

[B] Vietnam ☒

[C] Singapore

[D] Philippines

✓ The Chairmanship of the ASEAN group is held annually by the member countries based on the alphabetical order of their English names. In the year 2020, Vietnam holds the Chairmanship of the ASEAN group.

✓ The country assuming Chairmanship chairs the ASEAN Summit, the ASEAN Coordinating Council and related summits. Thailand was the Chair of ASEAN for 2019. Recently Vietnam chaired the virtual ASEAN Special Summit and ASEAN+3 Special Summit on COVID-19 response.

10. Which country recently held parliamentary elections, amid the COVID-19 pandemic?

[A] Thailand

[B] Vietnam

[C] South Korea ☒

[D] Laos

✓ South Korea recently held the parliamentary elections of the country, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, becoming one of the first countries to hold election, after the pandemic began.

✓ On the day of election, the total number of positive cases in South Korea was 10,564, according to the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The self-quarantined citizens were allowed to vote after the other voters left.

1. The term 'Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction', which is seen in news often, is a process used for which purpose?

[A] Preserving Agricultural Products

[B] Testing COVID-19 ☒

[C] Checking Temperature

[D] Discovering vaccine

✓ In India, the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test has been used for testing the SARS-CoV-2 virus or COVID-19. It is an expensive test as it is performed using imported machines and it takes over 5 hrs to provide result after sample has been taken.

✓ Recently, Scientists from the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Trivandrum has developed a diagnostic kit Chitra Gene LAMP-N, which uses RT-LAMP technique. It is less expensive and can give results in less than two hours.

2. 'PUSA decontamination and sanitizing tunnel', which was inaugurated recently, has been developed by which research organisation?

[A] Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

[B] Agharkar Research Institute

[C] National Institute of Biomedical Genomics

[D] Indian Agricultural Research Institute ☒

✓ The New Delhi based ICAR – Indian Agricultural Research Institute has recently developed 'PUSA decontamination and sanitizing tunnel'.

✓ The government research institute has developed the tunnel in New Delhi. It has a hand washing setup using soap and water dispenser, operated by foot. The tunnel uses Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QAC) at recommended concentration.

3. National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) has collaborated with the regional office of which global organisation to train community leaders?

[A] World Health Organisation [B] UNICEF ☒

[C] World Bank [D] FAO

✓ The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) has collaborated with UNICEF Hyderabad Field Office.

✓ The Communication Resource Unit of NIRDPR and UNICEF, Hyderabad field office have developed an online programme for Panchayati Raj Institutions, Self Help Groups, National Service Scheme (NSS) officials & volunteers for practicing sanitation & social measures.

4. As per the Gartner 2019 Digital Workplace Survey, which is the most digitally skilled country in the world, with the largest and skilled Gen Z workforce?

[A] United Kingdom [B] India ☒

[C] China [D] United States

✓ As per the Gartner 2019 Digital Workplace Survey, India is the most digitally dexterous or skilled country in the world. India has the largest Gen Z workforce who is also desirous to learn new skills using digital technologies.

✓ As per the survey, 67% of digital workers in India opined that emerging technologies like machine learning (ML), artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) increase their efficiency at workplaces. India is followed by the UK and the US in the survey.

5. The Ministry of Agriculture has set the target for production of which agricultural commodity at 298.3 million tonnes, for the 2020-21 crop year?

[A] Food Grains ☒ [B] Oil seeds

[C] Sugar Cane [D] Cotton

✓ The Ministry of Agriculture has set the target for production of food grains at 298.3 million tonnes for the 2020-21 crop year, during the National virtual Conference on Kharif crops 2020.

✓ This target is 2% above the estimated production of 291.95 million tonnes in the 2019-20 crop year. The increase in target follows the IMD forecast about a normal monsoon. Target for production of rice and wheat have

been fixed at 117.5 million tonnes and 106.5 million tonnes respectively.

6. Order books, inventories and capacity utilisation survey (OBICUS), is a flagship survey conducted by which institution?

[A] Securities Exchange Board of India

[B] Reserve Bank of India ☒

[C] National Stock Exchange

[D] Confederation of Indian Industries

- ✓ Order books, inventories and capacity utilisation survey (OBICUS), is the flagship survey conducted by the Reserve Bank of India. It is a quarterly survey of the manufacturing sector, which has been conducted by the RBI since 2008.

- ✓ Recently, the country's central bank released the 49th round of the OBICUS survey for the period January–March 2020. The survey collects information on the new orders received, backlog of orders etc. As per the recent survey, both capacity utilisation and orders received declined.

7. The government has waived four months' rent of small IT units based in the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI). STPI is an autonomous society under which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Human Resource Development

[B] Ministry of Science and Technology

[C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

[D] Ministry of Electronics & IT ☒

- ✓ The Centre has recently decided to waive 4 months rent of small IT units based in the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI). The total cost of the rent waiver to the units, which are either MSMEs or start-ups, for 4 months, is estimated to be around ₹5 crore.

- ✓ STPI, which has 60 centres across the country, is an autonomous society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

8. 'Feifei', which was recently seen in news, is the mascot released for which famous sports event?

[A] Summer Olympics

[B] Asian Games

[C] Asian Paralympic Games ☒

[D] World Games

- ✓ The mascot for the 4th Asian Paralympic Games named 'Feifei' has been recently released. The event has been scheduled to be held from Oct.2022 in Hangzhou, China.

- ✓ As per the Asian Paralympic Committee President, the mascot's design is inspired by the 'Divine Bird' motif described in the Liangzhu Culture. The 1st 'fei' means the birds flying and the second 'fei' represents the mental strength of the athletes.

9. Who has been named the new Ambassador for World Wide Fund India's Environment Education programme?

[A] Virat Kohli

[B] M S Dhoni

[C] Viswanathan Anand ☒

[D] P V Sindhu

- ✓ Legendary Indian Chess player and five-time World chess champion Viswanathan Anand has been named the new Ambassador for World Wide Fund (WWF) India's Environment Education programme.

- ✓ WWF India is celebrating 50 years of its presence and conservation in India. It aims to impart environment education and awareness to school children, youth and citizens across the country. The programme covers over 50 lakh school children across the country.

10. What is the theme of the World Haemophilia Day 2020, celebrated on April 17?

[A] Leaving No one behind

[B] Get + Involved ☒

[C] Know about Haemophilia

[D] Work + Together

- ✓ World Haemophilia Day is observed every year on 17 April across the world, to increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and inherited bleeding disorders. The theme of this year's observance is "Get+involved". The international organisation, World Federation of Haemophilia was established by a businessman Frank Schnabel in 1963.

