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1. What is *Puntius sanctus* that was seen in news as a recently discovered species?

[A] Spider

[B] Turtle

[C] Fish ☒

[D] Snake

✓ Recently, a new silver fish species has been discovered by the Head of the Zoology Department from a Kollam-based College, Kerala at Velankanni, Tamil Nadu. The small freshwater fish belongs to the family Cyprinidae and it has been named as '*Puntius sanctus*'.

✓ His research was funded by the Department of Science and Technology. The new fish is deposited in Zoological Survey of India. It has also been registered with ZooBank of the International Commission of Zoological Nomenclature.

2. Which state is set to launch Virtual queue management application named Bev Q?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Odisha

✓ Bev Q, a virtual queue management app developed by a Kochi based startup Faircode Technologies, has recently been approved by Google after 2 level testing. This is to be implemented to manage queues of liquor shops.

✓ The state government of Kerala announced that liquor shops would not be opened until a queue management system is implemented. The staff working at the shops are being trained through online and video tutorials in coordination with the Kerala State Beverages Corporation.

3. Who is the author of the book 'The Ickabog', that was seen in news recently?

[A] John Green

[B] J K Rowling ☒

[C] Margaret Atwood

[D] Bill Bryson

✓ The Harry Potter fame author J K Rowling recently unveiled her story online for the kids across the world,. The title of the story is 'The Ickabog' and it is her first children's story not linked to Harry Potter.

✓ The chapters of the story will be published daily until July 10, in an exclusive website recently created for the story. The author also announced that she had written this story a decade ago.

4. Which ridesharing company's subsidiary has acquired Netherlands based manufacturer Etergo BV?

[A] Uber

[B] Ola ☒

[C] Lyft

[D] Didi

✓ Ola Electric, the subsidiary of the India ridesharing platform Ola, has recently acquired Netherlands-based OEM (Original Equipment manufacturer) Etergo BV.

✓ By this acquisition, Ola Electric is set to enter the premium electric 2 wheeler market, both domestic and global. Ola Electric is to use the design and engineering capabilities of Etergo to build its smart electric two-wheeler and launch in India in the year 2021.

5. 'CatchUp' application that was seen in news, has been launched by which major technology company?

[A] Microsoft

[B] Facebook ☒

[C] Amazon

[D] Apple

✓ Facebook has recently launched CatchUp application, that lets the users make free phone calls. The application developed by internal R&D group of Facebook - NPE Team, allows the users to make phone calls up to 8 people simultaneously.

✓ It uses the Facebook account in the phone to coordinate the service. It is launched at the US as a pilot service and expected to be launched across the world soon.

6. What is the target year to achieve 220 lakh metric tons of fish production, as per Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)?

[A] 2021-22

[B] 2022-23

[C] 2023-24

[D] 2024-25 ☒

- ✓ The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Giriraj Singh addressed a conference on the "PMMSY – A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India".

- ✓ The scheme was approved by the Union Cabinet on May 20. It aims to increase fish production to 220 lakh metric tons by 2024-25 from 137.58 lakh metric tons in 2018-19 at an average annual growth rate of 9%. There will be an estimated investment of Rs. 20,050 crores divided by the centre, states and beneficiaries.

7. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) partnered with Narmada Basin Projects Company Ltd. (NBPCL) to fund power projects in which state?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh ☒ [B] Bihar
[C] Himachal Pradesh [D] Uttar Pradesh

- ✓ Narmada Basin Projects Company Ltd is a wholly owned company of Madhya Pradesh government. Central PSU under Ministry of Power, Power Finance Corporation has recently partnered with NBPCL to fund projects worth ₹22,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh.

- ✓ Hydroelectric projects and power components of 12 major multipurpose projects are to be set up by deploying the funds. Major multipurpose projects, which are to be financed include Basaniya Multipurpose Project, Chinki Boras Multipurpose Project Dudhi Project, among others.

8. Which international toy brand has collaborated with NITI Aayog and Save the Children, to support children impacted by COVID-19 in India?

- [A] Fisher-Price [B] Barbie
[C] Hot Wheels [D] LEGO ☒

- ✓ World's leading toy brand the LEGO Group has recently collaborated with NITI Aayog and Save the Children, to support children impacted by COVID-19 in India.

- ✓ Under the partnership, LEGO will promote 'Learning through Play' and support home based learning for children aged 3-8 years during the lockdown times.

- ✓ The initiative will improve access to quality pre-school education through the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and pre-school centres.

9. Which country announced a 'Bug bounty programme', to incentivise those who identify flaws in its COVID-19 contact tracing app?

- [A] United States [B] India ☒
[C] United Kingdom [D] Brazil

- ✓ India's COVID-19 contact tracing app 'Aarogya Setu' was made an open source application by its think tank NITI Aayog. After several privacy concerns were raised over the app, it has been open sourced so that researchers can identify any vulnerability in the app to make it more secure.

- ✓ National Informatics Centre (NIC), which had developed the app has announced a bug bounty programme to incentivise those who find flaws in the app.

10. Who has been appointed as the new President of New Development Bank (NDB)?

- [A] Urjit Patel [B] Marcos Troyjo ☒
[C] Christine Lagarde [D] Arundhati Bhattacharya

- ✓ Former Deputy Economy Minister of Brazil, Marcos Prado Troyjo has been selected as the new President of the Shanghai-based New Development Bank's (NDB). He is to replace the veteran Indian banker KV Kamath as the President of the multilateral financial institution set up by the BRICS countries.

- ✓ Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the special board of Governors of NDB meeting through video-conference. Another Indian Anil Kishora was selected as the Vice President of NDB during the conference.

1. Which country's survey team recently became the first to reach the peak of Everest this year?

[A] Nepal

[B] India

[C] China ☒

[D] Thailand

✓ The Survey team of China became the first to climb and reach the peak Mt. Everest this year. This is a part of the project to remeasure the exact height of the Everest.

✓ Both China and Nepal cancelled the 'spring' climbing season on the world's tallest mountain in order to prevent the expedition teams from getting infected by coronavirus. Hence the Chinese survey team is likely the only team to reach the peak of Everest, this year.

2. Which country has commenced the development of its first stealth bomber named 'PAK DA'?

[A] China

[B] Russia ☒

[C] South Korea

[D] United States

✓ According to the government-backed news agency of Russia, the country has started developing its first stealth bomber named 'PAK DA'.

✓ It is estimated the aircraft would be completed next year and it would be able to carry an array of advanced missiles and bombs, including hypersonic weapons. This will compete with the B2 strategic stealth bomber of the United States. China is also in the process of developing its own stealth bomber, Xian H20.

3. As per a recent study by Deloitte, which country is placed at the top spot in Global anxiety index?

[A] Spain

[B] Italy

[C] India ☒

[D] Brazil

✓ Multinational service network Deloitte recently conducted 'Global State of the Consumer Tracker' survey using an online panel, among the people across the world aged above 18.

✓ As per the study, consumers in India are the most worried during these uncertain times and are placed at the top of the Global anxiety index with a score of 33.

✓ India was followed by Mexico and Spain. However, the anxiety score of India has gradually declined during the month of May.

4. When is, 'World Hunger Day' celebrated every year?

[A] May 26

[B] May 28 ☒

[C] May 30

[D] May 31

✓ World Hunger Day is an initiative by 'The Hunger' Project, which is a New York based organisation committed to end hunger across the world, through programmes in various parts of the world.

✓ It is celebrated on May 28 every year across the world. According to the UN's recent data, the number of people suffering from hunger is rising continuously after 2015. The aim of World Hunger Day is to spread awareness about the impact of acute hunger and solutions to solve hunger and poverty.

5. Which organisation has launched an artificial intelligence (AI) based chatbot named 'PAI'?

[A] National Payment Corporation of India ☒

[B] Food Corporation of India

[C] Securities Exchange Board of India

[D] Confederation of Indian Industries

✓ National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI), that operates retail payments and settlement systems in India has recently launched an artificial intelligence (AI) based chatbot named 'PAI'.

✓ The virtual assistant has been launched with an aim to create awareness about its flagship products like FASTag, RuPay, UPI, and AePS on a real time basis. Users can send queries about the products and they get verified automated responses. Global RuPay Card holders can access the chatbot.

6. Which day is celebrated on May 28th by the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights?

[A] International Day of Action for Women's Health ☒

[B] International Day of Women's reproductive rights

[C] International Day of Population

[D] International Day of Gender Equality

- ✓ International Day of Action for Women's Health is celebrated on May 28 every year by the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights. Several women's health advocates and their communities have been leading the celebration of the day since 1987.
- ✓ During the International Women's Health Meeting in Costa Rica, Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN) proposed to celebrate May 28 as International Day of Action for Women's Health.

7. Who is the head of the 11 member annual grant and affiliation committee constituted by the Indian Olympic Association?

[A] Adille Sumariwala ☒

[B] D R Saini

[C] Vagish Pathak

[D] Abu Mehta

- ✓ The Indian Olympic Association has constituted an 11 member committee led by Adille Sumariwala, the President of Athletics Federation of India.
- ✓ The committee has been constituted to review and monitor annual grant and affiliation fee of its members for the 2020–2021 cycle, in coordination with the finance department. The committee is also required to send a report on all pending issues regarding previous year to IOA President.

8. Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently signed a USD 177 million loan agreement with India to upgrade road connectivity of which state?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Maharashtra ☒

[D] West Bengal

- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently signed a USD 177 million loan agreement with the Government of India to upgrade 450 kilometers (km) of state highways and major district roads in the state of Maharashtra.

- ✓ The project is expected to improve road connectivity between rural areas and urban centres in the state and enable rural communities to access markets and employment opportunities. The project will also develop a road safety audit framework and strengthen road safety measures.

9. What is the new name of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET)?

[A] Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engg & Tech ☒

[B] National Institute of Petrochemicals Engg & Tech

[C] National Institute of Plastics Engg & Tech

[D] Bharat Institute of Plastics Engg & Tech

- ✓ Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET) has been renamed as Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET).
- ✓ CIPET is a premier national institution under the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. It is located at SIDCO Industrial Estate, Chennai. With expanded coverage, CIPET will undertake efforts to promote the entire petrochemical sector with a focus on Academics, Skill improvement and Research.

10. Which e-Commerce platform has partnered with Karnataka Mango Board to sell fresh produce of fruits online?

[A] Amazon

[B] Flipkart ☒

[C] Snapdeal

[D] Shopclues

- ✓ Leading e-commerce platform Flipkart has signed a MoU with Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation, to enable farmers to sell their fresh fruits online.
- ✓ Under the agreement, India Post would function as the delivery partner. Mango Board, Farmer Producer Organisations, sellers, growers, and traders can enrol themselves in the Flipkart platform to supply several varieties of mangoes across the state.

1. Which Indian state has proposed to launch a first-of-its kind "State Health Register" project?

- [A] Odisha [B] Andhra Pradesh
[C] Rajasthan [D] Karnataka ☒

- ✓ The state government of Karnataka recently announced that it would launch a first-of-its kind project called "State Health Register".
- ✓ The aim of the project is to maintain the health database of all its citizens in the register. As per the state's release, a survey of all 6.5 crore people in the state using ASHA team, Primary Health Centre, members from Revenue & Education Departments. It'll be implemented in Chikkaballapur district on a pilot basis.

2. Which country was the largest source of FDI in India during 2019–20 financial year?

- [A] United States [B] Singapore ☒
[C] Mauritius [D] France

- ✓ As per the recent data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Singapore was the largest source of FDI in India during 2019–20 with USD 14.67 billion worth investments. It was followed by Mauritius and the Netherlands.
- ✓ The data also showed that FDI in India grew by 13% to a record high USD 49.97 billion in 2019–20. Maximum foreign inflows were in service sector (USD 7.85 billion), followed by computer software and hardware.

3. Who is the Chairperson of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)?

- [A] RBI Governor [B] Finance Minister ☒
[C] Finance Secretary [D] Corporate Affairs Minister

- ✓ Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 22nd Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) and reviewed the current global and domestic macro-economic situation and financial stability in the nation.

- ✓ Union Finance Minister is the chairperson of FSDC, an autonomous regulatory body setup in the year 2010. Besides the ten members which includes the RBI Governor, Finance Secretary, Chief Economic Adviser, Chairpersons of SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA, and IBBI among others, the Finance Minister may invite any other required person.

4. Which realtime facility has been launched by the Union Finance Minister that uses Aadhaar number-based e-KYC?

- [A] Instant Demat Account
[B] Instant Permanent Account Number (PAN) ☒
[C] Instant Passport
[D] Instant Udyog Aadhar

- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has officially launched the instant Permanent Account Number (PAN) facility which uses Aadhaar number based e-KYC.
- ✓ This was announced during the 2020 budget along with an interchangeable Aadhar and PAN feature. The Income tax department launched the beta facility on their e-filing website in February 2020. As this a paperless and realtime facility, the turn around time taken for allotting the PAN through this facility is only about 10 minutes.

5. Which association of India recently organised the 'Digital Summit on Exports' through video conferencing?

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

- ✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal participated in the Digital Summit on Exports organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). During his address through video conferencing, the Minister said that he expects the decline in exports to narrow to 8–10 per cent in the month of June.
- ✓ In the month of April, 28 out of 30 major product groups have witnessed huge decline in exports up to 99 per cent.

6. What is the theme of the 'World Menstrual Hygiene Day' observed on May 28 every year?

[A] Healthy Menstruation

[B] Periods in Pandemic ☒

[C] Menstrual Hygiene Management

[D] Access to safe menstruation

- ✓ Every year, May 28 has been celebrated as the World Menstrual Hygiene Day across the world. It is a global platform initiated by the German non-profit organisation WASH United.
- ✓ This year, the theme of Menstrual Hygiene Day is 'Periods in Pandemic'. Several government agencies, individuals, non-profits and media join hands to create awareness about the safe menstruation practices and hygiene management.

7. Which famous technology company has launched a short music videos application called 'Collab'?

[A] Amazon

[B] Facebook ☒

[C] Microsoft

[D] Google

- ✓ Facebook has recently launched an experimental short music videos application called 'Collab'. The videos created using Collab app can be published on other platforms including Instagram and Facebook Stories.
- ✓ The research team of Facebook, NPE Teams has developed this application. Earlier, the team had developed some other apps including CatchUp & Hobbi.

8. Which Indian personality has been selected by the UNICEF to spread awareness on menstrual hygiene?

[A] Priyanka Chopra

[B] Deepika Padukone

[C] Manushi Chhillar ☒

[D] Smriti Mandana

- ✓ Manushi Chhillar, who won the title of Miss World in 2017 has joined hands with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to spread awareness about menstrual hygiene. Manushi runs an initiative on menstrual hygiene named Project Shakti.

- ✓ With this partnership, she will promote the efforts to educate girls about menstrual hygiene and to construct sanitation facilities. On May 28, World Menstrual Hygiene Day, she participated in UNICEF global initiative called the Red Dot Challenge.

9. Top Executive Thierry Delaporte has been appointed as the MD and CEO of which major IT firm of India?

[A] Tata Consultancy Services

[B] Wipro ☒

[C] Infosys

[D] HCL

- ✓ India's leading Information Technology firm announced that top Capgemini executive Thierry Delaporte has been appointed as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD). He is to replace the present head of Wipro Abidali Neemuchwala.
- ✓ Prior to this assignment, Thierry Delaporte had been associated with Capgemini and held several roles including the Chief Operating Officer and a member of its Group Executive Board. This is the first non-Indian appointment of chief, made by Indian firms.

10. Which country is the last among G7 nations to join the association's Artificial Intelligence (AI) group?

[A] Canada

[B] France

[C] United Kingdom

[D] United States ☒

- ✓ The United States has recently joined the G7 Artificial Intelligence group, an international panel for setting ethical guidelines for usage of artificial intelligence.
- ✓ As per the announcement from the White House, this move was to counter China in threatening civil liberties using technologies. The heads of France and Canada proposed this global group to guide the adoption of AI, which was rejected by the US President Trump. Now US is the last nation to join the Global Partnership on AI.

1. What is the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2020?

[A] Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace ☒

[B] Honouring Peacekeeping

[C] Women, Peace and Security

[D] Risk of COVID-19 in peacekeeping

✓ The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is celebrated on 29 May every year, to pay tribute to the contribution of the peacekeepers. This year the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 2020 is "Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace".

