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1. Which country is to send its expert teams to United Nations missions to help Congo and South Sudan fight COVID-19?

[A] United States of America

[B] India ☒

[C] China

[D] Brazil



- ✓ **As per the recent statement from the India's UN mission, India is to send two teams of specialists to support UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).**
- ✓ **This move is aimed to meet the COVID-19 challenge in two countries. One team of 15 specialists will be sent to Goma in DRC and another team of 15 specialists will be sent to Juba in South Sudan. This will strengthen the hospital facilities managed by Indian peacekeepers and will help those two countries in fighting COVID-19.**

2. When is 'International Day of Charity' observed across the world?

[A] September 5 ☒

[B] September 6

[C] September 7

[D] September 5



- ✓ **The International Day of Charity is observed every year on September 5, across the world. The day aims to sensitize people and NGOs to engage in volunteer and philanthropic activities.**
- ✓ **This date of 5 September marks the day of the anniversary of the passing away of Mother Teresa. She was honoured as a Saint was known for her missionary work in Kolkata. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.**

3. What is the name of the petitioner in the landmark SC judgement on basic structure of the Constitution, who has recently passed away?

[A] Kesavananda Bharati ☒

[B] Narendra Kumar Swain

[C] S Mohinder

[D] Ramkrishna Baba Patil



- ✓ Kesavananda Bharati, who was a petitioner of the landmark Supreme Court judgement on basic structure of the Constitution in 1973, has recently passed away. He was the head of a Mutt at Kasaragod in Kerala, and had moved the Supreme Court challenging the Kerala government's land reforms Act of 1969. Supreme Court ruled that the basic structure of the Constitution is unbreakable and cannot be amended by Parliament.

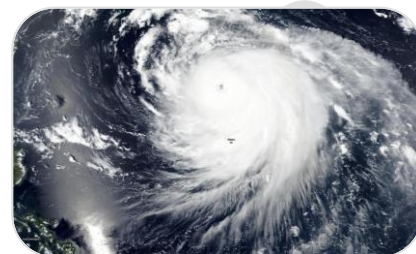
4. What is the name of the typhoon that has hit Japan and is approaching South Korea?

[A] Haishen ☒

[B] Sinlaku

[C] Hagupit

[D] Bavi



- ✓ As per the Japan Meteorological Agency, the typhoon Haishen hit Japan and released fierce winds and rains. Haishen means Sea God in Chinese and the typhoon unleashed winds of speed over 180 kilometers per hour and damaged some parts of Okinawa, Kyushu island. The typhoon is estimated to approach some regions of South Korea.

5. The Vice President of India has suggested to include which food product in Mid-day Meal scheme?

[A] Milk ☒

[B] Egg

[C] Meat

[D] Fruits



- ✓ The Vice President has recently suggested to include Milk as a part of the Mid-day Meal scheme, in break fast or meal, to improve the nutritional levels of children. The Vice President earlier discussed this proposal with the Union Minister for Women and Child Development in this regard. He also said that the Central Government would recommend to all states to include Milk.

6. Which organisation is to organise the first-ever World Solar Technology Summit?

[A] International Atomic Energy Agency

[B] International Solar Alliance ☒

[C] United Nations Environment Programme

[D] Food and Agricultural Organisation



- ✓ The first World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS) is to be organized by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on September 8, 2020.

- ✓ More than 25000 participants from 149 countries and several distinguished judges are set to participate in the virtual summit. The President of the assembly and India's New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh will be joined by Principal Scientific Adviser, K. Vijay Raghavan.

7. The first-ever Cannabis medicine project is to be set up in which state/UT?

- [A] Lakshadweep
[B] Jammu and Kashmir ☒
[C] Sikkim
[D] Assam



- ✓ As per the news from the Prime Minister's Office, the first-ever cannabis medicine project will be set up at Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM) in Jammu. This project will be the first major foreign investment in Jammu and Kashmir after it became a Union Territory (UT). It will be established in collaboration with Canada. The medicine prepared from Cannabis are used to produce pain-relief medicine.

8. The annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum is to be held in which country, in the month of October?

- [A] Philippines
[B] Vietnam ☒
[C] India
[D] Sri Lanka



- ✓ The third annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum is to be held in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam on October 28 and 29, 2020. The United States Government will sponsor the forum, in collaboration with the Government of Vietnam, the US-ASEAN Business Council and others trade associations. The main focus will be on Infrastructure, Digital economy, Market connectivity, health and economic recovery.