1. Which international air carrier launched the world's first COVID-19 blood test for its passengers, which gives the result in 10 minutes?
- [A] Singapore Airlines [B] Qantas Airways
- [C] Emirates ☒ [D] ANA All Nippon Airways
- ✓ The largest air carrier of the Middle East region, the Emirates has launched the world's first ten minute COVID-19 blood test for passengers, who are departing from Dubai.
- ✓ Limited passenger flights have been operated by the airline from this month for foreign citizens who want to leave the country. The on-site rapid blood tests are being conducted by the Health Authorities of Dubai.
2. As per the latest guidelines of the Union Home ministry on the extended lockdown, industries operating in which areas have been exempted?
- [A] Metropolitan areas [B] Urban areas
- [C] Semi-urban areas [D] Rural Areas ☒
- ✓ The Union Home ministry has recently announced a set of revised guidelines on the extended curfew till May 3. As per the guidelines, travel by air, rail, metro, public buses, taxis, cab aggregators will remain suspended.
- ✓ However, the industries operating in rural areas, outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities, will be exempted. The industries should maintain measures of social distancing and sanitation.
3. In the context of guidelines amid the COVID-19 pandemic, spitting in public places has been made a punishable offence with a fine, under which act?
- [A] Environment protection Act, 1996
- [B] Disaster Management Act, 2005 ☒
- [C] Air (Prevention and control of pollution) act, 1987
- [D] Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs has recently released a set of revised guidelines after the extension of lockdown till May 3 has been announced. Spitting has been made punishable across the country with a fine under Section 51 (b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- ✓ Refusal to follow the orders may result in imprisonment up to one year or a fine, or both. Several states including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana have ordered for banning smokeless tobacco products and spitting in public places. Sale of liquor, gutka and tobacco has also been totally banned
4. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has recently discovered the presence of another kind of coronavirus in which species?
- [A] Pigs [B] Bats ☒
- [C] Cattle [D] Tigers
- ✓ The researchers from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have recently discovered the presence of another kind of coronavirus in two bat species.
- ✓ The new virus called 'bat coronavirus (BtCoV)' is found in 2 bat species in the states namely Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu. Whereas there is no evidence that this virus could cause disease in human beings, as per their study published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research.
5. The 73rd foundation day of which state is celebrated on 15th of April, every year?
- [A] Arunachal Pradesh [B] Himachal Pradesh ☒
- [C] Assam [D] Sikkim
- ✓ The province of Himachal Pradesh was organised on 15 April 1948, after its 28 princely states, which were called as the Simla Hills States and four Punjab southern hill states, were integrated.
- ✓ To commemorate the foundation of the state, April 15 is being celebrated every year as 'Himachal Day'. Himachal Pradesh was originally classified as a Union territory in 1956. It was created as the 18th state of India in 1971. The first Chief Minister of the state was Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar.

6. A government appointed committee has recently proposed to establish 'National Institute of Valuers'. Who is the head of the committee?

- [A] Shaktikanta Das [B] Manmohan Singh
[C] Raghuram Rajan [D] M S Sahoo ☒

- ✓ The Government of India has constituted a committee of experts in 2019 August, to suggest measures on an institutional framework for regulation & development of valuation.
- ✓ The committee was headed by the Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, M S Sahoo. Recently, the committee submitted the "Draft Valuers Bill, 2020" and suggested to establish a National Institute of Valuers. Union Corporate Affairs Ministry has recommended to set up the proposed institute.

7. Abdelouahab Aissaoui, who won the prestigious 'International Prize for Arabic Fiction', belongs to which country?

- [A] Egypt [B] Sudan
[C] Algeria ☒ [D] Iraq

- ✓ Algerian author Abdelouahab Aissaoui has been selected for the prestigious 'International Prize for Arabic Fiction' for his novel "The Spartan Court".
- ✓ The prize is backed by the Booker Prize Foundation of the United Kingdom and financed by Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism. The winner was announced online and as per the announcement, Aissaoui will receive \$50,000 and assistance for translating the book to English.

8. India's Health Ministry and WHO have decided to deploy the WHO's surveillance network of which disease, for fighting COVID-19?

- [A] Malaria [B] Polio ☒
[C] Tuberculosis [D] Measles

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and World Health Organization have decided to deploy the

WHO's National polio surveillance network (NPSN) and associated field staff, for fighting COVID-19.

- ✓ The NPSP team members will also extend their support by sharing information and best practices from their previous experience gained during Polio eradication process. The WHO field staff will assist in immunization, surveillance and elimination of Tuberculosis and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

9. What is the name of the proposed retail shops to be certified by the Government, to encourage distancing and sanitation practices?

- [A] Janata Stores [B] Suraksha Stores ☒
[C] Bharat Stores [D] Lakshman Stores

- ✓ The Indian Government has planned to set up a chain of retail shops across India called 'Suraksha Stores'. The stores provide essential goods and services to people by following stricter safety and sanitation measures.
- ✓ Recently, the top 12 consumer goods manufacturers of the country have partnered with the government in operating the Suraksha Stores. The firms will educate the retail stores to become certified sanitised retail outlets. The stores will also be compliant to the 'Aarogya Setu' application.

10. In the National assembly elections held amid the COVID-19 pandemic, who has been re-elected as the President of South Korea?

- [A] Moon Jae-in ☒ [B] Kim Jong-un
[C] Kim Jae ryong [D] Nguyen Phu Trong

- ✓ South Korea recently conducted its national assembly elections amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, prevalent across the world.
- ✓ In the elections, the ruling party of South Korea has won a landslide victory, confirming the incumbent President Moon Jae-in rule the country again. The turn out in the elections was 66.2%, which was higher than any of the election held in the country since 1992.

1. The Union Home Ministry has flagged which video-conferencing software as vulnerable to cyber-crimes?

[A] Skype

[B] Zoom ☒

[C] Duo

[D] Meet

✓ The Union Home Ministry has red flagged popular video-conferencing software Zoom, as vulnerable to cyber-crimes.

✓ The Central Government has also directed Ministers and Central government officers not to use third party video conferencing applications and software. Cyber Coordination Centre (CyCord) under the Union Home Ministry has released security guidelines for using the Zoom software.

2. 'Assess Koro Na' is a new app being implemented in which Indian State / UT, for containing the spread of COVID-19?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Kerala

[C] New Delhi ☒

[D] Odisha

✓ The Delhi government has launched a new application called 'Assess Koro Na' and has directed its officials to use the new app to conduct door-to-door survey.

✓ The survey is carried out in coronavirus containment zones, and with the realtime information collected through the app, the control centres can decide quickly if they require ambulances and medical equipment.

3. What is the name of the mobile application launched by the Union Agriculture Ministry, for better transportation of perishable agricultural goods during lockdown?

[A] Krishi Upakar

[B] Krishi Raksha

[C] Kisan Rath ☒

[D] Kisan Raksha

✓ The Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has recently launched a mobile application named 'Kisan Rath', for better transportation of perishable agricultural goods during lockdown.

✓ Developed by the National Informatics, the mobile app assists the farmers to find transport facility. Recently, a nationwide call centre has also been launched for the same purpose.

4. Which organisation granted a special refinance package of Rs.50000 Cr to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and National Housing Bank (NHB)?

[A] World Bank

[B] ADB

[C] Reserve Bank of India ☒

[D] AIIB

✓ The Reserve Bank of India has recently granted a special refinance package of Rs.50000 Cr to All India financial institutions (AIFI) such as the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and National Housing Bank (NHB).

✓ Due to the financial crisis witnessed by the AIFIs, they could not mobilise resources from the market. Rs. 25,000 crore is granted to NABARD for refinancing regional rural banks, cooperative banks and micro finance institutions. Rs. 15,000 crore is given to SIDBI for on-lending and Rs. 10,000 crore is given to NHB for supporting housing finance companies.

5. Business confidence index is released in a quarterly survey conducted by which Indian institution?

[A] NITI Aayog

[B] National Council for Applied Economic Research ☒

[C] Observer Research Foundation

[D] Centre for Public Policy Research

✓ India's leading economic think tank, National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) conducts a quarterly survey and releases Business confidence index (N-BCI). NCAER has recently released its recent quarterly business confidence index, conducted in March. As per the survey, the index fell to 77.3 which is the lowest since 1998 Asian Financial crisis. In the 3rd quarter, the index was 111.2.

6. 'Ecowrap' is the flagship economic research report of which financial institution of India?

- [A] Reserve Bank of India [B] SBI ☒
[C] SEBI [D] NABARD

- ✓ India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has recently released the recent edition of its flagship economic research report 'Ecowrap'.
- ✓ As per the report, the GDP growth of India may dip to 1.1 % in the current financial year. The main reason for the slash in growth rate is the -ve impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on Indian economy. It also highlighted that the growth rate of 2019-20 is estimated at 4.1 %.