✓ This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace & Security. UN honours more than 3,900 UN peacekeepers who have lost their lives during their service, since 1948.

2. Which state has launched the 'Rozgar Setu' scheme for skilled migrant workers?

[A] Maharashtra [B] Madhya Pradesh ☒

[C] Uttar Pradesh [D] Odisha

✓ The state of Madhya Pradesh has recently launched a new scheme called 'Rozgar Setu' scheme, with an aim of providing employment to the skilled workers who have returned to the state.

✓ The state is surveying the skilled workers who were employed at industries in other states and have returned now. The government will contact the owners of industries and factories and contractors associated with infrastructure projects such as road and bridge construction.

3. How many additional Minor Forest produce items were included in Minimum Support Price List by the Tribal Affairs Ministry?

[A] 25 [B] 35 [C] 23 ☒ [D] 33

✓ Ministry of Tribal Affairs has announced Inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items in the Minimum Support Price List.

✓ Under the "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce through Minimum Support price and development of Value Chain of MFP" scheme of 2011, the forest dwellers are safeguarded by a minimum price. This inclusion has increased the coverage from 50 to 73 items in the list.

4. The foundation stone for a Missile park named "Agneprastha" was laid in which city?

[A] Cochin [B] Mumbai

[C] Visakhapatnam ☒ [D] Ahmedabad

✓ The foundation stone for setting up a Missile Park 'Agneprastha' was recently laid at INS Kalinga, Visakhapatnam by Commodore Rajesh Debnath, who heads INS Kalinga. A 2 MW solar photovoltaic plant was also commissioned at INS Kalinga by the Vice Admiral of Eastern Naval Command.

✓ This is the largest plant in the Eastern Naval Command and has an estimated life of 25 years. This step is in line with the National Solar Mission proposed by the Union Government to achieve 100 GW of solar power by 2022.

5. Labour Ministry partnered with which firm to launch an online "Career skills training" on National Career Service portal?

[A] Larsen & Toubro [B] TCS iON ☒

[C] Infosys [D] Accenture

✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has partnered with TCS iON to offer free online "Career Skills Training" on its National Career Service (NCS) portal. This scheme is to be implemented under the Ministry's National Career Service (NCS) project, which provides several employment related services.

✓ This course also includes soft skills required by several industries. The training module is available to the registered job seekers in both Hindi and English.

6. National Geographic channel in collaboration with Drinking Water Ministry has released a film about which government scheme?

[A] Swachh Bharat Mission ☒

[B] Secure Himalaya Project

[C] Green Skill Development Programme

[D] National Clean Air Programme

- ✓ The National Geographic channel has released a film titled 'Swachh Bharat: India's Sanitary Revolution', in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation.
- ✓ The film was recently premiered at a special screening for the Indian President and also on the NatGeo channel. The film is also made available on the YouTube channel of Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen. Many 'Ambassadors of cleanliness' share their connection with the scheme in the film.

7. What was the real fiscal deficit of India, as a percentage of GDP, for the previous financial year 2019–20?

[A] 3.8% [B] 4.0% [C] 4.25% [D] 4.59% ☒

- ✓ As per the data from the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), India's fiscal deficit was 4.59% of gross domestic product (GDP) for the year 2019–20. Fiscal Deficit is the gap between the government's revenue and expenditure the govt's revised target for its fiscal deficit was 3.8%, and the real deficit has exceeded it.
- ✓ However, the budget estimate was 3.5% of GDP. The Union Finance Minister invoked the escape clause in the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act to peg the deficit 0.5% higher than the Budget estimate.

8. Which global organisation has adopted a new voting procedure involving secret ballots for its elections, amidst COVID–19 pandemic?

[A] FAO [B] UN ☒ [C] WHO [D] NATO

- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has recently adopted a new voting procedure for the upcoming election of new members of the Security Council.

- ✓ This change is due to the restrictions for large gathering and to ensure social distancing during the COVID–19 pandemic. Usually, the assembly meet in a horseshoe-shaped assembly chamber at UN headquarters. But now, the ambassadors from 193 UN member nations will cast secret ballots at predetermined places & time slots.

9. What is the 2020 theme of World No Tobacco Day?

[A] Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise

[B] Tobacco – a threat to development

[C] Tobacco kills, don't be duped

[D] Protecting Youth ☒

- ✓ The World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31 to encourage a 24 hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe.
- ✓ The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to negative health effects, which currently lead to nearly 6 million deaths each year worldwide, including 600,000 of which are the result of non-smokers being exposed to second-hand smoke. The 2020 theme is "Protecting Youth".

10. Which country has terminated its relationship with World Health Organization over its handling of the Corona virus pandemic?

[A] India [B] France [C] UK [D] USA ☒

- ✓ The President of the United States Donald Trump has recently announced that US is terminating its relationship with World Health Organization over its handling of the COVID–19. The President has been blaming WHO and China for the deaths and damages caused by the pandemic across the world. The President also said that the funds provided by the US to WHO will be redirected to other global public health needs. He also issued directions to deny entry to certain Chinese nationals and tightened regulations against Chinese investments in America.

1. Which sports personality was ranked at the top spot in the annual Forbes ranking of highest-paid athletes?

- [A] Cristiano Ronaldo [B] Lionel Messi
[C] Virat Kohli [D] Roger Federer ☒

- ✓ Swiss Tennis legend Roger Federer has been ranked at the top spot in the annual Forbes ranking of highest-paid athletes. As per the magazine, the total earning of Federer amounts to USD 106.3 million.
- ✓ He is the winner of record 20 Grand Slam singles titles, the prize money of which gave him USD 6.3 million. Federer is followed by the football trio in next three ranks: Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Neymar. Two female Tennis stars Naomi Osaka and Serena Williams were found in the top 100 list.

2. The Union Government has approved Rs 445 Crore for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in which state/UT?

- [A] Jammu & Kashmir [B] Chhattisgarh ☒
[C] Uttar Pradesh [D] Odisha

- ✓ The Union Government has approved 445 crore rupees for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Chhattisgarh during 2020–21, to provide tap connections to 20 lakh households.
- ✓ The aim of Jal Jeevan Mission is to provide potable drinking water on a long-term basis to every rural household of the country by 2024. During the Union Budget 2020, 3.6 lakh crores has been allocated for this scheme. The migrant labours returned to Chhattisgarh will be involved in the jobs related to water supply.

3. Which country, that currently holds the BRICS Presidency, hosted the Meeting of the BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities?

- [A] Brazil [B] Russia ☒
[C] China [D] South Africa

- ✓ Russia, that currently holds the BRICS Presidency, hosted the meeting of the Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS countries. Though the meeting was originally

scheduled to be held in Moscow, owing to COVID-19 restrictions, it was held through video conferencing.

- ✓ The Finance Secretary of India Ajay Bhushan Pandey represented India at the meeting. Possibilities of exploring areas of cooperation in tax matters and response of tax authorities were discussed.

4. Which major technology company has launched a new application named 'Sodar', to help people maintain distancing?

- [A] Facebook [B] Amazon
[C] Google ☒ [D] Apple

- ✓ Major technology firm Google has launched a new application named 'Sodar', to help people maintain social distancing. The application uses Augmented Reality (AR) for this purpose.
- ✓ It creates a visual boundary using the user's smartphone camera and show who is breaching that distance, on a realtime basis. Earlier, the UN Technology Innovation Labs released a free mobile social distancing app 1point5 which uses Bluetooth signal.

5. K-FON project, that is to be implemented in Kerala this year, is associated with which field?

- [A] Nutrition-added food [B] Internet access ☒
[C] Water conservation [D] Space Science

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan has announced that Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project would be launched by December 2020.
- ✓ The objective of the Rs 1,500 crore scheme is to provide free internet access to the poor and at affordable rates to others. It is being implemented by Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited and Kerala State Electricity Board. Using the KSEB posts, optical fibre cables are being laid across the state.

6. Which is the smallest state of India by area that celebrates its statehood day on May 30?

[A] Goa ☒

[B] Sikkim

[C] Tripura

[D] Meghalaya

✓ Goa is the smallest state of India, by area and the fourth-smallest state by population. It recently celebrated its statehood day on May 30. In 1961, Indian Army invaded and annexed Goa, Daman and Diu into the Indian union, through Operation Vijay.

✓ After that, Goa along with Daman and Diu, was categorised as a centrally administered Union territory of India. On 30 May 1987, the union territory was split and Goa was made the 25th state of India and Daman and Diu remained as a UT.

7. What is the name of the scheme launched by the Uttarakhand state government, to provide loans to migrant workers?

[A] Mukhya Mantri Samridhhi Yojana

[B] Mukhya Mantri Yatra Yojana

[C] Mukhya Mantri Pravasi Yojana

[D] Mukhya Mantri Swarojgar Yojana ☒

✓ The state government of Uttarakhand has recently launched a scheme called 'Mukhya Mantri Swarojgar Yojana', to provide loans to the migrant workers amid Covid-19 pandemic. Under the scheme, Uttarakhand government will provide loans worth ₹25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and ₹10 lakh in the service sector.

✓ The migrant workers who are returning to the state are eligible to apply for the loans that will be provided by nationalised banks, scheduled commercial banks and co-operative banks.

8. When is International Everest Day celebrated across the world?

[A] May 28

[B] May 29 ☒

[C] May 30

[D] May 31

✓ International Everest Day is celebrated on May 29, across the world every year. On the same day in the year 1953, Tenzing Norgay of Nepal and Edmund Hillary of New Zealand had successfully scaled the Mt. Everest.

✓ The mountaineer duo were the first human beings to achieve the prestigious feat. Nepal decided to observe the day as International Everest Day since the climber Edmund Hillary passed away in the year 2008.

9. Which state is to launch a project to develop 800 km roads as Herbal roads?

[A] Gujarat

[B] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[C] Himachal Pradesh

[D] Assam

✓ As per the recent announcement of the Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, the state is to develop 800 km roads as Herbal roads in the state. The Herbal roads will have medicinal trees on both sides, including Peepal, Neem, Sehjan and other important herbal trees. The state's Public Works Department will implement the project and rain water recharging system on the roads.

10. What is the name of the Video Blogging Contest, associated with International Yoga Day that was recently announced?

[A] Yoga with Family

[B] My Life-My Yoga ☒

[C] Yoga fights COVID-19

[D] Yoga for the world

✓ The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Mann Ki Baat address announced the Video Blogging Contest named "My Life – My Yoga" (also called "Jeevan Yoga"). It is a collaboration of Ministry of AYUSH and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

✓ The contest is a part of activities related to the 6th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June 2020. The contest is open to participants from all countries.

1. Which file-sharing website has been ordered to be blocked by the Department of Telecom?
- [A] Media Fire [B] We Transfer ☒
- [C] Drop Box [D] One Drive
- ✓ As per the recent order issued by the Department of Telecom, it has directed all internet service providers (ISPs) to block the computer file-sharing website 'We Transfer', due to security reasons.
- ✓ All Internet Service Providers are directed to block two download links on the website WeTransfer as well as the entire website. 'We Transfer' is an Internet-based computer file transfer service platform founded at Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
2. Ashwani Bhatia has been appointed as the new Managing Director of which Indian public sector bank?
- [A] Punjab National Bank [B] Bank of India
- [C] State Bank of India ☒ [D] Union Bank of India
- ✓ The Banks Board Bureau (BBB) has recently recommended the appointment for the toplevel position of three public sector banks. The BBB recommended the appointment of Ashwani Bhatia as the next Managing Director of State Bank of India.
- ✓ Ashwani Bhatia is currently the Deputy Managing Director in SBI. The Board also recommended the appointment of Matam Venkat Rao as the MD & CEO of Central Bank of India and PP Sengupta as the MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.
3. Which venue was originally scheduled for the 47th G7 summit 2020 that has been postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic?
- [A] Brazil [B] United States of America ☒
- [C] China [D] South Africa
- ✓ G7 is an association of seven of the world's largest economies namely the US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan. Previously it included Russia and was called the G8.
- ✓ The 47th G7 summit was originally scheduled to be held in the month of June 2020, at Camp David, United States. The US President Donald Trump recently announced that he is postponing the 47th summit to September or November. He also suggested to expand the G7 bloc to include India, Australia, South Korea and Russia.
4. Who has been nominated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award?
- [A] Shikhar Dhawan [B] Rohit Sharma ☒
- [C] Jasprit Bumrah [D] Ravindra Jadeja
- ✓ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has nominated Indian cricket star Rohit Sharma for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.
- ✓ Other stars including Ishant Sharma, Shikhar Dhawan and Deepti Yadav have been shortlisted by the BCCI for the Arjuna Award. The period of consideration for the awards is between 2016 January 1 to 2019 December 31. Rohit Sharma has been named the ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year for 2019.
5. What is the name of the programme launched by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, in collaboration with Intel India?
- [A] Responsible AI for Youth ☒
- [B] Sustainable AI for Youth
- [C] Artificial Intelligence for India
- [D] Bharat AI
- ✓ The Union Government has launched a national programme for the youth, called "Responsible AI for Youth". It has been developed by the Ministry of Electronics and IT in collaboration with Intel India, with support from Department of School Education and Literacy. It aims to equip young students with new generation technology.
- ✓ A dedicated portal for Artificial Intelligence, which will be a platform for all AI related developments in India, was also launched to mark the first anniversary of the second tenure of the government. It has been jointly

developed by the Ministry of Electronics and IT and NASSCOM.

6. What is the theme of the World Milk Day 2020?

[A] Milk connecting nations

[B] Milk for All

[C] Milk for SDGs

[D] 20th Anniversary of World Milk Day ☒

✓ World Milk Day is celebrated on June 1, every year across the world. The first World Milk Day was held in the year 2001.

✓ The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN chose June 1 as the World Milk Day, to highlight the role of milk and to publicise activities connected with milk and the milk industry. This year theme is "20th Anniversary of World Milk Day". A virtual campaign rally named 'Enjoy Dairy Rally' was held from May 29–31.

7. In which scheme, three states–Odisha, Sikkim and Mizoram have joined, to bring the total number of implementing states to 20?

[A] PM KISAN

[B] One Nation–One Ration Card ☒

[C] PM Fasal Bima Yojana

[D] PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana

✓ As per the recent announcement from the Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry, three more States namely Odisha, Sikkim and Mizoram have recently joined the 'One Nation–One Ration Card' scheme.

✓ This addition has taken the total number of states and union territories that have joined the scheme to 20. In the three states, the necessary infrastructure work for joining the scheme including upgradation of electronic Point of Sale (e–PoS) software have been completed.

8. When is the Global Parents Day celebrated by the United Nations, every year?

[A] May 31 [B] Jun.1 ☒ [C] Jun.2 [D] Jun.3

✓ June 1 was declared as the Global Day of Parents by the UN General Assembly in 2012. Since then, June 1 is being celebrated as Global Day of Parents every year.

✓ The day is celebrated with an objective of honouring all the parents around the world for their commitment and sacrifice they do for their children. Among the efforts to build social development, the UNGA proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family and 15 May of every year as the International Day of Families.

9. Which state / UT is set to produce the high–quality Australian Merino sheep wool indigenously?

[A] J&K [B] Uttarakhand ☒ [C] MP [D] UP

✓ As per the test report of the Animal Husbandry Department of the state of Uttarakhand, the quality of the state's sheep wool compiled was similar to the Merino sheep wool.

✓ The Merino sheep wool of Australia is famous across the world in the textile industry for its fine texture. India imports nearly 8000 MT of fine wool every year. Uttarakhand received 250 Merino sheep under the national livestock scheme last year. With appropriate breeding programmes, Uttarakhand would produce high quality fine Merino wool.

10. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojna scheme is implemented under which Union Ministry?

[A] Health & Family Welfare [B] Home Ministry

[C] Chemicals & Fertilizers ☒ [D] MSME

✓ Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers implements the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojna scheme through the network of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras. The scheme aims to make quality medicines available at affordable prices to all and reduce out expenses for healthcare.

✓ The scheme was seen in news recently, as it achieved sales of Rs. 100.4 Crores in the first two months of 2020–21. During March, April & May 2020, the Kendras have sold Rs. 144 Crores worth affordable medicines.

1. What is the name of the scheme that was launched in 2015, to promote organic farming among small and marginal farmers?