9. The programme named "Khadi Agarbatti AatmaNirbhar Mission" is implemented by which Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Education
[B] Ministry of Tribal Affairs
[C] Ministry of MSME ☒
[D] Ministry of Labour



- ✓ The programme named 'Khadi Agarbatti Aatmanirbhar Mission' is implemented by the Union MSME Ministry. The programme is aimed at creating employment for the unemployed and migrant workers give handholding artisans and support the local agarbatti industry.
- ✓ To make India self-reliant in this sector, the total size of the programme, has been increased to more than ₹55 crore. This includes immediate support to 1,500 artisans and development of two centres of Excellence costing at ₹2.20 crore.

10. Which state has announced a policy for Electronics and Hardware Manufacturing?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Odisha

[D] Assam



- ✓ The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced a new electronics & hardware manufacturing policy. The policy aims to increase the State's electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025. The policy undertakes to impart skill training for more than 1,00,000 people by 2024, to meet the state's human resource demand in electronics sector.
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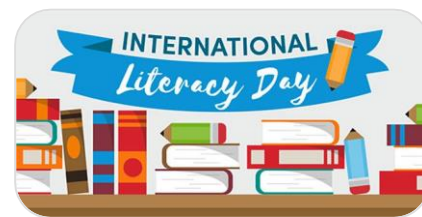
1. When is the 'International Literacy Day' celebrated across the world?

[A] September 8 ☒

[B] September 9

[C] September 10

[D] September 11



- ✓ **The International Literacy Day was observed on September 8 every year, across the world. The first International Literacy Day was declared at the UNESCO General Conference in 1966. The day aims to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals and communities around the world. The theme of this year's International Day focusses on "Literacy teaching and learning in the Covid-19 crisis and beyond."**

2. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched a new Logo of which Government scheme?

[A] National Bamboo Mission ☒

[B] National Beekeeping Mission

[C] National Horticulture Mission

[D] National Animal Husbandry Mission



- ✓ **Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has recently inaugurated 22 bamboo clusters in 9 States viz. Gujarat, MP, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Tripura, Uttarakhand and Karnataka. He also unveiled a logo for the National Bamboo Mission, selected through a contest conducted. The yellow-green logo showcases a bamboo culm with half an industrial wheel and half farmers.**

3. Which organisation is to provide USD 500 million for Delhi–Meerut RRTS Corridor?

[A] Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

[B] World Bank

[C] Asian Development Bank ☒

[D] BRICS Bank



- ✓ **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India has recently signed a USD 500 million loan, to build the Delhi–Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor.**

- ✓ This is the first tranche of a total USD 1 billion facility extended to construct the modern, high-speed 82-kilometer RRTS corridor in India's national capital region (NCR). A total of three priority rail corridors planned under the NCR Regional Plan 2021, to connect Delhi to other cities.

4. Which institute is to set up new Centres for Skilling and Technical Support in Bhagalpur and Varanasi?

[A] CIPET ☒

[B] Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology

[C] CSIR–Central Food Technological Research Institute

[D] CSIR–Central Drug Research Institute



- ✓ The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) is to establish two new Centres for skilling and technical support at Bhagalpur and Varanasi. CIPET is an autonomous research and training institution under the Chemicals and Fertilisers Ministry. Around 1,000 youths will be trained in each centre every year through Diploma and Skill development programmes for employment in petrochemicals and allied industries.

5. Who has been conferred with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019?

[A] David Attenborough ☒

[B] David Malpass

[C] Ratan Tata

[D] Mukesh Ambani



- ✓ The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019 was conferred to the British broadcaster David Attenborough. The price was conferred to him in a virtual event by former Indian PM Manmohan Singh. The "Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development" was instituted in 1986 and is awarded to individuals / institutions who work to achieve international peace. It consists of a monetary award of Rs.25 lakh along with a citation.

6. Which organization is set to become the largest procurer of COVID-19 vaccines?

[A] WHO

[B] UNICEF ☒

[C] UNESCO

[D] AIIMS



- ✓ UNICEF is leading in efforts to procure and supply COVID-19 vaccines. This could be the world's largest and fastest ever procurement and supply of vaccines. In collaboration with Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), UNICEF is set in its efforts to procure and supply doses of COVID-19 vaccines for 92 low and lower middle-income countries.