7. India's leading automobile manufacturer TVS Motor Company Limited has acquired which popular bike manufacturer?

- [A] Triumph [B] Norton ☒
[C] Jawa [D] Victory

- ✓ India's leading automobile manufacturer TVS Motor Company Ltd has recently acquired the 122 year old British bike manufacturer Norton Motorcycles (UK) Ltd.
- ✓ As per the recent asset purchase agreement signed between the overseas subsidiary of TVS in Singapore and the Norton Motorcycles, the brand Norton along with the associated brands were acquired.

8. Abba Kyari, who recently passed away due to COVID-19, was the Chief of Staff of which African country's President?

- [A] Egypt [B] Libya
[C] Algeria [D] Nigeria ☒

- ✓ The Chief of Staff of the President of Nigeria, Abba Kyari, recently passed away, after contracting the COVID-19.
- ✓ Abba Kyari was considered as one of the most powerful personnel in the country and he was also the top official advisor to the Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari. The spokesperson of the President confirmed his death.

9. Which international financial institution remarked that Asia is expected to grow at 0 percent in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic?

- [A] World Bank [B] International Monetary Fund ☒
[C] ADB [D] United Nations

- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recently announced that Asian region is expected to grow at 0 percent in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The institution also remarked that this would be its worst growth performance in the past 60 years. This estimate has been released in the blog titled, "COVID-19 Pandemic and the Asia-Pacific Region: Lowest Growth since the 1960s". IMF recently estimated India's growth rate at 1.9% in the current financial year.

10. What is the theme of the 'World Heritage Day 2020', celebrated on April 18?

- [A] Universal Heritage, Unique Heritage
[B] Shared Cultures, Shared Heritage, Shared Responsibility ☒
[C] Rural Landscapes
[D] Heritage sites and Tradition

- ✓ April 18 is observed as World Heritage Day every year, to promote cultural heritage across the world. The celebrations are led by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).
- ✓ The proposal of the ICOMOS to celebrate April 18 as Heritage Day had been accepted by the UNESCO in 1983. The theme of this year's observance is 'Shared Cultures, Shared Heritage, Shared Responsibility'.

1. 'National ICH List', which was seen in news recently, has been launched by which Union Ministry?
- [A] Ministry of Defence [B] Ministry of Coal
- [C] Ministry of Culture ☒ [D] Ministry of Finance
- ✓ With an aim to create awareness about intangible cultural heritage elements from different Indian states, the Union Minister for Culture (I/C) Prahlad Singh Patel has recently launched the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of India.
- ✓ The Minister launched the list in New Delhi and also highlighted that our country comprises of several Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) traditions. As many as thirteen traditions were recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
2. Matterhorn Mountain is situated in which continent?
- [A] Asia [B] Europe ☒
- [C] North America [D] Australia
- ✓ The Matterhorn Mountain is a famous mountain located in the Alps range with a height of 4478 meters. It is one of the highest summits of the Alps and spans between two European countries Switzerland and Italy.
- ✓ The summit was seen in news recently, as a famous Swiss light artist Gerry Hofstetter lit up the mountain with the Indian flag to express their solidarity for India, in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The summit has been illuminated with the flags of various countries for nearly 3 weeks, as a part of nightly series.
3. The campaign called 'Team Mask Force' has been launched by which sports federation of India?
- [A] Hockey India
- [B] Board of Control for Cricket in India ☒
- [C] Badminton Association of India
- [D] All India Tennis Association
- ✓ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has launched an awareness campaign called 'Team Mask Force' on the importance of wearing masks in public places. BCCI has earlier tweeted about the launch of the campaign and urged the people to download the Aarogya Setu mobile application.
- ✓ It has also released a video featuring famous Indian cricketers including Sachin Tendulkar, Virat Kohli and Mithali Raj, advising the people about using masks.
4. The 44th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO, which has been postponed recently, was originally scheduled to be held in which country?
- [A] Azerbaijan [B] China ☒
- [C] Brazil [D] France
- ✓ The 44th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO was initially scheduled to be held from June 29 to July 9, in the Chinese city of Fuzhou, the capital of the country's Fujian province.
- ✓ As per the recent announcement of the Education Ministry of China, the 44th session has been postponed to a later date. This unanimous decision has been made in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. The date of the postponed session has not yet been announced.
5. Which is the second largest organ of the human body, which is also related to a special day celebrated on April 19, every year?
- [A] Skin [B] Liver ☒
- [C] Intestine [D] Lungs
- ✓ World liver day is observed on every 19 April every year across the world, to spread awareness about liver related diseases. The liver is the second largest organ of the human body and an important part of the digestive system. It is second only to the skin, the largest organ.
- ✓ In 2018, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare launched National Viral Hepatitis Control Program, which aims to prevent and control viral hepatitis in India.
6. What is the name of the nation-wide database of health-care workers and volunteers, recently created by the Centre?

[A] Bharat Warriors [B] COVID Warriors ☒

[C] Health Warriors [D] COVID Fighters

- ✓ The Government of India has recently launched a nationwide database of healthcare professionals and volunteers named 'COVID warriors'. The database is aimed at efficiently managing the available human resources to tackle the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ The state and district wise availability of human resources along with the contact details of the nodal officers are made available in the database, which can be accessed by all states and Union territories.

7. United Nations celebrates Language Days to celebrate Multilingualism. April 20 is celebrated as the day of which language?

[A] Arabic [B] Chinese ☒

[C] English [D] French

- ✓ The United Nation has six official languages namely Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. It celebrates special days for all the languages to celebrate multilingualism and promote the usage of all languages in the organisation.

- ✓ Chinese was established as an official language of the UN in 1946. April 20 is celebrated as the Chinese Day. The date of the Chinese day is selected to honour and pay tribute to Cangjie, who is claimed to be the inventor of Chinese characters. The people of China celebrate the day of Guyu to commemorate Cangjie.

8. Which is the first Indian state to geotag its community kitchens and community shelters created for tackling COVID-19?

[A] Kerala [B] Rajasthan

[C] Gujarat [D] Uttar Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The state of Uttar Pradesh has claimed to be the first in the country to geotag its community kitchens and community shelters across the state.
- ✓ The state has geotagged its 7,368 community kitchens and community shelters, it has set up across 75 districts

of the state. The establishments were created in partnership with the civil society and various non-governmental organisations.

- ✓ The state also partnered with Google, to integrate the locations in the Google Maps.

9. Which country has directed the global technology giants Google and Facebook to pay the media outlets for news content?

[A] United States

[B] Canada

[C] Australia ☒

[D] Germany

- ✓ The Australian Government is set to ask the global technology giants Google and Facebook to pay the media outlets for news content they produce in Australia, as announced by the country's Treasurer.

- ✓ The competition regulator of the country, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is expected to release the stipulation formally. This decision has been taken now as the advertising revenues have been collapsed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

10. In context with the recent draft of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, what does ECEA stand for?

[A] Electricity cum Enforcement Agency

[B] Electricity Contract Enforcement Authority ☒

[C] Engineering cum Electricity Authority

[D] Engineering cum Enforcement Authority

- ✓ The Union Power Ministry has proposed the draft of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to set up an Electricity Contract Enforcement Authority (ECEA) with power of a civil court.

- ✓ It is proposed to settle disputes related to power purchase agreement between power generation companies and Distribution companies. This is the fourth draft bill being proposed since 2014. A National Renewable Energy Policy has also been proposed in the draft bill, to promote power generation from renewable sources.