[A] Pradhan Mantri KISAN Vikas Yojana

[B] Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana ☒

[C] Organic Farming Mission

[D] Operation Greens

- ✓ Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) was launched by the Agriculture Ministry under National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) in 2015. It was launched with an aim to promote organic farming among small and marginal farmers.
- ✓ Recently, the NITI Aayog organised an online high level roundtable, which was attended by several national and international experts and policy makers. It aims to boost agroecological and natural farming practices in India. The Agriculture Minister said that PKVY covered 7 lakh hectares and 8 lakh farmers.

2. Which state-owned organisation has developed a multipurpose disinfection unit named Ultra Swachh?

[A] DRDO ☒

[B] CSIR

[C] HAL

[D] BARC

- ✓ Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), the Delhi based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a disinfection unit named Ultra Swachh.
- ✓ It is a multipurpose unit, which can be used to disinfect a wide range of objects and materials including Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), fabrics among others. The system is compliant with international standards of personal and environmental safety. The system will be available in two variants namely Ozonated Space and Trinetra Technology

3. What are the large group of asteroids that share the Jupiter's orbit around the Sun, commonly called as?

[A] Trojan asteroids ☒

[B] Dragon Asteroids

[C] Migrant Asteroids

[D] Queen Asteroids

- ✓ The large group of asteroids that share the Jupiter's orbit around the Sun are commonly called as Trojan asteroids or Jupiter Trojans. The trojans follow the same orbit of planet but stay either around 60° ahead or 60° behind along the orbit.
- ✓ Recently, a team of astronomers from the University of Hawaii and Queen's University Belfast have found that 2019 LD2 is the first known Jupiter Trojan asteroid to have a comet like tail. It was first discovered in June 2019 by the ATLAS system funded by NASA. But it could not be observed then, as it passed behind the sun.

4. As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the southwest monsoon occurs during which period of the year?

[A] July–August

[B] June–September ☒

[C] June–December

[D] August–November

- ✓ As per the recent announcement from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the southwest monsoon arrived on time over the Kerala coast.
- ✓ The southwest monsoon usually occurs in the period of June–September. IMD declares the start of the monsoon when 60% of the 14 meteorological stations in Kerala record 2.5mm of more rains for two consecutive days. The other two factors are the westerlies (winds) and the outgoing longwave radiation. IMD also revised the forecast for rains to 102% of long period average.

5. As per the recent change in the definition of MSMEs, what is the investment limit for an enterprise to be classified as a medium enterprise?

[A] Rs 20 crore

[B] Rs 25 crore

[C] Rs 50 crore ☒

[D] Rs 75 crore

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved further changes to the definition of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Earlier, the Union Minister had proposed that Micro units can have up to Rs 1 crore investments and turnover up to Rs 5 crore while Small units can have up to Rs 10 crore investments and turnover up to Rs 50 crore. The investment limit of a medium unit has been

increased from Rs 20 crore to Rs 50 crore and the turn over limit from Rs 100 crore to Rs 250 crore.

- ✓ The Cabinet also approved Rs 20,000–crore fund for stressed entities and equity infusion of Rs 50,000 crore.

6. The recent income tax return (ITR) forms notified for AY 2020–21, captures information on cash deposits above which limit?

- [A] Rs 10 lakh [B] Rs 50 lakh
[C] Rs 1 crore ☒ [D] Rs 2 crore

- ✓ The Union government has notified the income–tax return (ITR) forms for the assessment year (AY) 2020–21 for individual, professional and corporate tax payers.
- ✓ For the first time, the form separately captures information on cash deposits exceeding ₹1 crore, expenditure on foreign travel exceeding ₹2 lakh and electricity expenses exceeding ₹1 lakh.
- ✓ It was earlier announced that the taxpayers may avail the benefits of investments in tax–saving instruments for an extended period up to June 30. Deadline for filing returns was also extended from July 31 to November 30.

7. Who are the beneficiaries of the newly launched scheme PM SVANIDHI?

- [A] MSMEs [B] Migrant Labourers
[C] Street vendors ☒ [D] Textile Industries

- ✓ The Union Government has recently launched a new micro–credit facility scheme named PM SVANIDHI – Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor’s Atmanirbhar Nidhi.
- ✓ Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched the scheme, which aims to provide affordable loans to street vendors. The duration of the scheme is till March 2022 and is expected to benefit over 50 lakh street vendors. The vendors can avail a working capital loan of up to Rs 10000, which is repayable in monthly instalments in one–year tenure.

8. What is the name of the technology–based platform launched by the Indian Prime Minister, for MSMEs?

- [A] CHAMPIONS ☒ [B] JEEVAN
[C] NIRBHAR [D] UDYOG

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched a technology–based platform named as CHAMPIONS, for MSME sector. ‘CHAMPIONS’ stands for Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength.
- ✓ The platform aims to provide a comprehensive solution including Grievance redressal, financial access, Permissions among others will be addressed in the platform. It also provides latest communication tools and is enabled by Artificial Intelligence.

9. Which subordinate office of Agriculture Ministry recommends the change in minimum support price (MSP) to the Union Cabinet?

- [A] Commission for Agricultural Costs & Price ☒
[B] Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre
[C] National Centre of Organic Farming
[D] Directorate of Pulses Development

- ✓ The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) is an attached office of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Based on the recommendation of CACP, the Union Cabinet fixes the minimum support price (MSP).
- ✓ Recently, the government raised the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy marginally by Rs 53 per quintal to Rs 1,868 per quintal for the 2020–21 crop year. It also hiked the rates for oilseeds, pulses cereals and commercial crops. This is expected to give 50–83 percent higher return over the cost of production to farmers.

10. What is the name of the cyclone that has intensified into a cyclonic storm that is expected to cross Maharashtra and Gujarat coasts?

[A] Amphan

[B] Nisarga ☒

[C] Harold

[D] Amanda

- ✓ As per the recent announcement of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the deep depression in the Arabian Sea has intensified into a cyclonic storm named as Cyclone Nisarga.
 - ✓ It will further turn into a severe cyclonic storm by tonight and cross north Maharashtra and Gujarat coasts between Raigad district and Daman.
 - ✓ When the storm crosses the coast, the severe cyclonic storm will have a wind speed of 90–105 kmph. Earlier, the cyclone Amphan hit the state of West Bengal and caused severe damages.
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1. Which state recently celebrated its statehood day on June 2?
- [A] Chhattisgarh [B] Telangana ☒
- [C] Uttarakhand [D] Jharkhand
- ✓ The state Telangana recently celebrated its statehood day on June 2. All national leaders including the Prime Minister wished the state and its people. In the year 2014, Telangana was carved out of the state of Andhra Pradesh as the 29th state of India under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. The capital of the state is Hyderabad and its population is about 3.5 crore.
2. Which Union Ministry launched the schemes named PLI, SPECS and EMC 2.0?
- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- [C] Minister for Electronics and IT ☒
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- ✓ Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched three major schemes to boost manufacture of electronics in the country.
- ✓ Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) aims for large scale electronics manufacturing. Other two schemes namely Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS) and Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme were also launched. This will generate manufacturing of electronics components worth Rs 10 lakh crore by 2025.
3. Which country has announced its eleventh outbreak of Ebola virus disease?
- [A] Democratic Republic of the Congo ☒ [B] Nigeria
- [C] Rwanda [D] Uganda
- ✓ The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo recently announced that it has witnessed a new outbreak of Ebola virus disease.
- ✓ The country located in Central Africa has seen its 11th outbreak since the virus was first discovered in the country in 1976. At present, the disease is occurring in the Equateur province. The World Health Organisation (WHO) also announced about the disease.
4. Which state has launched a month long drive to spread awareness about COVID-19 pandemic under Mission Fateh?
- [A] Rajasthan [B] Punjab ☒
- [C] Odisha [D] Jharkhand
- ✓ During April, the state of Punjab launched an operation to contain the outbreak of COVID-19 named 'Mission Fateh'. Recently, the CM of Punjab Amarinder Singh has launched a month long drive to spread awareness about COVID-19 pandemic under Mission Fateh.
- ✓ This campaign will expand the coverage of the original mission beyond the frontline workers to include all general public of the state in fighting the crisis. Various awareness programmes are to be held across the state.
5. Which player has been nominated for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award by Hockey India?
- [A] Vandana Kataria [B] Monika
- [C] Rani Rampal ☒ [D] Lalremsiami
- ✓ Hockey India has recently nominated national women's team captain Rani Rampal for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. She played an important role in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers in 2019. Hockey India also nominated other players Vandana, Monika and Harmanpreet Singh for the Arjuna award.
6. What is the name of the initiative launched by the Sports Ministry to train Physical Education teachers and Community Coaches?
- [A] Bharat Coach Development Programme
- [B] Khelo India Community Coach Development Programme ☒
- [C] Khelo India Sports Development Programme

[D] National Sports Mission

- ✓ The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju has recently launched a 25 day Khelo India Community Coach Development Programme.
- ✓ The programme seeks to train about 15,000 Physical Education Teachers and Community Coaches across India. Sports Ministry will collaborate with the Human Resources Ministry to implement this programme in all school in India.

7. The Union Government has launched a drive to issue Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to which category of farmers?

- [A] Dairy farmers ☒ [B] Poultry farmers
[C] Horticulture farmers [D] Pisciculture farmers

- ✓ The Union Government has recently launched Kisan Credit Card campaign to help dairy farmers. The Government will provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to about 1.5 crore dairy farmers who belong to Milk Unions and Milk producing Companies.
- ✓ The drive seeks to provide KCC to the farmers within the next two months before July 31, under a special drive. The special drive to provide KCC is part of the Prime Minister's Atma Nirbhar Bharat package.

8. Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom?

- [A] Gaitri I. Kumar ☒ [B] Ruchi Ghanshyam
[C] Vinay Kumar [D] Alok Kumar Sinha

- ✓ Veteran diplomat Gaitri I. Kumar has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom. She is a 1986 batch Indian Foreign Service officer and is presently serving as the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union.
- ✓ Gaitri I. Kumar is to replace Ruchi Ghanshyam who just retired. In her 3 decade long career, the diplomat has served in many Indian missions including in Paris, Kathmandu, Lisbon and Geneva.

9. Which state has made Aadhaar card mandatory for services like Salons and beauty parlours, to facilitate contact tracing?

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

- ✓ The Government of Tamil Nadu released the standard operating procedure for the salons, beauty parlours and spas, when they resume their service after the lockdown. As per the rules, the mentioned service providers will have to maintain a record of the name, phone number, and address and Aadhaar number of the customers as a preventive measure against COVID-19. It would also facilitate contact tracing.

10. Which Union Ministry has recently fixed the limit of local content in public procurement of 55 products?

- [A] Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers ☒
[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
[C] Ministry of MSMEs
[D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare

- ✓ The Union Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers recently fixed the minimum percentage of local content in public procurement of 55 chemical and pesticide products.
- ✓ This step is a part of the government's effort to boost domestic manufacturing and the Make in India programme. As per the new norm, the minimum local content has been fixed at 60 per cent for 2020-21, 70% for 2021-23 and 80% during 2023-25. Dept., of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade had revised the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017 for implementing this norm.

6. Google's former Chief financial officer Patrick Pichette has been appointed as the board chairman of which Technology Company?

[A] Amazon

[B] Apple

[C] Twitter ☒

[D] Facebook

✓ Twitter has recently appointed Patrick Pichette, a former chief financial officer at Google as the next chairman of its board. This is the first time in the history of Twitter that an outsider is presiding over the board.

✓ Patrick Pichette served as the lead independent director of Twitter since the end of 2018. He is to replace Omid Kordestani in leading the directors as Chairman.

7. World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on which date?

[A] June 2

[B] June 3 ☒

[C] June 4

[D] June 5

✓ The UN's General Assembly had declared June 3 as World Bicycle Day. The UN encourage its stakeholders to encourage the use of bicycles as a means of promoting sustainable development and health.

✓ It also welcomes various initiatives to organise bicycle rides at the national and local levels and develop a culture of cycling in society.

8. Who was the Chairman of the Expert Committees on Rationalisation/Closure/Merger of Film Media Units?

[A] Bimal Julka ☒

[B] Rahul Rawail

[C] Shyama Prasad

[D] Nagabharana

✓ The Expert Committees on Rationalisation / Closure / Merger of Film Media Units and the committee on Review of Autonomous Bodies under the aegis of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting submitted their report to the I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar.

✓ The committees were headed by Bimal Julka with an objective of rationalisation and professionalisation of institutes related to film activities.

✓ The committee recommended specific roadmaps for the development of institutes including National Film Development Corporation, Films division, Children's Film Society of India among others.

9. Where are Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for Indian Medicine (PLIM) and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (HPL) located?

[A] Mumbai

[B] New Delhi

[C] Ghaziabad ☒

[D] Chandigarh

✓ The Union Cabinet has recently given its approval to re-establish Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) as Subordinate Office under Ministry of AYUSH.

✓ PCIM&H is to be merged with the two central laboratories: Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for Indian Medicine (PLIM) and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (HPL). The 2 laboratories were established in Ghaziabad in 1975. At present, PCIM&H is an autonomous body under AYUSH ministry.

10. Union Cabinet has approved to rename which major port of India as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port?

[A] Kandla Port

[B] Chennai Port

[C] Cochin Port

[D] Kolkata Port ☒

✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has recently approved to rename Kolkata Port as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port. During the 150th anniversary celebration of the Kolkata Port trust, the Prime Minister announced that the Port trust would be named after the leader Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

✓ The Port trust's board of trustees passed a resolution to re-name Kolkata Port on February 2020. The Kolkata Port is the first Major Port as well as the only riverine port of the country.

1. When was the Essential Commodities act passed?

[A] 1952 [B] 1955 ☒ [C] 1975 [D] 1982

- ✓ The Union Cabinet recently amended the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in view of helping farmers and transforming the agriculture sector.
- ✓ With the amendment, commodities like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes will be removed from list of essential commodities, thereby attracting private sector and foreign direct investment into agriculture sector. The cabinet also approved two ordinances to promote barrier free inter-state and intra – state trade and commerce and give a level playing field with wholesalers and exporters.

2. Union Cabinet recently approved the MoU between India and which country, on cooperation in the field of Environment?

[A] New Zealand [B] Bhutan ☒

[C] Japan [D] Finland

- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has given its approval for signing a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bhutan on cooperation in the field of Environment.
- ✓ Under the agreement, the countries will work together in the areas of environment protection including air, waste, chemical management, climate change and management of natural resources by taking into account the applicable legal provisions in each country.

3. What is the objective of the new initiative SWADES?

[A] Environment [B] Employment Generation ☒

[C] Defence [D] Farmer welfare

- ✓ The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of External Affairs have jointly launched a new initiative named SWADES. SWADES stands for Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support.
- ✓ Since many Indian citizens are returning under Vande Bharat Mission, this scheme aims to conduct a skill

mapping exercise of the qualified people. The information will be shared with the companies for suitable job opportunities in the country.

4. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Finland?

[A] Vani Rao [B] Raveesh Kumar ☒

[C] Gaitri I. Kumar [D] Vinay Kumar

- ✓ Veteran diplomat and former spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry Raveesh Kumar has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Finland.
- ✓ The 1995 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, served as the spokesperson of the MEA from July 2017 to April 2020 and handled many important issues. He is set to replace Ambassador Vani Rao in Finland.

5. Which organisation bagged Rs 1,094 crore order from Defence Ministry to make 156 Tanks?

[A] Defence Research and Development Organisation

[B] Ordnance Factory Board ☒

[C] Hindustan Aeronautical Limited

[D] Bharat Electronics Limited

- ✓ Ordnance Factory Board, which functions under the Ministry of Defence, recently bagged Rs 1,094 crore order from Defence Ministry to make 156 Infantry Combat Vehicles (ICVs).
- ✓ The Infantry Combat Vehicles with upgraded features are to be developed for the use of Indian Army. As per the official statement, the ICVs will be manufactured by Ordnance Factory in Telangana. The vehicles, which will be highly mobile, will also be powered with high-powered engines.