7. Who is the head of the committee constituted by RBI regarding restructuring of loans impacted by COVID-19?

- [A] Uday Kotak
[B] Usha Thorat
[C] KV Kamath ☒
[D] Urjit Patel



- ✓ The committee appointed by Reserve Bank of India headed by KV Kamath has made a recommendation for 26 sectors of the country that could be factored by financial institutions while finalizing loan resolution plans. The committee was formed in the month of August to make recommendations on the parameters to be considered during restructuring of loans impacted by COVID-19.

8. Which state has topped in literacy rate as per a recent report by NSO?

- [A] Gujarat
[B] Uttar Pradesh
[C] Kerala ☒
[D] Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Recently National Statistical Office (NSO) has released a report on 'Household Social Consumption: Education in India' as part of 75th round of National Sample Survey. As per the report, Kerala ranks No.1 in literacy with 96.2% literacy rate. It is followed by Delhi with 88.7% and Uttarakhand with 87.6%. Andhra Pradesh featured at the bottom with a rate of 66.4%. Of these, Tamil Nadu is in eighth place. In Tamil Nadu, 82.9% are literate.

9. What is the name of the illegal software that has been blocked by Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways?

- [A] Tik-Tok
[B] Pub G
[C] Real Mango ☒
[D] Real Apple



- ✓ The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Indian Railways has disrupted the operation of illegal software called "Real Mango", in a nationwide investigation.
- ✓ The investigation was made on account of increase in touting activity after restart of the passenger train services. RPF have been able to arrest 50 criminals so far including the King pin (system developer) and key managers involved in operation of this illegal software.

10. Patrika Gate, that was seen in news recently, is located in which city?

[A] Varanasi

[B] Jaipur ☒

[C] Bhopal

[D] Ahmedabad



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated the Patrika Gate in Jaipur through video conference. This Iconic Gate has been built by the Patrika Group of Newspapers in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The Prime Minister Modi also released two books written by the Group Chairman during the virtual event. This cultural monument is expected to boost tourism in the region.

1. Which country launched a campaign named 'Asol Chini', to curb fake information on Social Media?

[A] Bangladesh ☒

[B] Myanmar

[C] Sri Lanka

[D] Pakistan



- ✓ Bangladesh has recently launched a nation-wide campaign named 'Asol Chini', to curb fake information on Social Media. The 'Asol Chini' campaign, which means 'real identification', aims to create digital literacy to stop fake information and rumours. To implement this three-month long campaign, a digital platform Durbar21.org has been created.

2. What is the name of the new platform launched by the Prime Minister, for managing Livestock?

[A] e-Gopala App ☒

[B] e- Livestock App

[C] e-Gaumata App

[D] e-Animal Info



- ✓ The Prime Minister is to launch a new platform for managing Livestock named as e-Gopala App, which will serve as a breed improvement marketplace. The portal also aims to provide information on managing livestock including buying and selling of germplasm of livestock. It also ensures Quality breeding services for livestock, Animal nutrition and traditional medical treatment. It also sends alerts to remind vaccination and calving.

3. Which neighbouring country of India has proposed to ban cow-slaughter?

[A] Bangladesh

[B] Nepal

[C] Sri Lanka ☒

[D] China



- ✓ As per the recent media reports, the ruling party of Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) has approved a proposal to ban cow slaughter. In the country, about 99% people are meat-eaters. Whereas, the majority Hindus and Buddhists do not eat beef. Mahinda Rajapaksa-led SLPP party won a two-thirds majority in the parliamentary elections last month.

4. The country's second Kisan Rail that was flagged off recently, would connect which two cities?

[A] Bangalore – Mumbai

[B] Chennai – Delhi

[C] Anantapur – Delhi ☒

[D] Hyderabad – Kolkata



- ✓ The country's second and South India's first Kisan Rail service has been recently flagged off. This would connect Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh to Adarsh Nagar Railway Station in Delhi. The train was flagged off by the Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar. The Kisan Rail scheme was announced in Budget 2020–21 for transport of agricultural products.

5. Which Union Ministry has released a book with 33 Action Plans 2020–21 of all of its schemes?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒

[C] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

[D] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



Ministry of Social Justice
and Empowerment
Government of India

- ✓ The Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot has recently released a book containing 33 Action Plans 2020–21 of all the schemes of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment. This is the first time that the Department has released comprehensive Annual Action Plan 2020–21. The aim is to provide specific targets for the Ministry, State Governments and NGOs.