1. A strategic bridge over River Subansiri, that was recently revamped and inaugurated, is located in which Indian State / UT?
- [A] Assam [B] Sikkim
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh ☒ [D] Himachal Pradesh
- ✓ A strategic bridge over River Subansiri in Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh has been recently revamped and inaugurated by the CM of the state Pema Khandu.
- ✓ The bridge was in rundown condition and transport across the bridge had been restricted. The reconstruction project of the bridge was accomplished by the Border Road Organization under Project ARUNANK.
2. Which state government has collaborated with the healthcare startup MedCords, for delivering online medical service to the people?
- [A] Kerala [B] Odisha
- [C] Rajasthan ☒ [D] Maharashtra
- ✓ The state Government of Rajasthan has collaborated with healthcare startup MedCords for delivering online medical service to the people.
- ✓ The startup is set to provide online medical consultation and delivery of medicines to the people of Rajasthan through its applications named Aayu & Sehat Sathi. The service has covered 7 districts of the state and it will be extended to cover the whole state.
3. Which Indian State or UT has claimed to be the first in the country to be COVID-19 free?
- [A] Sikkim [B] Goa ☒
- [C] Arunachal Pradesh [D] Assam
- ✓ As per the recent announcement of the Chief Minister of Goa, it is the first state in the country to become coronavirus free. The state had seven patients who had contracted the coronavirus and all the 7 patients have been discharged.
- ✓ As the repeat samples of the patients were tested negative, they will be quarantined for further observation. After Goa, Manipur has also become a green state, free of coronavirus infections.
4. Which Indian bureaucrat, who is also the chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has been appointed as the Secretary to the Indian President Ramnath Kovind?
- [A] P K Mishra [B] Nripendra Mishra
- [C] Kapil Dev Tripathi ☒ [D] Rajiv Gauba
- ✓ The present Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board and veteran bureaucrat Kapil Dev Tripathi, has been appointed as the Secretary to the Indian President Ramnath Kovind, as per the recent notification of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- ✓ Kapil Dev Tripathi is a retired IAS officer (1980 batch) of Assam–Meghalaya cadre. The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment on contract basis, until the tenure of the President.
5. In a recent study by an autonomous institute of DST, the organ of which water species has been used to develop a catalyst in energy conversion devices?
- [A] Crab [B] Fish ☒
- [C] Turtle [D] Prawn
- ✓ The Scientists at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, have recently discovered that fish gills can be used to develop efficient electro-catalyst used in building energy conversion devices.
- ✓ The devices thus developed are claimed to be more affordable and environment friendly. It is also expected to work better than the commercial Platinum on carbon (Pt/C) catalyst. The study has been published in the American Chemical Society's 'Inorganic Chemistry' journal.

6. What is the limit within which the borrowings made under Ways & Means Advances of the RBI, to be repaid by the state governments?

- [A] 14 days [B] 1 month
[C] 3 months ☒ [D] 6 months

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India recently notified that it has decided to revise Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the period of April 2020 to September 2020, to Rs 2 lakh crore. The limit has been extended from the previous limit of Rs. 1.2 lakh crore.
- ✓ Ways and Means advances, WMA is a mechanism by which state governments receive short-term funding from the Reserve Bank of India, which is to be repaid in 3 months. The funds are used for balancing temporary mismatches and are usually granted at the repo rate.

7. Finance Minister of India attended the Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of which global financial institution, which also granted an emergency assistance of \$1 billion to India?

- [A] World Bank [B] New Development Bank ☒
[C] ADB [D] AIIB

- ✓ Union Finance Minister of India Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 5th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank (NDB).
- ✓ The Finance Minister also appreciated the efforts of NDB in granting an emergency financial assistance of about \$5 billion to BRICS countries including an assistance of \$1 billion to India, for fighting the coronavirus pandemic. The Minister also suggested to upgrade the assistance to \$10 billion.

8. Every year, April 21 is celebrated as Civil Services Day, to commemorate the address of which Indian leader, made among the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947?

- [A] Jawaharlal Nehru [B] B.R.Ambedkar
[C] Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ☒ [D] Rajaji

- ✓ On April 21, 1947 the first Home Minister of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947.
- ✓ While delivering the historical address at the Metcalf House, Delhi, he described the Civil servants as 'Steel frame of India'. To commemorate this occasion, April 21 has been observed as the Civil Services Day every year, across the country.

9. The United Nations designated 21 April as which day, to raise awareness about the role of creativity and innovation?

- [A] World Creativity and Innovation Day ☒
[B] World Creativity Day
[C] World Creators Day
[D] World Innovators Day

- ✓ The UN designated 21 April as World Creativity and Innovation Day, to raise awareness about the role of creativity & innovation in overall human development.
- ✓ As per the Creative Economy report titled "Widening local development pathways", jointly published by UNESCO, UNDP and UNOSSC, Creativity and innovation are the true wealth of nations in the 21st century.

10. The Union Health Minister has launched the official interactive platform called 'COVID INDIA SEVA', in which social media handle?

- [A] WhatsApp [B] Facebook
[C] Twitter ☒ [D] Telegram

- ✓ The Union Minister of Health Dr. Harsh Vardhan has recently launched the official interactive platform called 'COVID INDIA SEVA', in Twitter.
- ✓ The platform has been launched with an aim of providing realtime solutions to COVID-19 related queries. A team of trained experts will answer the queries of the public in realtime. Without revealing their personal details, all people can receive official information.

1. 'Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan' is a water conservation scheme of which Indian State / UT?

[A] Assam

[B] Sikkim

[C] Gujarat ☒

[D] New Delhi

- ✓ The 'Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan' was launched by the state government of Gujarat in 2018, with an aim to increase the water storage capacity.
- ✓ Recently, the CM of Gujarat has approved to implement the third edition of the scheme, to deepen the water bodies of the state before monsoon. The works are to be carried out using community participation & MNREGA.

2. Which city, under Smart Cities Mission, has developed a mobile application called 'Saiyam', which aims at tracking home-quarantined people?

[A] Mumbai

[B] Pune ☒

[C] Chennai

[D] Hyderabad

- ✓ The Pune Municipal Corporation has developed a mobile application called 'Saiyam' under Smart Cities Mission, which aims at tracking home-quarantined people.
- ✓ The application has been developed to ensure the people follow strict quarantine measures by following their locations through GPS technology. All home quarantined citizens are mandated to install the application and based on their movements, the users are classified into 3 colours namely Red, Yellow & Green.

3. Which bank has recently launched voice-banking services on Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant, amid the lock-down due to COVID-19?

[A] HDFC Bank

[B] State Bank of India

[C] ICICI Bank ☒

[D] Yes Bank

- ✓ Leading Private sector bank of India, ICICI Bank recently launched voice-banking services to its customers by integrating its AI chatbot iPal with Amazon Alexa and Google Assistant.
- ✓ This initiative is aimed at assisting customers avail the banking services amid the nation wide lockdown due to

COVID-19. The customers will have to download the Alexa / Google Assistant and link their ICICI Bank account to it. Queries about their account and products of the bank will be answered by the voice assistant apps.

4. Laisenia Qarase, who recently passed away, was a former Prime Minister of which country?

[A] Chile

[B] Fiji ☒

[C] Argentina

[D] New Zealand

- ✓ The Former prime minister of Fiji Laisenia Qarase passed away recently at the age of 79, in Suva. Laisenia Qarase served as the 6th Prime Minister of the Oceanian nation Fiji from 2000 to 2006.
- ✓ He was also the founder of the Soqosoqo Duavata Ni Lewenivanua Party. He was dethroned from power in 2006 and was imprisoned on charges of corruption.

5. What is the name of the mobile application launched by Jharkhand, to deliver essential commodities to people amid lockdown?