6. Which Indian writer won the regional award for Asia of the Commonwealth Short Story Prize, 2020?

[A] Kritika Pandey ☒ [B] Madhuri Vijay

[C] Aravind Adiga [D] Vikram Seth

- ✓ Indian writer Kritika Pandey has won the regional award for Asia of the prestigious Commonwealth Short Story Prize for this year. The writer was selected for her work titled 'The Great Indian Tee and Snakes'.
- ✓ The Commonwealth Short Story Prize is awarded for the best unpublished short fiction, every year. She had also been earlier nominated for the Pushcart Prize. To be eligible for the award, one must be a commonwealth citizen aged above 18 years.

7. When is International Sex workers day observed?

- [A] June 2 ☒ [B] June 3
[C] June 4 [D] June 5

- ✓ International Sex workers day is celebrated on June 2, every year across the world, to highlight the plight of sex workers. On the same day in the year 1975, hundreds of sex workers gathered in the Church Saint-Nizier in France, to sensitise people about their exploitative living conditions & to demand end to police harassment.
- ✓ The Odisha Human Rights Commission has directed the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation commissioner to provide ration and other assistance to sex workers in Bhubaneswar.

8. Which Indian non-governmental organisation (NGO) has been conferred with the World No Tobacco Day Award 2020 by WHO?

- [A] CARE India [B] Goonj
[C] SEEDS ☒ [D] Deccan Development Society

- ✓ Indian non-governmental organisation (NGO), Socio-Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS) has been conferred with the World No Tobacco Day Award 2020 by the World Health Organization (WHO), from the South-East Asia Region.
- ✓ The organisation is one among the 3 awardees and has been selected for its efforts to ban pan masala, gutkha, e-cigarettes and hookah in Bihar and Jharkhand. On May 31, World No Tobacco Day, the WHO selects individuals and organisations from its 6 regions for their contribution in the field of tobacco control.

9. As per the State of India's Birds report, 15 birds of which state have been flagged among 'species of concern'?

- [A] Tamil Nadu [B] Kerala ☒
[C] Assam [D] Himachal Pradesh

- ✓ The National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) recently released the State of India's Birds report. As per the report, 15 bird species of Kerala have been flagged among 'species of concern'.

- ✓ The bird species on the list include Banasura, Ashambu laughingthrushes, White-bellied Sholakili, Broad-tailed grassbird, Nilgiri thrush, Nilgiri pipit and White-rumped vulture among others. The authorities said that the entry of 2 bird species – Heart-spotted woodpecker and Forest wagtail is more concerning.

10. What is the name of the tropical storm that has formed in the southern Gulf of Mexico?

- [A] Amphan [B] Amanda
[C] Cristobal ☒ [D] Harold

- ✓ A tropical storm named Cristobal has been formed in the southern Gulf of Mexico. A heavy flood threat has been announced for Mexico. Earlier in the year 2016, a tropical storm named Colin formed in the Gulf.

- ✓ As per the warning from the U.S. National Hurricane Center, the storm is expected to make a northward turn and head towards the US Gulf coast. It was formed from the miscellanies of the recent Tropical Storm Amanda.

1. Which country played host to the virtual Global Vaccine Summit?

- [A] United States [B] United Kingdom ☒
[C] Japan [D] South Korea

- ✓ United Kingdom recently hosted the Global Vaccine Summit, which was held virtually due to the restrictions involved amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Indian PM Modi attended the conference and pledged \$15 million as India's contribution to the vaccines alliance GAVI.
- ✓ The British PM earlier urged all nations to pledge funds for vaccinations to save the lives of people across the world from outbreaks of infectious diseases in future.

2. Who has been appointed as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

- [A] V K Kirloskar [B] Uday Kotak ☒
[C] Adi Godrej [D] Sanjiv Bajaj

- ✓ Seasoned banker and Managing director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, Uday Kotak has recently assumed office as the president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2020-21.
- ✓ As per the chamber, Uday Kotak takes over from the present Chairman and Managing Director of Kirloskar Systems, Vikram Kirloskar. The MD and CEO of Tata Steel, T V Narendran is now the President designate of CII for 2020-21.

3. Which country is set to re-enter the UN Security Council, as a sole contender for the Asia Pacific seat for non-permanent membership?

- [A] Thailand [B] India ☒
[C] China [D] Sri Lanka

- ✓ India is the sole contender for the Asia Pacific seat in non-permanent category of the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member. The General Assembly of UNSC is to hold elections for the five non-permanent members of the Security Council on June 17.

- ✓ It has also proposed new secret ballot voting arrangements due to the COVID-19 restrictions. India has been elected as a non-permanent member of UNSC for seven terms starting from 1950-51 till 2011-12.

4. 'The Great Reset' is the proposed theme of the summit of which international organisation?

- [A] Food and Agricultural Organisation
[B] United Nations Children's Fund
[C] World Economic Forum ☒
[D] World Health Organisation

- ✓ As per the latest announcement from the World Economic Forum (WEF), it will adopt a new twin-summit format for its next annual summit. The flagship annual Davos summit is proposed to be held in January 2021 with a theme of 'The Great Reset'.

- ✓ The 51st summit is to bring together leaders from across the globe either in person or for virtual dialogues. This year, the 50th WEF Annual Meeting was held from Jan 21-24, 2020.

5. India has signed 'Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA)' with which country?

- [A] Japan [B] Australia ☒
[C] Finland [D] Germany

- ✓ During his first ever virtual bilateral summit with the Australian head, the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi signed a landmark agreement related to defence.
- ✓ The agreement named 'Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA)' will allow the militaries of the two countries to use the bases of each other countries, for the purpose of repair and replenishment of supplies.
- ✓ India has already signed similar agreements with the US, France and Singapore. The countries also decided to re-engage on a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

6. What is the name of the Internship Program launched to provide internship opportunities to fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies?

- [A] Champions [B] Tulip ☒
[C] Bharat Intern [D] Urban Intern

✓ Union Minister for Human Resources and MoS Housing & Urban Affairs jointly launched TULIP, an Internship Program with Urban Local Bodies across the country.

✓ The initiative TULIP, which stands for 'The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)', provides internship opportunities to fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Smart Cities across the country. It was initially announced under the theme 'Aspirational India'.

7. As per the data from National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), which Indian state reported the maximum tiger deaths?

- [A] Maharashtra [B] Madhya Pradesh ☒
[C] Uttar Pradesh [D] Karnataka

✓ As per the recent data from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), as many as 750 tigers have died in the country in the last eight years. Out of the total mortalities, 369 were due to natural causes and 168 were due to poaching.

✓ The state of Madhya Pradesh reported the highest casualties at 173, which is followed by Maharashtra. The data also highlighted that 101 tigers were seized by different authorities across the country between 2012 – 2019. In Dec.2019, there were 2976 tigers in the country.

8. Which organisation has developed a device called 'SUMERU-PACS', to help PPE wearers?

- [A] Hindustan Aeronautical Limited
[B] Defence Research Development Organisation ☒
[C] Bharat Electronics Limited
[D] Ordnance Factory Board

✓ The Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a device called SUMERU-PACS that helps the wearers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to feel comfortable without sweating.

✓ After receiving feedback about the discomfort faced by the people wearing PPEs, DRDO has developed a personal air circulation system that can be used inside the PPE. The system is in the form of a small backpack weighing approximately 500 grams.

9. Who has been appointed as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to World Trade Organisation?

- [A] Brajendra Navnit ☒ [B] Nripendra Mishra
[C] Abhas Jha [D] K V Kamath

✓ Veteran Bureaucrat & 1999 batch IAS officer, Brajendra Navnit has been appointed as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India (PRI) to the World Trade Organisation for a period of three years.

✓ He had been the Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office prior to this appointment and will be posted at the Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the WTO in Geneva. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet also gave a nod to the appointment of IRTS officer Anwar Hussain Shaik for the post of Counsellor.

10. When is 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression' observed?

- [A] June 2 ☒ [B] June 3
[C] June 4 [D] June 5

✓ The United General Assembly decided to commemorate 4 June of each year as the 'International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression'.

✓ The objective of the day is to acknowledge the pain of the children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. UN had also ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

1. What is the theme of the Environment Day, 2020?

[A] Climate Action

[B] Celebrating Biodiversity ☒

[C] Enrich Our Environment

[D] Environment and SDG

✓ World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year by the United Nations, to encourage awareness and environmental protection.

✓ The theme of World Environment 2020 is 'Celebrating biodiversity'. The day will be hosted in Colombia in partnership with Germany. It is reported that about one million species facing extinction, as of now. In India, Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry releases series of advisories during a programme 'Saving Biodiversity through Effective Waste Management'.

2. Which Indian has been appointed as the senior advisor to the Executive Director (ED), World Bank?

[A] Surjith Bhalla

[B] Rajeev Topno ☒

[C] Urjit Patel

[D] Abhas Jha

✓ Veteran bureaucrat Rajeev Topno, a 1996 batch IAS officer who had been serving as the private secretary to the Prime Minister, has been appointed as senior advisor to the Executive Director (ED), World Bank. As per the Personnel Ministry order issued, five other officers have been appointed to various posts abroad.

✓ This includes the appointment of Ravi Kota as Minister (Economic) at the Indian embassy in Washington; Lekhan Thakkar as Counsellor (Economic) at the Indian Embassy in Beijing; H Atheli, as Advisor to the ED of the ADB among others.

3. What is the name of the initiative launched by the Environment Ministry to increase urban forest cover?

[A] Nagar Van ☒

[B] Green India

[C] Green Cities Mission

[D] Nature Mission

✓ The Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the 'Nagar Van' programme to increase forest cover in urban areas. During the virtual celebration of World Environment Day 2020, the programme was launched with 200 corporations and cities across India.

✓ The Minister urged the people to actively participate in the programme to increase the tree cover in their areas. This year, the government's target for tree plantation is 145 crores.

4. Which country is to host 2022 Asian Football Confederation Women's Asian Cup for the first time?

[A] Nepal

[B] Japan

[C] India ☒

[D] Sri Lanka

✓ India has bagged the hosting rights of the Asian Football Confederation 2022 Women's Asian Cup for the first time since 1979. This tournament will feature 12 teams, as compared to the previous slot of eight teams. India will qualify to participate in the tournament directly as hosts. This event will also serve as the qualification tournament for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

5. Which country has launched a UNDP national campaign on 'Prevention of Human & Animal Mortality on Highways'?

[A] Germany

[B] India ☒

[C] Japan

[D] Brazil

✓ India has recently launched the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) campaign on 'Prevention of Human & Animal Mortality on Highways'.

✓ Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari has launched the campaign through video conference on the occasion of World Environment Day. The Minister also highlighted that about 5 lakh road incidents are witnessed in India every year.

6. In which district the Keeladi excavation site located, where skeletal remains of an animal have been recently unearthed?

[A] Salem

[B] Thirunelveli

[C] Thiruchirapalli

[D] Sivagangai ☒

✓ Skeletal remains of an animal have been recently unearthed at Manalur near Madurai, under the sixth phase of excavation work at Keeladi site, undertaken by the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology.

✓ Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Mr. Edappadi K Palaniswami had started the 6th phase of excavation work in February at Keeladi, Kondhagai, Agaram and Manalur near Madurai.

✓ During the excavation, a variety of materials including weaving, animal husbandry and water management were recovered. The materials were found to be belonging to the 5th century of the Tamil culture.

7. When is the 'International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing' observed?

[A] June 2

[B] June 3

[C] June 4

[D] June 5 ☒

✓ The International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing is observed every year on June 5. The purpose of this day is to sensitise about the threats posed by unregulated fishing activities to the fisheries resources.

✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared June 5 as the International Day for the fight against IUU fishing in November 2017. The first such day was celebrated in the year 2018. The Agreement on Port State Measures was brought into force on the same day.

8. Ambarnaya River that was seen in news recently, is located in which country?

[A] United States

[B] Russia ☒

[C] Germany

[D] Australia

✓ Russian President Vladimir Putin declared a state of emergency on Wednesday after 20,000 tonnes of diesel oil to spill into the Ambarnaya River. The 60 km long river is present in Norilsk, which is called as the nickel capital of Russia. The spill of the diesel oil has turned the surface of the river into crimson red colour.

✓ The oil is alleged to have come as a result of a fuel tank collapse at a power plant near the city.

9. '#iCommit' is a new campaign launched by which Union Ministry of India?

[A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

[B] Ministry of Power ☒

[C] Ministry of MSMEs

[D] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

✓ The Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, R K Singh launched the '#iCommit' campaign, on the occasion of World Environment Day.

✓ The initiative aims to bring together all stake holders including Govts, Corporates, several organisations, Think Tanks and Individuals and create a robust and sustainable energy system in the future. The campaign is led by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the administration of Ministry of Power.

10. Which language day is celebrated by the United Nations on June 6, the birthday of famous poet Alexander Pushkin?

[A] Spanish Day

[B] Russian Day ☒

[C] English Day

[D] French Day

✓ UN celebrates six separate language days to raise awareness of the history, culture and development of each of its six official languages – English, Arabic, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and French.

✓ June 6 is celebrated as the UN Russian Language Day, which is also the birthday of the Great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin. The poet is considered as the father of modern Russian literature. Some of his popular literary works include novel titled "Eugene Onegin" and

his poem titled "The Bronze Horseman".

1. 'SPANDAN' is a campaign launched by which Indian state?

[A] Odisha

[B] Chhattisgarh ☒

[C] New Delhi

[D] Uttarakhand

- ✓ The state Government of Chhattisgarh has recently launched the 'Spandan' Campaign to reduce incidents of suicide and fratricide involving police personnel. Instructions were issued to senior officers to strictly follow the guidelines regarding counselling and medical treatment for depressed officers / staff by psychiatrists or psychologists in the district headquarters.

- ✓ Yoga classes are also to be arranged. As many as 50 police personnel committed suicide in Chhattisgarh over the past two years.

2. Which Article of the Indian constitution says, "India, that is Bharat, shall be a union of states"?

[A] Article 1 ☒

[B] Article 2

[C] Article 3

[D] Article 4

- ✓ Article 1 of the Indian constitution reads "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States". Recently a petition was filed at the Supreme Court, which sought to remove the name of 'India' from the first article.
- ✓ The Chief Justice of India Sharad Bobde said that Bharat and India are both names given in the Constitution and that India is already called 'Bharat' in the Constitution. However, the court said that the writ petition should be treated as a representation and to be sent to the Centre for final decision.

3. What is the theme of the World Food Safety Day 2020?

[A] Future of Food Safety

[B] Food safety, everyone's business ☒

[C] Food safety, first and foremost

[D] Food safety is still far

- ✓ World Food Safety Day has officially celebrated on 7th June 2020 to strengthen efforts to ensure that the food we eat is safe. The theme of this year's inaugural WFSD 'Food safety, everyone's Business'.

- ✓ The day is celebrated to promote global food safety awareness and to bring together countries, civil society and private firms to take required action. World Health Organisation (WHO) is collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization leads the member states to celebrate Food Safety Day.

4. Who is the Chairperson of the task force, set up to examine matters regarding health and nutrition of women and children?

[A] Jaya Jaitly ☒

[B] Vinod Paul

[C] Najma Akhtar

[D] Vasudha Kamath

- ✓ As per the latest notification from the Union Women and Child Development Ministry, a ten member task force has been set up to examine matters regarding health and nutrition of women and children.

- ✓ Ms Jaya Jaitly has been named the Chairperson of the task force, which includes the Secretaries of various related Departments as ex-officio members. It will examine matters regarding age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering MMR and IMR, improvement of nutritional levels and other health & nutritional issues.

5. Which institution has partnered with Atal Innovation Mission to promote innovation and entrepreneurship?

[A] Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, CSIR ☒

[B] Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, TIFR

[C] Institute of Economic Growth

[D] Indian Institute of Science

- ✓ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR has partnered with Atal Innovation Mission, AIM to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in various sectors.

- ✓ Under the Letter of Intent signed, the two institutions would support world class start-ups and promote innovation and research in the MSME industry through CSIR incubators and ARISE initiative of AIM. They will also work together on new models of innovation like CSIR Innovation parks.

6. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is an autonomous society under which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

[B] Ministry of Communication

[C] Ministry of Human Resource Development

[D] Ministry of Electronics & IT ☒

- ✓ Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under Ministry of Electronics and IT, commemorated its 29th Foundation Day on June 5.