6. Which Indian state has launched the first integrated Air ambulance service of South India?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Karnataka ☒

[C] Kerala

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Karnataka B.S. Yediyurappa has recently launched an Integrated Air ambulance service. Being the first air ambulance from South India, it has German Isolation Pod to transport critical COVID–19 patients. It is developed by ICATT in coordination with an aviation technology firm. The service is expected to serve medical emergencies in spite of heavy road traffic.

7. Which India state/UT has launched 'e-filing consumer complaint system'?

- [A] Bihar
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] New Delhi ☒
- [D] Puducherry



- ✓ **The Chief Minister of New Delhi Arvind Kejriwal has recently inaugurated the Delhi government's e-filing consumer complaint system. The system is aimed at helping the people to file complaints through virtual mode. This digital service helps people maintain social distancing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In July, Delhi launched an e-RTI portal that will enable citizens to file online Right to Information (RTI).**

8. SEBI has approved which organisation to undertake e-KYC Aadhaar authentication?

- [A] BSE
- [B] NSE ☒
- [C] NABARD
- [D] NHB



- ✓ **SEBI has added National Stock Exchange (NSE) to the list of entities that can carry out e-KYC Aadhaar authentication. Earlier in May 2020, SEBI had rolled out a list of 8 entities that permitted to undertake e-KYC (electronic-Know Your Customer) Aadhaar authentication. SEBI has stated that NSE can undertake Aadhaar authentication service of the UIDAI subject to compliance certain terms and conditions.**

9. India has held a Joint Commission Meeting with which country recently, for the first time?

- [A] Angola ☒
- [B] Argentina
- [C] Cuba
- [D] Costa Rica



- ✓ **The first Joint Commission Meeting between India and Angola was held recently. The meeting was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his counterpart Tete Antonio. During the meeting, the two countries agreed to diversify their trade relationship. The leaders also discussed regarding cooperation in health, pharmaceuticals, defence, agriculture sectors.**

10. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has partnered with which Indian state to set up supplementary nutrition production units?

[A] Bihar

[B] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[C] Uttarakhand

[D] Jharkhand



- ✓ **The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) are to collaborate in establishing over 200 supplementary nutrition production units. This is to be undertaken under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme. This partnership aims to reach nearly 33 lakh beneficiaries in 18 districts, by 2023.**
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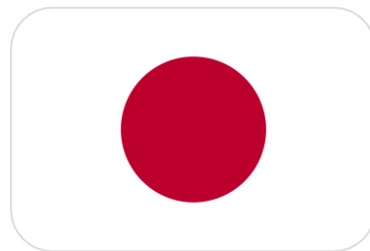
1. India signed 'Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)' with which country?

[A] Japan ☒

[B] France

[C] Germany

[D] Brazil



- ✓ India and Japan have recently signed a key agreement for Reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their Defence forces. Called as the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA), it facilitates smooth provision of supplies and services between Japan's Self-Defense Forces and India's armed forces. This agreement is expected to promote military cooperation and regional security.

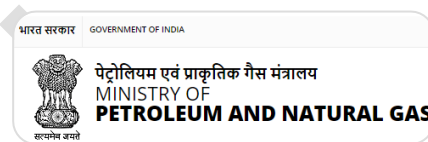
2. 'PNGRB' and 'CGD Authorisation', that were seen in news recently, are associated with which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[B] Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas ☒

[C] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

[D] Ministry of Power



- ✓ The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas has recently dedicated 56 Compressed natural gas (CNG) stations spread across 13 states, to the nation. He also said that the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is working to launch the 11th City gas distribution (CGD) authorisation round. The regulator board gives licenses for Retail CNG to automobiles and Piped cooking gas to household kitchens.

3. National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) works under the aegis of which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Education

[B] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

[C] Ministry of Science and Technology ☒

[D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ The National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) works under the aegis of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology.

- ✓ DST has recently launched a report on the journey of the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board in catalysing innovation, entrepreneurship and incubation.

4. What is the name of the new Redressal Platform launched by the Ministry of Shipping?

[A] SAROD–Ports ☒

[B] SAROJ–Ports

[C] SHIMOGA–Ports

[D] SPEAK–Ports



- ✓ Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya has recently launched 'SAROD–Ports' (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes – Ports).
- ✓ SAROD–Ports is established under Societies Registration Act and aims to resolve the disputes with the panel of technical experts as arbitrators. It is expected to save legal expenditure and time. This works similar to the SAROD–Roads constituted by NHAI.