[A] COVID Sevak

[B] Jharkhand Sevak

[C] COVID Bazar

[D] Jharkhand Bazar ☒

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren has launched a mobile application named Jharkhand Bazar, which aims to deliver essential commodities to the people of the state amidst the lockdown and control the spread of COVID-19 outbreak.
- ✓ The application has been developed by the Department of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs of the state. The state had earlier launched 'Jharkhand Sahayta App' to assist migrant workers in receiving the financial assistance of Rs.1000 and Rs.2000. It has been used by more than 2 lakh workers, as per the state.

6. What is the theme of the Earth Day 2020, which is also the 50th anniversary of the day?

[A] Golden Earth

[B] Earth Day @ 50

[C] Climate Action ☒

[D] Our Earth; Our Life

- ✓ Every year, April 22 has been celebrated as the Earth Day. The United Nations designates the day as World Mother Earth Day. This year, April 22 is the 50th anniversary of the World Earth Day. The theme of this year's observance is 'Climate Action'.

- ✓ It has been celebrated from the year 1970, when about 20 million Americans participated in a historic environmental protest. This year, several artists participate in the protest under the name #EarthDay2020Halt.

7. Who is the author of the book titled "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster", which won William E. Colby Award?

- [A] Sarah M. Broom [B] Adam Higginbotham ☒
[C] Ravish Kumar [D] Marlon James

- ✓ UK-born veteran author Adam Higginbotham has received the prestigious William E. Colby Award for his famous book titled "Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster".

- ✓ The book based on intelligence story has fetched the \$5,000 prize. The book had earlier won the American Library Association's Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction. The Award is named after William E. Colby, an American intelligence officer and Director of CIA (1920–1996).

8. David Li has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (India operations) of which global technology company?

- [A] Facebook [B] Huawei ☒
[C] Samsung [D] Amazon

- ✓ China based global technology company Huawei has recently named David Li as the Chief Executive Officer of its India operations. David Li is set to replace the previous CEO Jay Chen, who will now look after the Asia Pacific Region operations.

- ✓ David Li had joined Huawei in 2002 and has served in various designations in India including Vice President (Sales). He was last serving as the CEO of Cambodia region.

9. Which country is ranked first for the fourth time in a row, in 'The World Press Freedom Index 2020'?

- [A] Switzerland [B] Singapore
[C] Norway ☒ [D] Sweden

- ✓ The World Press Freedom Index 2020 has been recently released Paris-based non-profit organisation Reporters Sans Frontieres or Reporters without Borders.

- ✓ Norway has been ranked first in the annual index for the 4th time in a row. India has been ranked at 142 out of 180 countries. The analysis said that though there is no murder of journalists in India in 2019, there were constant violations against press freedom in the country.

10. The term, 'West Texas Intermediate' is associated with which sector?

- [A] Export Sanctions
[B] Crude Oil Market ☒
[C] Business Process Outsourcing
[D] H1B VISA

- ✓ West Texas Intermediate (WTI), which is a particular grade of crude oil, is the underlying commodity of oil futures contract of the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX).

- ✓ Brent Crude, Dubai Crude and WTI Crude are the three major benchmarks in the pricing of oils in the global market. As for the first time in history, the price of the May futures contract of WTI crude fell to a negative price of -\$37.63 per barrel. This was due to the low demand of oil amid the COVID-19 crisis.

1. In context with the recent approval of fixation of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates, which fertilizer has been added under the NBS scheme?
- [A] Ammonium Phosphate ☒ [B] Ammonium Nitrate
- [C] Ammonium Chloride [D] Ammonium Sulphate
- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister has recently approved the fixation of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic Fertilizers for the year 2020–21.
- ✓ Inclusion of the new complex fertilizer, Ammonium Phosphate has also been approved by the CCEA. Rs. 22,186.55 crore would be spent for releasing subsidy on P&K Fertilizers during 2020–21. Through the Nutrient based Subsidy scheme, Government provides subsidy to the fertiliser company, enabling them to sell to farmers at subsidised rate.
2. What is the name of the program launched by HRD Ministry, which invites people and organisations to contribute resources for e-learning?
- [A] Bharat Vidya [B] Vidya Daan 2.0 ☒
- [C] Vidya Bharathi 2.0 [D] Vidhya Samridhi
- ✓ The Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched VidyaDaan 2.0 program virtually in New Delhi. The scheme is aimed at inviting people & organisations to contribute resources for e-learning, for both school and higher education.
- ✓ During the prevailing COVID–19 crisis, there is a need to integrate the content of e-learning with schools.
3. The recently promulgated ordinance, which seeks to punish the persons committing violence against healthcare professionals fighting Covid–19, amends which act?
- [A] Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 ☒
- [B] Medical Protection Act (MPA)
- [C] Indian Medical Council Act, 1956
- [D] Protection of Healthcare Workers Act, 1982
- ✓ The President of India Ramnath Kovind approved the promulgation of the ordinance which seeks to make the violent acts against healthcare personnel fighting COVID–19 pandemic as cognizable and non-bailable offence.
- ✓ The ordinance amends the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and provides for compensation for injury or for causing damage or loss to property. The acts of violence are punishable with imprisonment for a term of three months to seven years and with a fine of Rs. 50, 000 to 5, 00,000, depending on the act.
4. The Supreme Court quashed the earlier order of which state, which provided 100% reservation to ST teachers in schools in the scheduled areas?
- [A] Andhra Pradesh ☒ [B] Arunachal Pradesh
- [C] Sikkim [D] Odisha
- ✓ A five judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Justice Arun Mishra quashed the earlier order of state Andhra Pradesh, which provided 100% reservation to ST teachers in schools in the scheduled areas. The bench noted that the January 2000 order was arbitrary and not permissible under the constitution.
- ✓ The judges quoted the 1992 Indra Sawhney judgement and the 50% quota associated with the case, while delivering this judgement.
5. 'Apthamitra' is the name of the helpline and a mobile app, launched by which Indian State, in its efforts to tackle COVID–19?
- [A] Andhra Pradesh [B] Karnataka ☒
- [C] Odisha [D] Chhattisgarh
- ✓ The state government of Karnataka has recently launched a helpline in the name of "Apthamitra", which aims at providing medical advice and guidance for the needy people. The helpline comprises of both a toll-free number and a mobile application.
- ✓ The helpline could be contacted, if anyone has symptoms of COVID–19. An expert medical team would provide medical advice to the user, based on their symptoms.

6. 'Lockdown Learners' is a series launched by which UN agency, that aims to conduct a mentorship program to Indian students and educators?

[A] UNICEF

[B] UNESCO

[C] UNODC ☒

[D] UNIDO

- ✓ Vienna-based UN office, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) has launched a mentorship series named 'Lockdown Learners'.

- ✓ The online dialogues are to be conducted with students and educators in India on the impact of COVID-19 on Sustainable Development Goals, Peace and Law. This program has been launched under the Education for Justice Initiative of UNODC.

7. What is the amount of financial package released by the Centre for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package', to the states/UTs?

[A] Rs.10000 Cr

[B] Rs.15000 Cr ☒

[C] Rs.20000 Cr

[D] Rs.25000 Cr

- ✓ The Union Government has approved Rs. 15,000 crores for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package' for States / UTs.
- ✓ This package which has been approved to build the health infrastructure, will be provided in three phases — January 2020 to June 2020, July 2020 to March 2021 and April 2021 to March 2024. This fund would be divided on the basis of the number of positive COVID-19 cases and the size of the State / UT. Rs. 7,774 crore is expected to be released for immediate response.

8. Which Indian sportsperson has been named as one of the ambassadors of Badminton World Federation, for its 'I am badminton' campaign?

[A] P Kashyap

[B] Srikanth Kidambi

[C] P V Sindhu ☒

[D] Sai Praneeth

- ✓ World Champion and ace Tennis star of India P V Sindhu has been named as one of the ambassadors for

Badminton World Federation (BWF)'s 'I am badminton' awareness campaign.