- ✓ STPI was established on June 5, 1991 and it has constantly contributed for the growth of Indian Information technology and electronics manufacturing industry. The exports of the STPI registered units stands at Rs. 4,21,103 crore during 2019–20,

7. Which Indian state has launched a dedicated State Environment Management Corporation?

[A] Kerala

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Andhra Pradesh ☒

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Y.S Jagan Mohan Reddy has recently launched the Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation, to mark the World Environment Day celebrations on June 5.

- ✓ The Corporation would perform several prescribed tasks including collecting, segregating & scientifically disposing off industrial waste. It will also ensure if the industries follow the waste management protocol mandated by the state.

8. Which Indian airport received the Platinum Recognition in the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020?

[A] Cochin Intl., Airport

[B] Hyderabad Intl., Airport ☒

[C] Indira Gandhi Intl., Airport, New Delhi

[D] Chhatrapati Shivaji Intl., Airport, Mumbai

- ✓ Hyderabad International Airport received the highest Platinum Recognition in the Airports Council International Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020. The airport owned and operated by the GMR group, has won the recognition in the 15–35 million passengers per annum category.

9. Who has been named the Chairperson of the reconstituted 'Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee' of SEBI?

[A] Ashok Dalwani ☒

[B] M S Sahoo

[C] Ajay Tyagi

[D] N K Singh

- ✓ Securities Exchange Board of India has reconstituted its Commodity derivatives advisory committee. As per the recent notification, the 17 member committee would be chaired by retired IAS officer Ashok Dalwani.

- ✓ The committee examines issues related to contract designs and new products in the segment and advises on matters related to delivery mechanism and warehouses. The panel includes members from BSE, NSE, NCDEX NITI Aayog and NABARD among others.

10. 'NAIMISHA' is an annual programme conducted by which organisation?

[A] ASI

[B] NITI Aayog

[C] National Gallery of Modern Art ☒

[D] TRIFED

- ✓ New Delhi based National Gallery of Modern Art, a subordinate office under the Union Ministry of Culture conducts the annual art programme named 'Naimisha'. Recently, It has announced that it would conduct the digital version of the programme 'Naimisha – 2020 Summer Art Program' from 2020 8th June to 3rd July. Workshops will be organised to help participants learn from veteran practising artists virtually.

1. Who is the winner of the USD 150,000 Lindores Abbey Rapid Challenge chess title?

- [A] Magnus Carlsen [B] Viswanathan Anand
[C] Daniil Dubov ☒ [D] Hikaru Nakamura

- ✓ Former World rapid champion from Russia, Daniil Dubov has clinched the USD 150,000 Lindores Abbey Rapid Challenge chess title. The 24 year old player won his compatriot Sergey Karjakin and Chinese No. 1 Ding Liren in last two matches.
- ✓ He gained victory over the American Grand Master Hikaru Nakamura in the final match 3–2. Dubov became the grandmaster at his 14th year and became a World rapid champion in the year 2018.

2. What is the theme of the World Oceans Day 2020?

- [A] Oceans and GDP
[B] Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean ☒
[C] Oceans are our real wealth
[D] Optimise our Oceans

- ✓ World Oceans Day is celebrated across the world on June 8, every year. The day is observed to encourage people to celebrate oceans and take steps to protect ocean health. The theme of World Oceans Day 2020 is “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean”.
- ✓ Canada proposed the concept for World Oceans Day in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. In December 2008, the United Nations designated June 8 as World Oceans Day for the oceans.

3. Which city has been declared as the summer capital of Uttarakhand?

- [A] Haridwar [B] Haldwani
[C] Kathgodam [D] Gairsain ☒

- ✓ As per the recent announcement from the Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand, the city of Gairsain in Chamoli district has been declared as the summer capital of Uttarakhand.

- ✓ The Governor of Uttarakhand Baby Rani Maurya also gave her assent to the decision. Gairsain is located about 270 Km from the existing capital of Dehradun. It is expected that the declaration of summer capital in the region will accelerate development of the hilly areas.

4. When is World Brain Tumor Day observed across the world, every year?

- [A] June 8 ☒ [B] June 10
[C] June 12 [D] June 14

- ✓ World Brain Tumour Day is observed on 8 June every year, across the world.
- ✓ The objective of the day is to raise awareness and educate general public about brain tumour. The World Brain Tumour Day was initially designated by Leipzig based non-profit organisation German Brain Tumour Association in the year 2000. Later it was acknowledged across the world. The observance also highlights the need of more research in the field.

5. Indian Naval Ship Kesari reached which country to provide essential medicines under Mission Sagar?

- [A] Madagascar [B] Sri Lanka
[C] Seychelles ☒ [D] Mauritius

- ✓ The Indian Naval Ship Kesari reached Port Victoria in Seychelles to provide COVID–19 related essential medicines, as a part of Mission Sagar.
- ✓ Under Mission Sagar, the government of India is extending assistance to friendly foreign countries in fighting COVID–19 pandemic. The programme is being implemented in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs and other Government agencies. This is in line with the ‘Security and Growth for All in the Region’ vision proposed by the Government earlier.

6. What is the colour of the strip to be affixed in all BS 6 compliant 4 wheel motor vehicles?

- [A] Red [B] Green ☒
[C] White [D] Black

- ✓ As per the recent notification of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, a one cm green sticker, providing registration details will be affixed in all BS 6 compliant motor vehicles. The order is expected to come force from October 1, 2020.

- ✓ Last year, it was announced that all motor vehicles will be fitted with tamper-proof, high security registration plates (HSRP). This green strip will be fixed at the top in the HSRP. This is in addition to the light blue sticker for petrol or CNG and orange sticker for diesel vehicle.

7. A transportation system named 'ARPIT', that was seen in news recently, has been inducted by which Indian armed force?

- [A] Indian Navy [B] Indian Army
[C] Indian Air Force ☒ [D] Indian Coast Guard

- ✓ The Indian Air Force has designed, developed and inducted a transportation system named Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT).
- ✓ ARPIT will be utilised to evacuate critical patients with infectious diseases including COVID-19 from high altitude and remote places. The cost of this indigenously designed system is Rs 60000, as compared to the imported air evacuation system priced at several lakhs. As of now, the Indian Air Force is inducting 7 ARPITS.

8. What is the rank of India in the Environment Performance Index (EPI Index 2020), released by the Yale University?

- [A] 120 [B] 146
[C] 168 ☒ [D] 171

- ✓ The 12th edition of the biennial Environment Performance Index (EPI Index 2020) has been released by the Yale University. In the index that measured the environmental performance of 180 countries, India secured 168th rank with a score of 27.6 out of 100.
- ✓ Last year, the country scored 30.57 and was placed at 177th rank. Denmark was placed at the 1st place, followed by Luxembourg and Switzerland. The United States of America was placed at 24th rank.

9. Who is the first Indian to win the prestigious Richard Dawkins Award?

- [A] Arundhati Roy [B] Javed Akhtar ☒
[C] Gulzar [D] Chandi Prasad Bhatt

- ✓ Indian poet cum writer Javed Akhtar has become the first Indian to receive the prestigious Richard Dawkins Award for 2020. The award is named after the English evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins.

- ✓ It is provided to individuals from the fields of science, education or entertainment, who publicly proclaim the values of secularism, rationalism and upholds scientific truth. The 1st edition of the award was awarded in the year 2003.

10. What is the ratio of central taxes to GDP in the fiscal year 2019-20?

- [A] 11.25% [B] 10.95%
[C] 10.25% [D] 9.88% ☒

- ✓ The ratio of central taxes to GDP fell further in the fiscal year 2019-20 to 9.88 %, mostly due to the decline in collection from customs duties and corporation tax.
- ✓ This measure is reported to be a ten-year low, as the ratio stood at 10.97 % in FY19 and at 11.22 % in FY18. Due to the stagnation in economic activity, this indicator is expected to decline further. The gross tax revenue also fell 3.39 % in FY20, with a shortfall of Rs 1.5 trillion as compared to the revised Budget target for the year.

1. The Government has allowed filing of GST monthly return through SMS service, up to which limit?
- [A] NIL return ☒ [B] Rs 1000
- [C] Rs 10000 [D] Rs 50000
- ✓ The Government has allowed filing of NIL GST monthly return in FORM GSTR-3B through SMS.
- ✓ The taxpayers with NIL liability are not required to log on to the GST Portal. This step is expected to make the tax compliance easy for over 22 lakh registered taxpayers who had to otherwise log into their account and file returns every month. India ranks 115 out of around 190 countries in ease of paying taxes.
2. As of 2020, which was the safest year in the Indian Railways, with zero passenger fatality for the first time?
- [A] 2011–12 [B] 2014–15
- [C] 2018–19 [D] 2019–20 ☒
- ✓ As per the statement of the Indian Railways, the best ever safety record has been created during April 2019 – March 2020. There has been no fatality of any railway passenger in any train accident during this period.
- ✓ This feat has been achieved for the first time since 1853, when the Indian Railway system was introduced in the country. About 1274 Manned Level Crossings have been eliminated in 2019–20, which is also the highest ever. More than 1000 bridges were rehabilitated and rails were renewed.
3. Rs. 101,500 crore is the allocation made under which scheme, during financial year 2020–2021?
- [A] PM KISAN [B] MGNREGS ☒
- [C] PM Jan Dhan Yojana [D] PM Jan Arogya Yojana
- ✓ Allocation of Rs 101,500 crore has been made under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the current financial year 2020–2021. This is the highest ever provision of funds under the programme.
- ✓ Out of the allocated fund, a sum of Rs. 31,493 crore has already been released in 2020–2021, which is more than 50% of the budget estimate of the current financial year.
4. Which famous award is also called as the Asia's version of the Nobel Prize?
- [A] Pulitzer Prize [B] Ramon Magsaysay Award ☒
- [C] Nobel Prize [D] Booker Prize
- ✓ The Ramon Magsaysay awards, regarded as Asia's version of the Nobel Prize, have been cancelled this year due to the COVID–19 pandemic.
- ✓ This is only the third time the annual awards were cancelled in the past six decades. Earlier, the awards were cancelled due to a financial crisis in 1970 and a terrible earthquake that hit the Philippines in 1990. The awards are provided by a Manila based foundation and named after the third president of the Republic of the Philippines after World War II.
5. Which Indian company has bagged one of the world's largest solar contract from Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)?
- [A] Tata Power [B] Adani Green Energy Ltd ☒
- [C] ReNew Power [D] Avadaa Energy
- ✓ Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) has bagged one of world's largest solar contract from Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). Under the contract, AGEL is to develop 8 GW of solar projects.
- ✓ It has also committed to establish 2 GW of additional solar cell and module manufacturing capacity at a cost of USD 6 billion (₹45,000 crore). With this contract, AGEL will have 15 GW capacity under operation, construction or under contract.
6. Which country's unmanned submersible has dived to the world's deepest ocean point, as of June 2020?
- [A] United States of America [B] China ☒
- [C] Germany [D] Australia

- ✓ The unmanned submersible of China "Haidou-1" has dived to a depth of 10,907 metres at the world's deepest ocean point. Haidou-1 has set the record by submerging under the Pacific Ocean surface of the Mariana Trench, the deepest area in the world.

- ✓ During the deepsea diving operation, it has also collected samples from the deep sea and high definition images of the geological environment.

7. Which is the most expensive city of India, according to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey'?

- [A] New Delhi [B] Mumbai ☒
[C] Bengaluru [D] Chennai

- ✓ According to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey', Mumbai is the most expensive city of India, for expatriates. It is also the 60th most expensive city for expatriates globally and it ranks 19th in Asia.

- ✓ In India, Mumbai is followed by New Delhi (101st globally) and Chennai (143rd globally). The global list was topped by Hong Kong, followed by Ashgabat of Turkmenistan. Tokyo and Zurich (Switzerland) are in the third and fourth positions, respectively.

8. The 18th Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has been inaugurated in which Union territory / territories?

- [A] Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh ☒
[B] New Delhi & Puducherry
[C] Andaman & Nicobar Islands
[D] Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

- ✓ The 18th Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has been recently inaugurated for the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the bench through video conference. The CAT Bench would deal exclusively with service matters of government employees.

- ✓ With this all the departments of the Department of Personnel Training namely Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Central Information Commission (CIC)

and Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) are now operational in the UTs.

9. What is 'ANANYA', that was seen in news recently?

- [A] Testing kit [B] Disinfectant spray ☒
[C] PPE [D] Ventilator

- ✓ Defence Institute of Advanced Technology in Pune has developed a nano-technology based disinfectant spray named 'ANANYA' to combat Covid-19. The formulation is effective in disinfecting all types of surfaces, including masks, PPEs, hospital linens, medical instruments.

- ✓ It can also be used to disinfect common places like elevator buttons and door knobs. The material has been developed by synthesising silver nanoparticles and a commercially available drug, Ampicillin. Commercial production is to be commenced soon.

10. Which state has topped the 'State Food Safety Index' 2020, released by FSSAI?

- [A] Tamil Nadu ☒ [B] Gujarat
[C] Maharashtra [D] Kerala

- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently released the results of the second 'State Food Safety Index'. The index was released on the occasion of the webinar 'Food Safety is everyone's business', organised by FSSAI to celebrate the World Food Safety Day during a webinar.

- ✓ Gujarat has topped among larger States in the index, while Chandigarh tops among UTs. Goa topped among smaller States in the index. An e-handbook on 'Eat Right during COVID-19' was also released.

1. 'Bande Utkala Janani' has been adopted as the state anthem of which Indian state?

- [A] West Bengal [B] Odisha ☒
[C] Chhattisgarh [D] Uttarakhand

✓ The state cabinet of Odisha has recently adopted 'Bande Utkala Janani' as the state anthem. This song was written by poet Lakshmikanata Mohapatra and it was first sung at the Utkal Sammilani's conference at Balasore in 1912.

✓ It was a long standing demand of people of the state to accord state anthem status to the song. After the official recording is released, the song will be sung at all public programmes.

2. NCERT has signed a MoU with which foundation to telecast e-learning content for school children?

- [A] Rotary India ☒ [B] Child Rights and You
[C] Smile Foundation [D] Akshaya Patra Foundation

✓ National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has digitally signed a MoU with Rotary India to telecast e-learning content for school children. The Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank was present during the event. The learning content is to be telecasted in all NCERT TV channels for class 1–12.

✓ Under the 'Vidya Daan 2.0' programme, Rotary International will provide the e-content in Hindi language to NCERT. Material for special children and Adult Literacy Mission will also be provided.

3. Baghjan oil well of Oil India Limited is located in which state?

- [A] Rajasthan [B] Odisha
[C] Assam ☒ [D] West Bengal

✓ The Baghjan oil well of Oil India Limited located in Tinsukia district of upper Assam has been leaking for more than 14 days. Recently, the oil well caught massive fire. A team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has reached the place.

✓ The Baghjan well is adjacent to the rich biodiversity filled Dibru–Saikhowa National Park of Assam.

4. Which country has launched plasma exchange network for COVID 19 treatment?

- [A] South Korea [B] United Kingdom
[C] Bangladesh ☒ [D] Vietnam

✓ Bangladesh has recently launched an online network to facilitate plasma exchange named 'Shohojodha'. This enables an exchange between the recovered patients of covid-19 and those undergoing treatment for covid-19.

✓ However, the plasma therapy for treating Coronavirus patients in Bangladesh is under trial process and is awaiting final approval from the government.

5. GERD Dam, claimed to be Africa's largest hydroelectric dam, is located in which country?

- [A] Ethiopia ☒ [B] Nigeria
[C] South Africa [D] Sudan

✓ The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is the most massive project of Ethiopia at a cost of USD 4.6 billion. The dam is located on the Blue Nile and its construction began in the year 2011.

✓ Recently the Nile basin countries Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan resumed negotiations. Egypt fears that the project will constrict its water supply while Ethiopia desires to become a major power exporter. Sudan has urged the two countries for negotiations.

6. What is the theme of World Accreditation Day, 2020?

- [A] Accreditation: Improving Food Safety ☒
[B] Safety Accreditation
[C] Quality Accreditation
[D] Quality Certification

✓ The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on 9th June every year to highlight and promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy.

- ✓ The theme for World Accreditation Day 2020 is "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety". It is decided by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). Quality Council of India (QCI) organised a Webinar to commemorate the event.

7. Which state has inaugurated a biodiversity park named 'Sarv Dharm Vatika'?

[A] Himachal Pradesh [B] Uttarakhand ☒

[C] Arunachal Pradesh [D] Sikkim

- ✓ The forest department of Uttarakhand has dedicated a biodiversity park in Haldwani to the people of state and country. The park is named as the 'Sarv Dharm Vatika', which spans over 18-acre area with 40 different sections and 479 plant species associated with all religions.

- ✓ It also possesses living fossils and a soil museum that displays the earth from tropical, subtropical and alpine zones. It also has Jurassic garden with various living plant families of the Jurassic period.

8. Who is the Chairperson of the committee reconstituted to look into the welfare of freedom fighters?

[A] N K Singh [B] G. Kishan Reddy ☒

[C] Ajay Kumar Bhalla [D] Nityanand Rai

- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs has reconstituted a committee to look into the welfare of freedom fighters.

- ✓ Minister of state for home affairs G Kishan Reddy has been named the Chairman of the committee, which also has nine eminent freedom fighters from across the country as its members. Home Ministry has another division which disburses pension to about 30,000 freedom fighters and their families.

9. Which ship builder delivered the Fast Patrol Vessel named 'ICGS Kanaklata Barua' for the Coast Guard?

[A] Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers ☒

[B] Cochin Shipyard

[C] Mazagon Dock Shipyard [D] Goa Shipyard

- ✓ India's leading shipbuilder, Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has recently delivered the Fast Patrol Vessel named 'ICGS Kanaklata Barua'. It is the fifth and final ship in the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) for the Indian Coast Guard.

- ✓ This is also the 105th vessel delivered by the GRSE ship yard, a state owned defence enterprise. It had earlier delivered vessels named ICGS Priyadarshini, ICGS Annie Besant & ICGS Amrit Kaur in this series to the ICG.

10. As per the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University rankings, how many Indian institutions feature among the top 200?

[A] One [B] Two

[C] Three ☒ [D] Four

- ✓ The QS World University Rankings has been released by global higher education consultancy QS Quacquarelli Symonds. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) topped the list for the 9th consecutive year, followed by Stanford University and Harvard University all being American.

- ✓ Only 3 Indian institutions namely IIT Bombay (172nd), IISc Bangalore (185th) and IIT Delhi (193rd) feature among the top 200 in the list, with none in the top 100.

1. Which animal species recorded an increase by nearly 29%, as per a report from the forest department?
- [A] Bengal Tiger [B] Asiatic Lion ☒
[C] One horned Rhinoceros [D] Snow Leopard
- ✓ As per the recent report from the State Forest department, the population of Asiatic lions in Gujarat's Gir forest has increased by almost 29%. The exercise also found that the area inhabited by lions has increased by 36%.
- ✓ The increase of Asiatic lion population is possible due to the participation of local community. The Environment Ministry said that a land project being undertaken will further help in the conservation of Lions.
2. Which Indian state has topped in the disbursements to MSMEs under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme?
- [A] Tamil Nadu ☒ [B] Rajasthan
[C] Madhya Pradesh [D] Assam
- ✓ The Finance Ministry announced that the public sector banks have disbursed Rs 12,200.65 crore till June 9, under the Rs 3 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSME sector.
- ✓ It also announced that Tamil Nadu has topped in the disbursements to MSMEs under ECLGS, with the total disbursement of Rs 1,727 Cr, out of the cumulative sanction of Rs 2,637 crore from banks. It was followed by Uttar Pradesh, with disbursement of Rs 1,225 crore.
3. Which country releases the annual 'International Religious Freedom Report'?
- [A] India [B] United States of America ☒
[C] New Zealand [D] China
- ✓ The United States Department of State releases the annual 'International Religious Freedom Report', in accordance with the International Religious Freedom Act, 1998. The report submitted to the US Congress, describes the status of religious freedom in every country.
- ✓ It was in news because the report raised concerns over the religious freedom of India. The report also mentioned about the revocation of special status of Jammu and Kashmir and the parliamentary approval of the Citizenship Amendment Act.
4. Which country has recently granted professional status to women's football?
- [A] Brazil [B] United States of America
[C] Spain ☒ [D] Argentina
- ✓ Spain has recently granted professional status to women's football. As per the Spanish federation, the top two women's football divisions in Spain have gained professional status.
- ✓ This decision is expected to promote the development of these competitions which were considered amateur football, until now. The sports council of the country also accepted the change in status for the competitions and it will also be valid for men's and women's futsal competitions of the country.
5. Which Indian state approved the Semi High-Speed Rail corridor named 'Silver Line'?
- [A] Uttarakhand [B] Sikkim
[C] Kerala ☒ [D] Maharashtra
- ✓ The cabinet of Kerala government has given its approval for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Thiruvananthapuram-Kasaragod Semi High-Speed Rail corridor. Called as the 'Silver Line' project, it aims to cover about 529.45 km in four hours.
- ✓ The implementing agency Kerala Rail Development Corporation Ltd (K-rail) is a joint venture of the Indian Railways and the Kerala Government. The Cabinet changed the DPR, to skip Mahe of Puducherry in the route. The cost of the project is estimated to be Rs 63,941 crore. It is expected to be completed in five years.
6. What is the name of the ocean area spread across Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste?

[A] Coral Triangle ☒

[B] Coal Triangle

[C] Central Triangle

[D] Congo Triangle

- ✓ The Coral Triangle Day is held every June 9 across the world. Coral Triangle is the ocean spread across 6 countries in the Asia-Pacific region: Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Timor Leste, also called the "CT6" countries.

- ✓ The day is celebrated by all countries which are benefitted by the rich marine resources of the Coral Triangle. It is also one of the 3 great ecological complexes in our planet, along with the Congo Basin and the Amazon Rainforest.

7. Which Former RBI Governor features in the Asian Development Bank's advisory panel to tackle COVID-19 in South East Asia?

[A] Urjit Patel

[B] Raghuram Rajan ☒

[C] D Subba Rao

[D] Y V Reddy

- ✓ The President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Masatsugu Asakawa has launched a high-level panel of leading experts to help Southeast Asian economies tackle COVID-19 pandemic. The panel is moderated by the ADB Vice-President Ahmed M. Saeed.

- ✓ Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India Raghuram Rajan features in the list among the experts of finance, health and economy. The panel will focus on structural reforms, innovation in domestic resource mobilization among others.

8. Which Central Public Sector Enterprise partnered with Industrial Training Institutes to train youths in trades and industrial skills?

[A] National Fertilizers Limited ☒

[B] CIL

[C] Steel Authority of India

[D] NALCO

- ✓ A Central Public Sector Enterprise under Department of Fertilizers, National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) has tied up with Industrial Training Institutes located near to its plants to train youth in several trades. The partnership is expected to upskill the youth and to enhance their employability in heavy industries.

- ✓ NFL becomes first CPSE to start this initiative in Punjab, by signing a MoU with ITI, Nangal. The students will be trained under Dual System of Training Scheme where they will learn both theoretical skills and on the job training in Nangal plant.

9. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has partnered with which facility to enable its pensioners submit digital Life certificates?

[A] India Post Payment Bank

[B] Common Service Centre ☒

[C] Passport Seva Kendra

[D] UIDAI

- ✓ Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has partnered with the Common Service Centre (CSC) to enable the pensioners submit Digital Jeevan Pramaan (Life Certificate). As per the statement of the Labour Ministry, around 65 lakh pensioners can submit their life certificate through over 3.65 lakh CSCs.

- ✓ Every year, the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) pensioners need to submit their life certificates to continue to draw pension, as the life certificate will remain valid for one year from date of submission.

10. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Chamber of Commerce located?

[A] New Delhi

[B] Kolkata ☒

[C] Mumbai

[D] Ahmedabad

- ✓ Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the leading and only National Chamber of Commerce that was founded in 1925. It is headquartered at Kolkata.

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently delivered the inaugural address of the 95th annual plenary session of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) through video conferencing. During his address, the PM also praised the chamber for contributing to the development of industries in East India and the North East.

1. Government has issued advisory for import and possession of exotic live species under which agreement?

- [A] CITES ☒ [B] UNFCCC
[C] CBD [D] CMS

- ✓ The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement between governments. India is also a signatory to CITES.
- ✓ It seeks to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival. The Environment ministry has issued rules for dealing with the import of exotic species and for assessing scale of possession within the country, as per the CITES agreement. Exotic live species are defined as plants and animals that are moved from their original habitat to a new one by human intervention.

2. Which Indian-American has won the prestigious World Food Prize 2020?

- [A] Dr Rattan Lal ☒ [B] A.K. Patra
[C] Pradip Dey [D] R. S. Chaudhary

- ✓ Indian-American soil scientist Dr Rattan Lal has won the prestigious World Food Prize. It is considered to be equivalent to a Nobel Prize in agriculture. Dr Rattan Lal has been awarded for his contribution in assisting small farmers to improve their soil's health. He has promoted soil saving techniques which has benefitted the livelihoods of more than 500 million small farmers.

3. When is the 'World Day against Child Labour' celebrated?

- [A] June 12 ☒ [B] June 13
[C] June 14 [D] June 15

- ✓ The World Day against Child Labour is observed every year on June 12 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. This year (2020), the theme of the World Day against Child Labour is 'COVID-19: Protect children from child labour, now more than ever'.

- ✓ The day brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people to highlight the plight of child labourers and the measures to help them.

4. Which country's railways is the first to successfully run Double stack container train in electric zone?

- [A] China [B] India ☒
[C] South Korea [D] Israel

- ✓ Indian Railways has recently created a new benchmark as it has successfully operated first Double Stack Container Train in electric zone. The train has been run in high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) electrified sections, as per the Railway Minister Piyush Goyal.
- ✓ This is the 1st of its kind initiative and will also promote the mission of Green India. This operation has been commenced from Palanpur & Botad stations in Gujarat.

5. Which organisation has become the first construction sector organisation to completely operate in digital platform?

- [A] National Highway Authority of India ☒
[B] Indian Oil Corporation
[C] NTPC Limited
[D] REC Limited

- ✓ The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has become the first construction sector organisation to go fully digital. NHAI has launched 'Data Lake and Project Management Software', a cloud based and artificial intelligence powered big data analytics platform. With this launch, the entire project workflow of NHAI has been transformed to that based on online portal.

6. Which Union Ministry has launched an internship programme called 'Sahakar Mitra'?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture ☒
[B] Ministry of Home Affairs
[C] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

[D] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

- ✓ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has recently launched an Internship programme named 'Sahakar Mitra'.

- ✓ The scheme seeks to provide paid internship to youth and to ensure availability of loans to young co-operators. Each intern will get financial aid for the four months internship period. As a paid intern, the young professionals get practical exposure from the working of National Cooperative Development Corporation and cooperatives.

7. Which Indian state has launched a scheme called 'Panchvati Yojna', to develop parks and gardens in rural areas?

- [A] Himachal Pradesh ☒ [B] Uttarakhand
[C] Arunachal Pradesh [D] Sikkim

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Jai Ram Thakur has recently launched a new scheme called 'Panchvati Yojna'. Under the scheme that is being implemented by the rural development department parks and gardens would be developed for senior citizens of rural areas in the state.
- ✓ The main aim of the scheme is provide an opportunity to the elder people to spend their leisure time in a clean environment with Ayurvedic and medicinal plants.

8. SAUNI Yojana was launched by which Indian state that aims to provide adequate drinking water?

- [A] Gujarat ☒ [B] Karnataka
[C] Telangana [D] Chhattisgarh

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Gujarat has recently announced that the Phase-2 of the Saurashtra-Narmada Avataran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana will be completed before 15th of August.
- ✓ The scheme was launched with an aim of providing adequate drinking water to the state and meet the drinking water and irrigation requirements of Saurashtra and Kutch regions from Narmada River.

- ✓ It is also expected to fill 115 water reservoirs of arid Saurashtra and Kutch region. The first phase of SAUNI Yojana was launched in the year 2016.

9. The recent increase in Custom duty on which product import is expected to benefit agarbatti manufacturers?

- [A] Bamboo ☒ [B] Charcoal
[C] Sandalwood Oil [D] Coal

- ✓ The Central Government's decision to increase import duty on bamboo sticks from 10% to 25% will open up new avenues of self-employment in the country.
- ✓ Welcoming the decision in a statement issued today, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has said that, in the next 8-10 months, at least 1 lakh new jobs will be created in the Agarbatti industry, a major activity under the village industry sector in India, according to industry players.

10. Which Union Ministry has extended delivery period for capital acquisition contracts with Indian vendors by 4 months?

- [A] Ministry of MSME
[B] Ministry of Defence ☒
[C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
[D] Ministry of Finance

- ✓ The Union Defence Ministry has recently extended the delivery period for all existing capital acquisition contracts with Indian vendors by four months.
- ✓ As per the Defence Minister, 'force majeure shall be applicable for a period of four months i.e. 25th March 2020 to 24th July 2020'. This step has been taken because of supply chain crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Who heads the working group constituted by the Reserve Bank of India, to review private bank shareholding norms?

- [A] PK Mohanty ☒ [B] R Gandhi
[C] BP Kanungo [D] Rabi N. Mishra

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an internal working group to review the guidelines on ownership and corporate structure of private sector banks. The working group will be headed by PK Mohanty, an Executive Director at RBI.
- ✓ The group will examine the licensing guidelines of banking and regulations on ownership of private sector banks. It will also review the regulations on holding of financial subsidiaries through a non-operative financial holding company.

2. Which state's forest division has estimated 2000 Indian gaurs, in its first population estimation exercise?

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

- ✓ The 1st population estimation exercise of the Indian gaur carried out in the Nilgiris Forest Division, Tamil Nadu in recent years. As per the exercise that was conducted in February more than an estimated 2,000 Indian gaurs are present in the entire division.
- ✓ However, majority of animals were in the conflict-prone areas close to human habitations. Among the 2000 Indian Gaurs, about 794 gaurs were directly sighted over a one week period.

3. As per the National Institute for Space Research, which forest witnessed deforestation of 829 sq km in May 2020?

- [A] Amazon Rainforest ☒ [B] Congo Rainforest
[C] Daintree Rainforest [D] Africa Rainforest

- ✓ Research institute of Brazil, the National Institute for Space Research (INPE) has announced that the Amazon rainforest witnessed deforestation of 829 sq km in May

2020. This is the highest monthly level of deforestation observed in the forest since 2015.

- ✓ The institute also announced that deforestation increased by 91 sq.km compared to the same period last year. The PM of Brazil is advocating for farming and mining in protected areas to improve economy.

4. Who is the ex-officio Chairperson of the PM CARES fund trust?

- [A] Union Finance Minister [B] Prime Minister ☒
[C] Union Home Minister [D] RBI Governor

- ✓ The PM CARES fund has the Prime Minister as its ex-officio Chairperson. It has the Union Ministers of Defence, Home and Finance as its ex-officio trustees. The PM has the power to nominate 3 trustees to the Board.
- ✓ Recently, the trustees of PM CARES fund appointed SARC Associates as the independent auditor of the fund for three years. The Prime Minister's Office will be its head office and two PMO officials will administer the fund on an honorary basis.

5. Who has been appointed as the first female head of NASA's human spaceflight mission?

- [A] Jessica Meir [B] Kathy Lueders ☒
[C] Christina Koch [D] Ann McClain

- ✓ US space agency NASA has selected Kathy Lueders as its first female head of human spaceflight mission. NASA has successfully sent 2 astronauts to the International Space Station on board a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- ✓ In its next mission, it aims to land humans on the Moon by 2024. Kathy Lueders, who is currently the Commercial Crew Program Manager, has been named NASA's next associate administrator of the Human Exploration and Operations (HEO) Mission Directorate.

6. What is the theme of the 'International Albinism Awareness Day'?

- [A] Made To Shine ☒ [B] Made to Outperform

[C] Albinism Achievers [D] Succeed with Albinism

- ✓ The International Albinism Awareness Day is observed every year on June 13 to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide. The 2020 theme is "Made to Shine". Albinism is a congenital disorder characterized in humans by the complete or partial absence of pigment in the skin, hair and eyes.