- ✓ The campaign is aimed at highlighting the efforts of the Federation towards honesty in the game. The Badminton World Federation formed Integrity Unit five years ago. Several other shuttlers of Canada, China, England & Germany were also named along with Sindhu

9. Which city was named as the World Book Capital for the year 2020, by UNESCO?

[A] Tokyo

[B] Beijing

[C] Kuala Lumpur ☒

[D] Jaipur

- ✓ Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia was named as the World Book Capital for the year 2020 by UNESCO. Every year, April 23 is celebrated as the World Book and Copyright Day across the world.

- ✓ UNESCO along with the international organizations associated with publishers, booksellers and libraries, select the World Book Capital for a year.

10. The Border Roads Organisation has constructed a Class-70 all weather permanent bridge on which river?

[A] Ravi ☒

[B] Tangri

[C] Sutlej

[D] Beas

- ✓ The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has planned and constructed a Class-70 all weather permanent bridge on the river Ravi. The bridge is 484 meter long and was built by the 49 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) of Project Chetak.

- ✓ The project of the Kasowal Bridge entails a cost of Rs.17.89 crore. It connects the Kasowal enclave of Punjab with the rest of the places of the country.

1. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, which was making news recently, is associated with which Union Ministry of India?

[A] Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

[B] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

[C] Ministry of Finance ☒

[D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- ✓ The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was making news recently, as the Supreme Court of India held that the quantity of the banned drug mixture will determine the punishment than its purity.
- ✓ The Act comes under the Finance Ministry. A 3 judge bench of Justices said that the 2008 verdict was not a good legislation.

2. The country's first COVID-19 sample collection mobile lab has been developed by which state-owned organisation, in collaboration with the ESIC Medical College, Hyderabad?

[A] BHEL

[B] DRDO ☒

[C] HAL

[D] Bharat Electronics Limited

- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation has collaborated with the ESIC medical college & hospital, Hyderabad and developed the country's first COVID-19 sample collection mobile lab.
- ✓ The mobile lab has been named "Mobile BSL-3 VRDL Lab" and was inaugurated by the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The lab has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and can process over 1000 samples a day. The lab has been developed in a record 15 days and can be positioned at any place.

3. Where is the main campus of the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology located?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Uttar Pradesh

[C] Gujarat

[D] Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology (IIFPT) is a research and educational Institution under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with its main campus located at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

- ✓ The institute was seen in news recently, as it has been manufacturing nutrient rich foods with indigenous products for COVID-19 patients who are placed in examination and those who recovered from the disease after treatment at Thanjavur Medical College.

4. 'Khongjom Day' is commemorated in which Indian State, to pay tribute to war heroes of the state?

[A] Sikkim

[B] Manipur ☒

[C] Arunachal Pradesh

[D] Tripura

- ✓ 'Khongjom Day' is commemorated in the state of Manipur every year on April 23, to pay tribute to war heroes of the state, who fought to protect the freedom of the state.
- ✓ The state remembers the military heroes who sacrificed their lives in the Anglo-Manipuri War 1891 against the British. The state government observed 'Khongjom Day' at Khongjom War Memorial Complex, Thoubal district, where the battle was held.

5. 'mCOVID19' is a mobile application launched by which Indian state, to enable the truck drivers to transport essential goods to the state?

[A] Odisha

[B] Mizoram ☒

[C] Assam

[D] West Bengal

- ✓ The state of Mizoram has launched a mobile application named 'mCOVID19', which enables easy transportation of essential goods by the truck drivers to the state from other states. The new application will act as the online license or pass for the truck drivers. The drivers of the interstate-vehicles will be screened at the entry point.
- ✓ On registering with the application, they will be generated a license called mPASS. A SMS with info about the goods and place, will be sent along with an mPASS ID, which will be stored at the entry point.

6. Who is the head of the recently reconstituted National Shipping Board?

- [A] Malini Shankar ☒ [B] Abdulgani Serang
[C] Amar Singh Thakur [D] Anil Devli

- ✓ As per the notification of the Shipping Ministry, the government has approved reconstitution of the National Shipping Board. It is the highest advisory board on matters associated with Indian shipping. The reconstituted board with 16 members is to be headed by Malini Shankar, former Director General of Shipping.
- ✓ Other members include representatives from the Ministry, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard, National Union of Seafarers of India, Maritime Union of India representative, Thakur and National Ship Owners' Association.

7. International Girls in ICT Day is an initiative of which international organisation?

- [A] UN Women [B] UNESCO [C] UNICEF [D] ITU ☒

- ✓ International Girls in ICT Day is the flagship initiative of the Geneva-based International Telecommunication Union, ITU. This year, the International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated on 23 April.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to sensitise people and empower girls to take up their career in Information and Communication Technologies. ITU hosted an online dialogue on "Girls in ICT: Inspiring the Next Generation".

8. Swamitva Scheme, which has been launched by the Prime Minister, is associated with which field?

- [A] COVID-19 testing
[B] Creation of land ownership records ☒
[C] Environmental upgradation
[D] Employment Generation

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the mobile portal called e-Gram Swaraj Portal and Swamitva Scheme on April 24, which is also celebrated as the Panchayati Raj Day. Swamitva Yojana is launched with

an aim of creating a record of property ownership of land in rural areas.

- ✓ The lands in rural areas are to be mapped using modern technology. The e-Gram Swaraj platform will provide records of projects implemented in every village panchayat under Gram Panchayati Development Plan. General public can create an account in the mobile portal and view the projects.

9. Which country has named its Mars exploration mission, proposed to be launched this year, as 'Tianwen-1'?

- [A] Cuba [B] China ☒ [C] Israel [D] Japan

- ✓ China has named its Mars exploration mission, proposed to be launched this year as 'Tianwen-1'. It named its first Mars mission on the occasion of the Space Day, which marked the 50th anniversary of the country's first satellite Dong Fang Hong-1.
- ✓ 'Tianwen' in Chinese means Questions to Heaven, as per a Chinese poet Qu Yuan Aiming. India, U.S., Russia and the European Union have previously launched Mars mission. On the same lines, China's mission aims to complete orbiting, landing & roving in a single mission.

10. Which State / UT has bagged three national awards for outstanding contribution by its Panchayati Raj Institutions in socio-economic development projects?

- [A] Telangana [B] Kerala
[C] Jammu & Kashmir ☒ [D] Punjab

- ✓ The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has bagged three national awards for outstanding contribution by its Panchayati Raj Institutions in socio-economic development projects.
- ✓ While Panchayat Jamola Lower has been awarded "Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award 2020", Dhangri has been awarded "Nanaji Deshmukh Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar" for improving the socio-economic aspects of the panchayat. Zaloora B has been selected as best performer in "Gram Panchayat Development Plans" awards.