7. Which State / UT has launched Poultry Policy, 2020 and announced subsidy for poultry related activities?

[A] Tamil Nadu [B] Jammu & Kashmir ☒

[C] Himachal Pradesh [D] Sikkim

- ✓ The Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has launched J&K Poultry Policy, 2020, to promote establishment of poultry units.
- ✓ It has also announced a dedicated allocation of Rs. 50 crore per annum as subsidy, for establishing of broiler / layer farms and other poultry allied activities. The UT is spending about 900 Crs spent on importing poultry and its products from outside. Access to credit and interest incentive are also provided to commercial poultry farms.

8. What is the name of the healthcare supply chain portal launched by the Union Government?

[A] Bharat Aarogya [B] Aarogyapath ☒

[C] Health is Wealth [D] COVID Care

- ✓ The Union Government has launched a new healthcare supply chain portal called 'Aarogyapath'. The portal has been launched by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The objective of the portal is to provide realtime availability of critical healthcare supplies for manufacturers, suppliers and customers.
- ✓ As per the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, the public platform can help customers in knowing about critical healthcare supplies.

9. What is the theme of 'World Blood Donor day 2020'?

[A] Safe blood saves lives ☒

[B] Encourage Blood donation

[C] Blood Donors are Angels

[D] Resources for Blood collection

- ✓ The World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on June 14 to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products and to thank blood donors. The 2020 theme "Safe blood saves lives" is a component of achieving universal health coverage.

10. Which Indian security force has launched a robot named 'Captain Arjun' to perform medical screening?

[A] Railway Protection Force ☒

[B] Central Industrial Security Force

[C] Central Reserve Police Force

[D] Border Security Force

- ✓ Railway Protection Force, Pune has launched a robot named 'Captain Arjun', to screen passengers while they board trains. ARJUN stands for Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice.
- ✓ It is equipped with a motion sensor, PTZ (Pan, Tilt and Zoom) camera and a Dome Camera. Captain Arjun also does thermal screening and also has a sensor-based sanitizer and mask dispenser. The robot uses artificial intelligence to track suspicious activity and antisocial activity.

1. When 'World Elder Abuse Awareness Day' celebrated every year?

[A] June 12

[B] June 13

[C] June 14

[D] June 15 ☒

- ✓ The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on the 15th of June every year to voice opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted on elderly people. As per a study, 15.7% of people aged 60 years and older were subjected to some form of abuse.

2. A 500 year old ancient temple submerged in river has recently reappeared in which state?

[A] Odisha ☒

[B] Chhattisgarh

[C] Bihar

[D] Sikkim

- ✓ A 500 year old ancient temple of Lord Vishnu that was submerged in Odisha's Mahanadi River during 19th century has reappeared after 15 years.
- ✓ The river is said to have been submerged due to change of course of the river. The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage's archaeological survey team visited the village in Nayagarh district and said that the top of the Gopinath Dev temple was visible due to the reduction in the water level of the river.

3. Which country is set to establish an Anti-racism commission?

[A] United States

[B] United Kingdom ☒

[C] Australia

[D] Brazil

- ✓ British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced that a commission to look at racial equality in the UK will be established.
- ✓ The proposed body would look at all forms of inequality in employment, health outcomes, academics, criminal justice system & all aspects of life. This announcement has been given after protests have been undertaken after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

4. Which country has launched its first nationwide gas trading platform called IGX?

[A] Iraq

[B] Iran

[C] India ☒

[D] Indonesia

- ✓ India has recently launched its first nationwide gas trading platform called Indian Gas Exchange (IGX). The 1st online delivery based exchange has been launched by the Indian Energy Exchange, a power trading exchange regulated by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- ✓ IGX will be incorporated as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Indian Energy Exchange. The platform is powered by technology from global exchange GMEX.

5. Which Union Ministry organises 'ADIP' scheme, through the Public sector enterprise ALIMCO?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- ✓ Recently, a virtual ADIP Camp for free distribution of assistive aids and devices at Block level for Divyangjans under the ADIP scheme was organized at Firozpur District in Punjab. This is the first camp being organized by the ALIMCO after opening of lockdown with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
- ✓ Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements the 'Assistance to Disabled persons for purchasing / fitting of aids / appliances' (ADIP) scheme through its Public sector enterprise, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO).

6. Which organisation launched 'e-Office' application in over 500 of its offices to improve e-governance?

[A] Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) ☒

[B] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

[C] Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

[D] Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

- ✓ The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has launched 'e-Office' application in over 500 GST and customs offices. The application has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- ✓ This will enable the automation of internal processes of handling files that have been handled manually and help improve e-governance. Over 50000 officers and staff will use this application.

7. Which Indian chess player bagged the second place in the Sharjah World Stars online chess tournament?

- [A] P. Harikrishna ☒ [B] Adhiban
[C] Koneru Humpy [D] Harika Dronavalli

- ✓ Indian chess player P. Harikrishna bagged second place in the Sharjah World Stars online chess tournament. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov won the online tournament by scoring 7.5 / 10 points. Polish Grandmaster Radoslaw Wojtaszek finished third.

8. What is the theme of the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought"?

- [A] Food.Feed.Fibre: Sustainable production and consumption ☒
[B] Combatting Drought in 2020
[C] Cooperation in combatting Drought
[D] No more desertification

- ✓ The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on 17th of June to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The day is a unique moment to remind everyone that land degradation neutrality is achievable through problem solving, strong community involvement and co-operation at all levels.

9. When 'International Day of Family Remittances' celebrated every year?

- [A] June 15 [B] June 16 ☒
[C] June 17 [D] June 18

- ✓ 'International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)' is celebrated on June 16, every year across the world. This year, the International Day is observed with the theme of "Remittances are a lifeline". This day also calls upon governments, private sector companies and the civil society, to maximize the impact of remittances through individuals.

10. As per the report of UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), what is the position of India in receiving FDI investments in 2019?

- [A] Five [B] Seven
[C] Nine ☒ [D] Eleven

- ✓ As per the recent report of UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India received \$51 billion of foreign investments in 2019. With \$51 billion, India was the world's 9th largest recipient of foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2019. This rank was released in the flagship report of UNCTAD titled 'The World Investment Report 2020' released recently.
- ✓ Last year, India managed to attract 42 billion dollars of FDI with the rank of 12. India's market will continue to attract market-seeking investments, UNCTAD said.

1. What is the campaign of the International Day of Yoga 2020, promoted by the AYUSH Ministry?

[A] Yoga at Home, Yoga with Family ☒

[B] Yoga during COVID-19

[C] Yoga for immunity

[D] Yoga for heart

- ✓ International Day of Yoga is celebrated every year on June 21, across the world. The first such day was celebrated in the year 2015.
- ✓ This year, Union AYUSH Ministry is promoting the practice of Yoga with the campaign 'Yoga at Home, Yoga with Family', through its various initiatives, as a part of the International Yoga Day Celebration on June 21. This year's observance will highlight the health-building and stress-relieving aspects of Yoga.

2. What is the target number of Van Dhan Self Help Groups, as per the recent announcement of TRIFED?

[A] 10000

[B] 20000

[C] 30000

[D] 50000 ☒

- ✓ TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) recently organised a webinar titled "Van Dhan: Tribal Start-ups Bloom in India".
- ✓ As per the Managing Director of TRIFED, the target of TRIFED is to expand the current coverage of 8,000 SHGs to 50,000 Van Dhan SHGs. The number of tribal gatherers is also to be made 3 times to 10 lakhs, through the COVID-19 relief plan of the Tribal Affairs Ministry.

3. Which is the first country, where WhatsApp is launching its 'WhatsApp Pay'?

[A] India

[B] Brazil ☒

[C] Japan

[D] South Korea

- ✓ Facebook owned social media major WhatsApp has launched its 'WhatsApp Pay' for the first time in Brazil.

- ✓ Two years ago, WhatsApp began testing the payments service in India, which enables users to send and receive money. However, the plan could not be materialised due to regulatory issues. WhatsApp has designed the payment system with a special 6 digit PIN or fingerprint authorisation to prevent unauthorised transactions.

4. Which Indian financial startup firm has been awarded as technology pioneer by WEF?

[A] ZestMoney ☒

[B] Snapmint

[C] PayU

[D] CC Avenue

- ✓ Two Indian firms namely ZestMoney and Stellapps feature in the new list of Tech Pioneers released by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ✓ The 100 firms selected as pioneers will be invited to participate at WEF workshops, events and highlevel discussions. Zestmoney offers affordable credit as an alternate to traditional way of finance. Stellapps, is a dairy technology solutions company.

5. In which state, a new species of fish named 'Schizothorax sikusirumensis' has been discovered?

[A] West Bengal

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Arunachal Pradesh ☒

[D] Kerala

- ✓ The team of Department of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat discovered a new fish species in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Named as 'Schizothorax sikusirumensis', the fish belongs to the genus Schizothorax. The name of the fish species represents the name of the rivers where it was found, the junction of River Siku and Sirum of East Siang District.

6. What is the rank of India in the World Competitiveness Index, 2020?

[A] 37

[B] 41

[C] 43 ☒

[D] 47

- ✓ India is ranked 43rd on the annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD). It has retained the same 43rd rank obtained in the previous edition.

- ✓ In the 2020 list that ranks 63 nations, Singapore has retained its top spot. It is followed by Denmark and Switzerland. However, the United States moved down from 3rd to 10th place. While India improved in hightech exports, foreign currency reserves etc, it degraded in areas like exchange rate stability, real GDP growth.

7. Which international financial institution approved a loan of USD 750 million to India to tackle COVID-19?

[A] International Monetary Fund

[B] Asian Infrastructure & Investment Bank ☒

[C] World Bank

[D] BRICS Bank

- ✓ The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has recently approved an additional \$750 million loan to strengthen India's fight against COVID-19.

- ✓ This loan would be co-financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The funds will be utilised for boosting the businesses in informal sector, providing social security for the deserving and strengthening the health care systems of India.

8. Galwan valley that was seen in news recently, is located in which Indian state / UT?

[A] Jammu and Kashmir

[B] Ladakh ☒

[C] Uttarakhand

[D] Sikkim

- ✓ In a violent conflict that took place in the Galwan Valley located in the Union Territory of Ladakh, as many as 20 Indian soldiers were killed. The US media reported that its intelligent officials quoted about 35 Chinese troops have been killed.

- ✓ The infrastructure projects that India has undertaken recently, a strategic road through the Galwan Valley, connecting the region to an airstrip, has escalated the conflict.

9. Who is the chairperson of the high powered panel, constituted by SEBI that has released its report to improve inquiry and enforcement processes?

[A] P K Mohanty

[B] AR Dave ☒

[C] U K Sinha

[D] N K Singh

- ✓ The high powered panel constituted by SEBI, has released its report to improve inquiry and enforcement processes of the market regulator.

- ✓ The panel has been chaired by a retired judge of the Supreme Court Justice Anil R Dave, has released its comprehensive report to SEBI. The report focusses on reducing timeline for passing final orders, improving recovery processes, quantifying alleged gains while levying penalties and interplay between SEBI norms and provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.

10. How many states have been identified by the Sports Ministry for creating Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE), in the first phase?

[A] Five

[B] Seven

[C] Eight ☒

[D] Eleven

- ✓ The Union Sports Ministry is set to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) under the flagship Khelo India Scheme. One KISCE will be identified in each state and union territory, to create a strong sporting ecosystem in the country.

- ✓ In the first phase, the Ministry has identified the sports facilities in eight states out of the 15 proposals, to be converted to KISCEs. The eight centres will be given a grant and the government will extend a Viability Gap Funding, for upgradation.

1. Which Indian sprinter has been nominated for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award?

- [A] Dutee Chand [B] Hima Das ☒
[C] Muhammad Anas [D] Arokia Rajiv

- ✓ Hima Das, the country's first track athlete to win a global title, has been nominated for the prestigious 'Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna' by the state government of Assam. Hima Das is a 20 year old athlete from Dhing village in Assam and is one of the youngest nominees for the country's highest sporting honour this year.

2. Which Tennis championships is scheduled to be held from Aug.31 to Sept.13 this year, without spectators?

- [A] Australian Championship
[B] US Open Championship ☒
[C] Wimbledon Championship
[D] French Open Championship

- ✓ As per the official confirmation, the US Open tennis championships will be held as scheduled in the month of August. The championships will be held without spectators, in Queens, New York from Aug.31 to Sept.13. The New York Governor Andrew Cuomo formally gave approval to the event. Safety procedures & sanitation protocols would be followed.

3. Where is the 4th edition of the Asian Youth Para Games scheduled to be held?

- [A] United Arab Emirates [B] Bahrain ☒
[C] Thailand [D] India

- ✓ The Asian Paralympic Committee recently announced that Bahrain will host the fourth edition of the Asian Youth Para Games from December 1 to 10 next year.

- ✓ This would be the first time that Bahrain is to host a big para sport event, which will take place across several venues in Khalifa Sports City and Isa Sports City of the country. Around 800 athletes under the age of 20 are expected to take part in the event in 9 different sports.

4. As per BP Statistical Review, what is the position of India, in terms of energy consumption in 2019?

- [A] Two [B] Three ☒
[C] Four [D] Five

- ✓ According to the BP Statistical Review released recently, India's energy consumption in 2019 was third largest behind China (141.70 EJ) and US (94.65 EJ).

- ✓ While world energy consumption rose to 583.90 Exa Joules (EJ), India's consumption increased 2.3% to 34.06 EJ. The growth was lower than 5.2% in 2018. It also said that India was second biggest growth driver of primary energy consumption in the world, behind China, in 2019.

5. What is the name of the rural public work scheme, to be launched by the PM, to help migrant workers?

- [A] Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan ☒
[B] Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Abhiyan
[C] Rojgar Protsahan Yojana
[D] Pradhan Mantri Shramik Abhiyan

- ✓ Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to launch Rs 50,000 crore employment scheme named 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan' from a village of Bihar. The scheme aims to provide income support to migrant workers who returned to their home states during the coronavirus lockdown.

- ✓ It will primarily focus on six states Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Odisha, where maximum migrant workers have returned. This scheme aims to provide livelihood for 125 days to 25,000 migrant workers of 116 districts.

6. Who has been elected as the President of 75th United Nations General Assembly?

- [A] Gita Gopinath [B] Volkan Bozkir ☒
[C] Masatsugu Asakawa [D] David Malpass

- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has recently elected Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir to be its

president. He is the first Turkish national to head the General Assembly. This decision has been taken ahead of the 75th General Assembly in September.

- ✓ Volkan Bozkir is serving as the head of the Turkish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. He had also served as Turkey's Minister of European Affairs and Chief Negotiator. He would assume office in September 2020 and hold the post for one year.

7. What is the name of the first mobile COVID-19 testing lab launched by the Health Minister, to promote testing access in rural areas?

- [A] I-LAB ☒ [B] Bharat Lab
[C] CO-LAB [D] GRAM LAB

- ✓ Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has recently launched India's first mobile lab for COVID-19 testing to promote last mile testing access in rural India.
- ✓ The Infectious Disease Diagnostic Lab (I-LAB) has been launched with the support of the Dept of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Tech, under the COVID command strategy. This mobile lab will be deployed in the remote and inaccessible parts of the country. It can perform 25 RT-PCR tests and 300 ELISA tests per day.

8. IM Vijayan, who has been nominated for Padma Shri award, is associated with which sports?

- [A] Cricket [B] Foot ball ☒
[C] Hockey [D] Table-Tennis

- ✓ The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recently recommended former skipper IM Vijayan for the country's 4th highest civilian award, the Padma Shri.
- ✓ Since he made his debut in the early 90s, he had scored 40 goals in 79 matches for India. He was also awarded the prestigious Arjuna award in 2003. Six Indian footballers including Bhaichung Bhutia and Sunil Chhetri have earlier won the Padma Shri award.

9. Who has been reappointed as the Ethics Officer and Ombudsman of Board of Control for Cricket in India?

- [A] D K Jain ☒ [B] Sourav Ganguly
[C] Jay Shah [D] W V Raman

- ✓ Former Supreme Court Judge D K Jain has been reappointed as the Ethics Officer and Ombudsman of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). D K Jain was appointed as the first ever Ombudsman and was later appointed as the Ethics Officer in addition.
- ✓ His term had ended on February 29 this year, but his appointment has been renewed for one more year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ombudsman will be conducting hearings virtually.

10. Vadhavan port is proposed to be built in which Indian state / UT?

- [A] Gujarat [B] Maharashtra ☒
[C] West Bengal [D] Kerala

- ✓ In the month of February, the Cabinet approved to build the Vadhavan port at Palgarh district in Maharashtra at an estimated cost of Rs. 65544 crores.
- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has said that ports as an industry are allowed in the ecologically sensitive Dahanu taluka area, which includes the Vadhavan in Palgarh district. The port will be developed with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) as the lead partner.

1. On which date, the 2020 edition of World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed recently?
- [A] June 18 ☒ [B] June 19
[C] June 20 [D] June 21
- ✓ The World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed every year on 18th of June to focus the world's attention on the role that sustainable gastronomy can play. It also reaffirms that all cultures and civilizations are contributors of sustainable development.
2. Which country is named the President of the UN Security Council for August 2021?
- [A] United States [B] China
[C] India ☒ [D] Norway
- ✓ India, which has been elected as a non permanent member of the Security Council recently, will serve as its president for the month of August, 2021. Non permanent members of the 15 nation UNSC for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2021.
- ✓ Tunisia will begin 2021 as the President of the Council in January. It will be followed by each of the members in turn for one month, as per the English alphabetical order of the name of member states.
3. Who has become the first Indian to participate in the \$150,000 Chessable Masters tournament?
- [A] B. Adhiban [B] P. Harikrishna ☒
[C] Praggnanandhaa [D] Sasi Kiran
- ✓ Indian Grandmaster P. Harikrishna is the first Indian to participate in the in the million dollar Magnus Carlsen Chess Tour that continues with the \$150,000 Chessable Masters.
- ✓ The Chessable Masters is a 12 player tournament which is to be played by the top six players of the world, on the classical ranking list, including Norway's Magnus Carlsen, China's Ding Liren and USA's Fabiano Caruana. The field has been divided into two groups of 6 players each.
4. As per the 'Global Status Report on Preventing Violence against Children 2020', what is the percentage of countries which enforce laws to protect minors?
- [A] 87% [B] 67% [C] 47% ☒ [D] 27%
- ✓ The 'Global Status Report on Preventing Violence against Children 2020' was launched by the World Health Organisation, the UNICEF, the UNESCO, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children & End Violence Partnership.
- ✓ As per the report, half of the world's children, about a billion are affected by physical, sexual or psychological violence, suffering injuries and death. Though nearly 88% of the countries have laws to protect minors, only 47% of them strongly enforce the laws.
5. Which agency of the United Nations releases the report titled 'Annual report on displacement'?
- [A] International Labour Organization
[B] United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ☒
[C] World Tourism Organization
[D] World Health Organization
- ✓ The UN Agency for refugees, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has released its Annual report on displacement. As per the report, nearly 80 million people were forcibly displaced by the end of 2019 globally.
- ✓ The main reason for displacement has been war, violence, persecution and other emergencies. This count is almost double the total figure of the past decade. The report also revealed that an additional 11 million people were newly displaced in 2019 alone.
6. Which Union Ministry is to conduct a special session titled 'Bharat: A Cultural Treasure', to mark International Yoga Day?
- [A] Culture [B] Tourism ☒
[C] External Affairs [D] Home Affairs

- ✓ Ministry of Tourism is organised a weeklong celebration of International day of Yoga from 15th June, 2020. It has also launched social media activities focussed on Yoga under the central theme "Yoga @ home and Yoga with family".

- ✓ The Tourism Ministry also conducted a special session titled 'Bharat: A Cultural Treasure' under Dekho Apna Desh Webinar. Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel attended the session along with celebrity participants.

7. Which institution has developed affordable diagnostic kits called 'Viral Transport Media' kits for COVID-19?

- [A] IISc, Bengaluru [B] IIT, Madras
[C] IIT, Guwahati ☒ [D] AIIMS

- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, in association with Guwahati Medical College & Hospital and a private firm has developed low cost diagnostic kits for COVID-19.

- ✓ VTM kits have two transport media for collecting swabs. The institution has also developed RT-PCR kits, and RNA isolation kits.

8. 'SATYABHAMA' portal, aims to promote Research and Development in which sector?

- [A] Climate Change [B] Mining ☒
[C] Virology [D] Epidemiology

- ✓ Union Minister for Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi has recently launched SATYABHAMA (Science and Technology Yojana for Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement) Portal.

- ✓ The portal has been launched for Science and Technology Programme Scheme of Ministry of Mines. It has been designed and implemented by National Informatics Centre (NIC), Mines Informatics Division. The portal aims to promote Research and Development in Mining and Mineral sector.

9. On which date, the 2020 edition of World Sickle Cell Day is observed?

- [A] June 19 ☒ [B] June 20
[C] June 21 [D] June 22

- ✓ The World Sickle Cell Day is observed every year on 19th of June to raise public awareness about the sickle cell disease and its treatment methods.

- ✓ Sickle cell disease is an inherited form of anaemia in which red blood cells are not able to carry adequate oxygen throughout the body. Govt has organised several campaigns for the proper treatment and cure of those suffering from the disease. This year is the 40th year of observance of the day by the Sickle Cell Society.

10. What is 'Swift J1818.0-1607', that was seen in news recently?

- [A] Neutron Star ☒ [B] Black Hole
[C] White Dwarf [D] Nebula

- ✓ Recently, a team of astronomers at NASA and European Space Agency ESA have discovered a neutron star called 'Swift J1818.0-1607'. The neutron star has been estimated to be about 240 years old.

- ✓ It was first discovered in March 2020, when it released a massive burst of X-rays. Neutron stars are the smallest and densest stars. According to NASA, Swift J1818.0-1607 contains twice the mass of The Sun.

1. Quantum communications satellite – Micius that was seen in news recently, was launched by which country?

[A] United States

[B] China ☒

[C] Russia

[D] Israel

✓ The World's first Quantum communications satellite, Micius was launched by China in the year 2016. It has pioneered in the field of quantum encryption. The satellite was seen in news recently, as it sends particles of light to Earth to establish the world's most secure communication link.

✓ This is considered to be a milestone in the research, as long range secure communication can be obtained without the help of traditional communication satellites. Secure long distance links such will be the foundation of the future global network called the quantum internet.

2. The Kodumanal excavation, that has revealed the belief of afterlife in megalithic culture, is carried out in which Indian state?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Karnataka

[D] Andhra Pradesh

✓ The State Department of Archaeology Team of the Kodumanal excavation has identified 250 cairn circles at the village in Erode district of Tamil Nadu.

✓ The team has recently found around 10 pots and bowls placed outside 3 chambered burial cists. It is expected to be of the head of the community. Pots filled with grains were placed outside the chambers as it was believed that the deceased will get a new life after death. This has revealed about the burial rituals and the belief of afterlife in megalithic culture.

3. When is the 'International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict' observed?

[A] June 19 ☒

[B] June 20

[C] June 21

[D] June 22

✓ The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed every year on June 19 to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict

related sexual violence, to honor the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world and to pay tribute to all those who have courageously devoted their lives to and lost their lives in standing up for the eradication of these crimes.

✓ The date was chosen to commemorate the adoption on June 19, 2008 of UN Security Council resolution '1820' (2008).

4. Who is the head of the panel constituted by the Renewable Energy Ministry, to attract investments into the sector?

[A] Amitesh Kumar Sinha ☒

[B] Ruchin Gupta

[C] Raj Kumar Singh

[D] Kailash Choudhary

✓ The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set up a Project Development Cell (PDC) to attract more investments into the sector.

✓ It is to be headed by the Joint secretary of MNRE, Amitesh Kumar Sinha, and will help meet the country's 175 GW target for green energy. The PDC aims to create projects that have all prior approvals for investors to adopt them.

5. Which Union Ministry has organised a webinar titled 'National Sickle Cell Conclave'?

[A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

[B] Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

[C] Ministry of Tribal Affairs ☒

[D] Ministry of Science and Technology

✓ The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs along with FICCI and two private healthcare institutes organised a webinar titled 'National Sickle Cell Conclave', to mark World Sickle Cell Day.

✓ Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda addressed the webinar and announced that the government has launched a new portal with registration facility, information about the disease and various government initiatives undertaken.

- ✓ The Ministry has initiated 'Action Research' project for helping SCD patients. A report titled 'Stepping out of the shadows – Combating Sickle Cell Disease in India' was released.

6. What is 'NavRakshak'?

- [A] Light Combat Aircraft [B] Fighter Jet
[C] PPE ☒ [D] COVID-19 Drug

- ✓ The manufacturing know how of a PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Suit being named 'NavRakshak' has been licensed by National Research Development Corporation to 5 five MSMEs. The manufacturers are expected to mass produce more than 10 million PPEs per year, to meet the demand of quality PPE kits across the country.
- ✓ This know-how has been developed at the Mumbai-based Innovation Cell of the Institute of Naval Medicine. Intellectual property rights are also to be obtained.

7. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)?

- [A] Raghuram Rajan [B] Urjit Patel ☒
[C] U K Sinha [D] M S Sahoo

- ✓ Former Reserve Bank of India Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as Chairman of the economic think tank, the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP). Urjit Patel will be the Chairperson of NIPFP for a 4 year term from June 22, 2020.
- ✓ He will replace Vijay Laxman Kelkar, who had been the Chairman of the institute since 2014. Urjit Patel served as the Deputy Governor of RBI in 2013 and Governor of RBI from 2016 to 2018.

8. What is the theme of the World Refugee Day 2020?

- [A] Every Action Counts ☒
[B] Everyone on earth matters
[C] Anti-racism wins
[D] Rights of Refugees

- ✓ World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20, to create awareness of the situation of refugees across the world. The theme of this year's observance is "Every Action Counts".

- ✓ On December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly decided that June 20 would be celebrated as World Refugee Day. The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol protect the refugees, who are present throughout the world.

9. Which Indian-American scientist has been appointed as the head of U.S National Science Foundation?

- [A] Sethuraman Panchanathan ☒ [B] Katina Michael
[C] K Subbarao [D] Chitta Baral

- ✓ The United States Senate has named that veteran Indian – American scientist Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan as the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- ✓ NSF is a top American body that promotes fundamental research in non-medical fields of science and engineering. The 58 year old Scientist is the Chief Research and Innovation Officer at Arizona State University, at present. He is to replace France Cordova as the 15th Director of the NSF. He is also the second Indian-American ever to be nominated for the position.

10. Which Union Minister of India is to attend the Russian Victory Parade on June 24, at Moscow?

- [A] Minister of External Affairs
[B] Minister of Defence ☒
[C] Minister of Commerce and Industry
[D] Minister of Home Affairs

- ✓ Union Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh is to attend the Russian Victory Parade on June 24, to be held at Russia's capital Moscow. The Victory Parade is organised to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the victory of Russia in the Second World War. Earlier, it was announced that a Tri-Service 75 Member Indian Military Contingent has reached Moscow to participate in the Victory Parade, along with other invited troops.

1. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with which Public sector enterprise to support its Innovation and Entrepreneurship initiatives?

- [A] Steel Authority of India [B] Coal India Ltd ☒
[C] GAIL Limited [D] NTPC Limited

- ✓ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with Coal India Ltd (CIL) to boost its Innovation & Entrepreneurship initiatives. During a virtual e-summit held between AIM and CIL, a Statement of Intent of strategic partnership between them was signed and exchanged.
- ✓ Under the collaboration, several programs will be conducted by them to promote innovation ecosystem through the initiatives of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).

2. Which Union Ministry celebrates International Yoga Day 2020 with a campaign titled 'Namaste Yoga'?

- [A] Ministry of AYUSH
[B] Ministry of Culture ☒
[C] Ministry of External Affairs
[D] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- ✓ Ministry of Culture is celebrating International Yoga Day 2020 by organising a campaign titled 'Namaste Yoga' from 19th to 21st June, 2020.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Culture Prahlad Singh Patel urged everyone to join him for a 'Surya Namaskar'. He also asked them to post their 'Surya Namaskar' videos on social media platforms to create health awareness among all citizens.

3. When is the International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice observed?

- [A] June 19 [B] June 20
[C] June 21 ☒ [D] June 22

- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly designated June 21 as the 'International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice'. It considered that the celebration of solstice

represents the unity of the cultural heritage across the world.

- ✓ Solstice is an event that occurs when the path of the sun stands still at a northern or southern limit before reversing direction. There are two solstices that occur annually namely the Summer Solstice around June 21 and Winter Solstice around December 21.

4. Mount Merapi is located in which country?

- [A] Philippines [B] Indonesia ☒
[C] Vietnam [D] Australia

- ✓ Mount Merapi is the most volatile volcano located in the country of Indonesia. It was seen in news, as the mountain spewed ash and hot gas into the sky. The mountain has a height of 2,968 meter and it is one of the most active of 500 Indonesian volcanoes.

- ✓ It has been generating dark hot clouds since last year. The last major eruption of the mountain happened in 2010, which killed 353 people.

5. Which Indian state is set to launch a new initiative for school students named 'Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho'?

- [A] Odisha [B] Tripura ☒
[C] Assam [D] Sikkim

- ✓ The state government of Tripura is launching an initiative named 'Ektu Khelo, Ektu Padho', to promote learning process of school students.
- ✓ The proposed scheme is to be started from June 25, for students up to class 8. As per the state's guidelines, assignments will be sent to students on mobile phones every morning, and feedback on their performance is to be collected in the afternoon. In the state, as many as five lakh students study in 4,733 government schools.

6. Which institution is to launch "Decarbonising Transport in India", in collaboration with International Transport Forum (ITF)?

- [A] NITI Aayog ☒
[B] World Wide Fund for Nature – India

[C] Indian Council of Forestry Research Education

[D] Indian Institute of Forest Management

- ✓ Indian Government's think tank NITI Aayog in collaboration with International Transport Forum (ITF) will launch the "Decarbonising Transport in India" project on 24 June. The project seeks to promote low-carbon transport system for India.

- ✓ Since 2008, India has been a member of ITF, which is an intergovernmental organisation for transport policy. The project is part of the "Decarbonising Transport in Emerging Economies" (DTEE) family of projects. India, Argentina, Azerbaijan, and Morocco are the present participants of DTEE.

7. Which Metro station of India is to have the first She-Man station of North India with special facilities for transgenders?

[A] Delhi Metro [B] Noida Metro ☒

[C] Kolkata Metro [D] Gurgaon Metro

- ✓ The Noida Metro Rail Corporation has announced its plan to convert Sector 50 metro station into a 'she-man' metro station.
- ✓ Once implemented, this would be the first She-Man station of North India with special facilities for employment opportunities to the transgenders. This station will be on the lines of the Pink Metro stations. Though the 'She-Man' station will be open for all passengers, it will cater especially to the transgender passengers.

8. The corporation of which state has launched 'Mission Zero' plan to combat 'COVID-19'?

[A] Tamil Nadu [B] Maharashtra ☒

[C] New Delhi [D] Gujarat

- ✓ The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) of Maharashtra launched 'Mission Zero' rapid action plan to combat COVID-19.

- ✓ Under the action plan, as many as fifty dispensary vans will cover various parts of Mumbai for 2-3 weeks to carry out a preliminary examination of patients.

- ✓ As per the data of the Ministry of Health and Family welfare, Maharashtra stands at the top spot with maximum number of people affected by COVID-19 in the country.

9. Which Indian state is set to become the first state to launch an employment guarantee scheme for urban poor?

[A] West Bengal [B] Jharkhand ☒

[C] Chhattisgarh [D] Andhra Pradesh

- ✓ Jharkhand is set to become the first state to launch an employment guarantee scheme for urban poor on the lines of the Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act. The scheme named 'Mukhyamantri Shramik Yojna' will guarantee 100 days of work in a financial year for urban unskilled labourers.

- ✓ Under the scheme, if the person doesn't get work within 15 days of request, unemployment allowance would be given. An urban employment guarantee council would be formed, headed by the Chief Minister and Urban development minister as the vice president.

10. What is the theme of the 'World Hydrography Day 2020'?

[A] Hydrography enabling autonomous technologies ☒

[B] Work and Contribution of Hydrographers

[C] Opportunity to highlight Hydrography

[D] Celebrating Hydrographic data

- ✓ The International Hydrographic Organization and its international members celebrate World Hydrography Day every year on June 21.

- ✓ The day highlights the importance of hydrography and its relevance in the modern world. The autonomous technologies include aerial, surface and underwater survey drones as well as autonomous ships.