1. What is the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act passed by the Parliament on April 24 1992 related to?
- [A] Right to Education
- [B] Constitutional status to the Panchayati Raj Institutions ☒
- [C] Special status to Delhi
- [D] Implementing Tenth Finance Commission recommendation
- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister has recently approved the fixation of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic Fertilizers for the year 2020–21.
- ✓ Inclusion of the new complex fertilizer, Ammonium Phosphate has also been approved by the CCEA. Rs. 22,186.55 crore would be spent for releasing subsidy on P&K Fertilizers during 2020–21. Through the Nutrient based Subsidy scheme, Government provides subsidy to the fertiliser company, enabling them to sell to farmers at subsidised rate.
2. An e-office application called 'e-karyalay' has been launched by which Central Armed Police Force, which enables digital movement of files in offices, amid Covid-19 pandemic?
- [A] Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- [B] Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) ☒
- [C] Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- [D] Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- ✓ An e-office application called 'e-karyalay' has been launched by Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) to prevent coronavirus infection.
- ✓ The e-office application enables digital movement of files in offices, which is similar to the physical and traditional file movement in CISF offices. The app has been developed by the in-house technical team and they have also created the data recovery site.
3. Which is the first academic institute to get ICMR approval for a real-time diagnostic test?
- [A] Indian Institute of Science
- [B] IIT Delhi ☒
- [C] All India Institute of Medical Science
- [D] IIT Ropar
- ✓ The Kusuma School of Biological Sciences of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi has developed a COVID-19 test kit and it has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), thereby becoming the first institute to be approved for a realtime kit.
- ✓ The test kit, which is claimed to be more affordable than the other kits available. Commercial production can be easily done as the kit does not require fluorescent probes, as per the researchers.
4. As per the recent announcement from the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, what is the objective of the Rs 1 trillion fund, proposed to be set up by the Government?
- [A] Developing Health infrastructure
- [B] Repaying outstanding debts of MSMEs ☒
- [C] Bail-out package to MSMEs
- [D] Insurance package to MSMEs
- ✓ As per the recent announcement of the Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari, he has devised a scheme to set up Rs \$1 trillion fund, which is to be launched by the Government after the approval of Cabinet.
- ✓ This fund will be utilised for repaying outstanding payments to MSMEs owed by the PSUs, central and state governments and major industries. This is also expected to increase liquidity in the market. As per his statement, the Ministry is also working on fast-tracking GST refunds to help MSMEs.
5. Which state has launched a scheme to provide loans to the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) of the state at zero per cent interest?
- [A] Andhra Pradesh ☒
- [B] Karnataka
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Chhattisgarh

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy recently launched a scheme in Amaravati, which seeks to provide loans to the women Self Help Groups of the state, at zero percent interest.

- ✓ The Chief Minister released about ₹1,400 crore for the scheme, which is expected to benefit nearly 8.78 lakh SHGs. The interest component of ₹20,000 to ₹40,000 will be borne by the state government. At present, the SHGs borrow from banks at interest rate of 7 to 13 percent.

6. Which global leader topped the list of most interactions in their Facebook page, according to a recent study conducted by BCW (Burson Cohn & Wolfe)?

- [A] Boris Johnson [B] Donald Trump ☒
[C] Narendra Modi [D] Jair Bolsonaro

- ✓ According to the report titled "World Leaders on Facebook" released by global communications agency BCW (Burson Cohn & Wolfe), US President Donald Trump topped the rankings for the most interactions in his Facebook page over the past 12 months, with 309 million comments, likes and shares on his Facebook page.

- ✓ Brazil's president Jair Bolsonaro with 205 million interactions, followed Trump. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the most popular world leader on Facebook with 44.7 million likes on his page. 721 Facebook pages of the international heads were analysed using the CrowdTangle tool of Facebook.

7. On which date, the World Health Organisation observes the World Malaria Day every year?

- [A] April 22 [B] April 24
[C] April 25 ☒ [D] April 27

- ✓ The World Malaria Day is observed on April 25 every year by the World Health Organisation (WHO), across the world. This year WHO has partnered with the RBM Partnership to promote "Zero malaria starts with me" campaign.

- ✓ The campaign aims to sensitise malaria politically, mobilize additional resources and encourage people to fast-track malaria prevention and care.

8. What is the theme of the World Immunization Week 2020, which is being celebrated from April 24 to 30, this year?

- [A] Vaccines Work for All ☒
[B] Let's get vaccinated
[C] Leave no one unvaccinated
[D] Reaching all for vaccination

- ✓ The World Immunization Week 2020 is being celebrated from April 24 to 30, this year by the World Health Organisation. The day is celebrated with an aim to promote the use of vaccines for protecting people across the world from diseases. The theme of this year's week is Vaccines Work for All.

- ✓ The theme highlights the importance of vaccines and the persons developing them. WHO also announced that about 20 million children in the world today remain unvaccinated.

9. Who has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner of India?

- [A] Nripendra Mishra [B] Sanjay Kothari ☒
[C] P K Mishra [D] Y V Reddy

- ✓ Retired IAS officer and the secretary to the President since 2017 has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner of India. The post of the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has remained vacant since June 2019 after the tenure of K V Chowdary was over.

- ✓ The name of Kothari was recommended by a high-level selection panel headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The process was claimed as unconstitutional by opposition parties as Sanjay Kothari was not an applicant not been shortlisted.

10. Which industry has been recently declared as a public utility service for six months, by the Government?

- [A] Banking ☒ [B] Pharmaceutical

[C] Textile

[D] Automobile

- ✓ In its latest circular, the labour and employment ministry has notified that the banking industry is classified as a public utility service for six months with effect from April 21.
 - ✓ The Department of Financial services also notified about the classification of the labour ministry. This declaration has been made under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act. After being placed under this act, the people working in banking sector would not be able to participate in any strike during the said period.
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1. Rohtang pass is located in which Indian State / UT?
- [A] Jammu & Kashmir [B] Ladakh
- [C] Himachal Pradesh ☒ [D] Punjab
- ✓ The Rohtang pass, is located at an altitude of 13,500 ft on the eastern Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas. The pass which is strategically located to link Kullu valley with the Lahaul and Spiti valleys in Himachal Pradesh, has been opened to the general public by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- ✓ The BRO completed the snow-clearance process and opened the pass ahead of the target time. This will enable better transportation of essential supplies and relief materials to the remote areas.
2. 'Jeevan Shakti Yojana', a scheme to encourage urban women to make masks, is an initiative of which state?
- [A] Maharashtra [B] Madhya Pradesh ☒
- [C] Odisha [D] Chhattisgarh
- ✓ The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh has launched a new scheme called 'Jeevan Shakti Yojana', which aims to encourage urban women to make masks and provide them a financial assistance to sustain their livelihood.
- ✓ The urban women of the state who are interested in joining this scheme will have to register themselves through the call centres. Then, as per the orders they receive they can start making cotton masks and submit to nodal officers. A payment of Rs.11 per mask will be credited to their bank account.
3. Which country abolished the prevalent corporal punishment of flogging (beating with whips)?
- [A] Oman [B] Saudi Arabia ☒
- [C] Iran [D] Kuwait
- ✓ Saudi Arabia has abolished flogging, which means beating with whips, as a punishment, as per the order of the Supreme Court. Hereafter, the judges will pronounce fines, jail sentences or community services as punishments.
- ✓ Recently, a blogger named Raif Badawi was sentenced to 7 years in prison and 600 lashes and then resented to 10 years and 1,000 lashes. He later won the European Parliament's Sakharov human rights prize.
4. Preeti Sudan is the Secretary of which Union Ministry?
- [A] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- [B] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ☒
- [C] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare
- [D] Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- ✓ Union Health Secretary Preeti Sudan was seen in news recently because she has been given a three-month extension after the Central Government made a major top-level bureaucratic reshuffle. Ms.Preeti Sudan who is at present the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, was due to superannuate on April 30.
- ✓ The reshuffling has been done amidst the coronavirus pandemic. About 23 senior IAS officers have been appointed as secretaries in different central government departments.
5. Which state promulgated an ordinance to make blocking burial or cremation of victims of notified disease, a criminal offence?
- [A] Tamil Nadu ☒ [B] Kerala
- [C] Karnataka [D] Punjab
- ✓ The state of Tamil Nadu promulgated an ordinance which made blocking the dignified burial or cremation of victims of notified disease, a criminal offence.
- ✓ As per the official release, the people involving in such acts will face a minimum jail term of one year to a maximum three-year imprisonment, under section 74 of 'The Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939'. This decision has been taken at the backdrop of agitations against the burial of two doctors who died of Covid-19.

6. What is the theme of the World Intellectual Property Day 2020, celebrated on April 26?

[A] Innovate for SDGs

[B] Innovate for a Green Future ☒

[C] IP is the new right

[D] Support Intellectual Property

- ✓ The World Intellectual Property Day is observed every year on April 26 to highlight the role of intellectual property rights, such as patents, trademarks, industrial designs, and copyright, in spurring innovation and creativity. The theme is "Innovate for a Green Future".

7. International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is observed on April 26. In which country is the Chernobyl power plant located?

[A] Japan

[B] Ukraine ☒

[C] Philippines

[D] Brazil

- ✓ On April 26, 1986, the nuclear accident took place in the Chernobyl power plant in the Pripyat city of Ukraine. It is one of the worst nuclear disasters that has ever taken place in the world.
- ✓ In the year 2016, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution designating 26th April as International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day. In the year 2009, UN launched the International Chernobyl Research and Information Network (ICRIN), to support the programmes in developing the affected places.

8. As per the annual report of SIPRI, which country is the highest military spender in the world?

[A] China

[B] India

[C] United States of America ☒

[D] Russia

- ✓ According to the recent annual report of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the United States continue to be the highest military spender in the world in 2019 with \$732 bn.

- ✓ This is the 1st time two Asian countries China and India occupied the top 3 positions. The military expenditure of China reached \$261 billion in 2019, which is a 5.1% increase from the previous year. India's expenditure rose by 6.8% to reach 71.1 billion.

9. Pitch Black is a multilateral air combat training exercise is hosted by the Air Force of which country?

[A] Japan

[B] Australia ☒

[C] United States of America

[D] France

- ✓ Pitch Black is a biennial air-combat training exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force.
- ✓ The exercise was recently in news as Australia has informed India recently that the training exercise Pitch Black 2020, which was scheduled from July 27 to Aug.14 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The next edition of the exercise is scheduled in the year 2022.

10. Which industry has recorded the highest exports during the period April 2020 – January 2021, in India?

[A] Chemical industry ☒

[B] Pharmaceutical industry

[C] Automobile industry

[D] Textile industry

- ✓ The chemical exports of India increased by 7.43 percent to 2.68 lakh crore rupees during April-January period of the last fiscal. The chemical industry became the top exporting sector of the country for the first time.
- ✓ The export of chemicals in the said period constitutes 14.35 percent of the total exports. This was announced by the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

1. Which IT firm of India has launched an online self-certification course for frontline health workers, named 'Corona Warriors'?

- [A] Wipro [B] Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) ☒
[C] Infosys [D] HCL Technologies

- ✓ A unit of the top IT firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), TCS iON, has recently launched a free online self-certification course for frontline health workers, named 'Corona Warriors'.
- ✓ The health workers who are dealing with COVID-19 patients will be offered profession-specific modules. The digital course is available in English and it is offered through TCS iON Digital Learning Hub. The software venture of TCS, Digitate has also announced a platform called 'ignio Cognitive Procurement' to assist enterprises in decision making of purchases.

2. Which rating agency recently estimated that the total loss for India due to lock-down would be Rs 10 lakh crore or Rs 7,000 per person, in 2020-21?

- [A] CRISIL ☒ [B] Ind-Ra
[C] S&P [D] Fitch Solutions

- ✓ The CRISIL rating agency has recently released a report, which slashed the GDP forecast of India to nearly half from its previous estimate to 1.8 percent for 2020-21.
- ✓ The agency also estimated that the total losses to be faced by the country would be Rs 10 lakh crore or Rs 7,000 per person due to the impact of the lockdown imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19. The agency also asked the government to increase the stimulus response and support.

3. Which Indian has featured in the top 20 global leaders of 'Medicine Maker Power List 2020'?

- [A] Pankaj Patel [B] Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw ☒
[C] Ajay Piramal [D] Dilip Shanghvi

- ✓ Bio-con Founder cum Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has recently been named in the 'Medicine Maker Power List 2020'. The list celebrates 60 leaders across

the world, who had significantly contributed and innovated in the field of biopharmaceuticals.

- ✓ Kiran Mazumdar has been ranked in the prestigious list for 6 years in a row, since 2015. Recently, she has received EY's 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award.

4. Where is the headquarters of Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) located?

- [A] United Kingdom [B] United States
[C] France ☒ [D] Germany

- ✓ Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development is an intergovernmental economic organisation which aims to stimulate economic progress and world trade. It is headquartered at Paris, France and has 36 member countries.
- ✓ Recently, the President of the United States has nominated veteran Indo-American diplomat Manisha Singh as America's next envoy to OECD. The diplomat had previously served in several significant positions which includes her present role as the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.

5. On which date, the 2020 World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed recently?

- A] April 28 ☒ B] April 30
C] April 29 D] April 27

- ✓ The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed every year on 28th of April by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote safe, healthy and decent work. The day marks the need and awareness of a safe and healthy environment at the workplace. This year theme is, "Stop the Pandemic: Safety and Health at Work can Save Lives".

6. Which global company's Single Radio Access Network (SRAN) solution is to be implemented across India, in context with its recent partnership with Bharti Airtel?

- [A] Motorola [B] Nokia ☒
[C] Xiaomi [D] Huawei

- ✓ Global Telecom giant Nokia has recently partnered with the leading telecom services company Bharti Airtel in India, to enhance network capacity.

- ✓ As per the multi-year agreement claimed to be worth about \$1 billion, the Single Radio Access Network (SRAN) solution of Nokia is to be deployed across nine circles in India. This partnership would help Airtel in enhancing its 4G network capacity and introduction of 5G connectivity in the future.

7. Basava Jayanthi, the birth anniversary of Lord Basaveshwara, is prominently celebrated in which Indian state?

[A] Andhra Pradesh [B] Karnataka ☒

[C] Maharashtra [D] Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ Basava Jayanthi, the birth anniversary of the 12th century poet, philosopher and social reformer, Lord Basaveshwara, is prominently celebrated in the state of Karnataka. Also called as Basavanna, he was the founding saint of the Lingayat sect.

- ✓ He was also known for establishing a spiritual democracy called 'Anubhava Mantapa' in the 12th century. The era starting from his birth-year is also called as the Basava era in the state.

8. Shipping ministry has announced Rs 50 lakh compensation for employees at Major Ports. How many major ports are situated in India?

[A] Eight [B] Thirteen ☒

[C] Twelve [D] Fifteen

- ✓ The Ministry of Shipping in its recent statement has announced a compensation of Rs 50 lakh for people employed with major ports in the country.

- ✓ Under the plan, direct employees as well as contractual labourers are covered. In case they lose their lives to COVID-19, the government will pay an ex-gratia compensation to the dependent members or legal heirs of the port employees.

9. What is 'VITAL', which was making news recently, in context with the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic?

[A] Testing Kit

[B] Ventilator ☒

[C] PPE

[D] X-ray Device

- ✓ A new high-pressure ventilator named VITAL (Ventilator Intervention Technology Accessible Locally) has been developed by the engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

- ✓ VITAL has been designed to treat patients with milder symptoms so that the traditional ventilators may be used for critical patients. The device has passed a critical test & waiting for the approval from FDA.

10. 'In the face of a pandemic: Ensuring Safety and Health at Work' is a report released by which global organisation?

[A] World Economic Forum

[B] International Labour Organisation ☒

[C] World Bank

[D] United Nations

- ✓ International Labour Organisation (ILO) has recently released a report titled 'In the face of a pandemic: Ensuring Safety and Health at Work'. The report has been released on the occasion of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28.

- ✓ The report highlights the occupational safety and health risks which are arising due to the spread of COVID-19. It also asked the governments to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplaces across the world.