5. US based Aerospace company Northrop Grumman has named its Spacecraft after which Indian–origin astronaut?

[A] Rakesh Sharma

[B] Kalpana Chawla ☒

[C] Sunita Williams

[D] Laurel Clark



- ✓ The US based Aerospace and Defence company Northrop Grumman has named its spacecraft named after Kalpana Chawla, the first woman of Indian descent to go to space.
- ✓ The company's next space station resupply ship, which is a NG–14 Cygnus spacecraft has been named as 'S.S. Kalpana Chawla'. The company has a tradition of naming each of its Cygnus ship after an individual achiever in Human spaceflight.

6. Which government department has launched a new scheme called Five Star Villages?

[A] Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfares

[B] Department of Science and Technology

[C] Department of Financial Services

[D] Department of Postal ☒



- ✓ The Department of Post has launched a new scheme called Five Star Villages, to expand Universal coverage of Postal schemes in rural areas of the country. The scheme aims to create public awareness on Postal Products and services across all interior villages. The products covered include Sukanya Samridhi Accounts, PPF Accounts, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana Account, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana Account and other SB and RD accounts being offered.

7. Which women sports player has entered the US Open Semi Finals 11th time in a row?

[A] Serena Williams ☒

[B] Karolina Piskova

[C] Sofia Kenn

[D] Johana Konta



- ✓ **Serena Williams** has entered the US Open 2020 semi-finals. With this, the Tennis Legend has entered semi-finals in US Open for eleven times in a row. Serena, who is 38 years old, has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles including six US Open. She was the runner-up in US Open four times.

8. Which organization has decided to formulate Digital Payment Index?

[A] RBI ☒

[B] NITI Aayog

[C] NPCI

[D] SBI



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to measure the extent of digital payment in India by devising Digital Payment Index. The index would also assess innovation in existing modes and will help bridge digital divide. The development of the Digital Payment Index is based on the recommendations made by Nandan Nilekani Committee on Digital Payments.

9. Which entrepreneur has topped the Forbes' list of richest Americans?

[A] Bill Gates

[B] Donald Trump

[C] Jeff Bezos ☒

[D] Warren Buffet



- ✓ **Jeff Bezos** – the Chief Executive and co-founder of Amazon has topped Forbes' list of richest Americans. He has been the richest American as per the Forbes' list for 3 times in a row.

- ✓ He is followed by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates. As per the Forbes and Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Jeff Bezos became the first person whose net worth rose to over USD 200 billion.

10. Which Ministry has released guidelines to states regarding welfare of migrant workers?

- [A] Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Finance



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has released guidelines to states and Union Territories pertaining to welfare of migrant workers returning to destination States on account of COVID-19. The States and UTs have been advised by the Ministry to conduct free COVID-19 tests for migrant labourers. Also, the ministry has directed to maintain a database of all workers moving out of their States.
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1. By how much percentage, India's Defence exports have increased from 2016–17 to 2018–19?

- [A] 100%
- [B] 300%
- [C] 500%
- [D] 700% ☒



- ✓ **The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat has stated that India's Defence exports have grown by 700% from Rs 1521 crore in 2016–17 to Rs 10,745 crore in 2018–19.**
- ✓ **Also, as of 2019, India is ranked 19th in the list of top Defence exporters in the world, which is an all-time high rank ever featured by India.**

2. Which institution has directed for appointment of woman IPS officer in every district of Kerala to oversee POCSO related cases?

- [A] Supreme Court of India
- [B] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [C] High Court of Kerala ☒
- [D] National Commission for Women



- ✓ **The High Court of Kerala has issued a set of directives to the state regarding Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO). The High Court has directed the state to appoint woman IPS officer in every district, to oversee the cases investigated under POSCO Act. It has also directed to establish 1-Stop Support Centres, in lines with the Supreme Court directions, to protect the victims.**

3. Which Indian bank has launched a programme for start-ups named 'iStartup 2.0'?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] ICICI Bank ☒
- [C] HDFC Bank
- [D] Axis Bank



- ✓ **Leading Private sector bank of India, ICICI Bank has launched an exclusive programme for start-ups named 'iStartup2.0'. Under this programme, a Current Account can be created for new businesses that are up to ten years old seamlessly. The Bank has integrated its APIs with the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).**

4. Which country is holding a naval exercise named 'Zolfaghar-99' in the Sea of Oman?

- [A] Iran ☒
- [B] Oman
- [C] UAE
- [D] France



- ✓ **The Naval Force of Iran has started a three-day exercise in the Sea of Oman named 'Zolfaghar-99', in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.**
- ✓ **The Navy is expected to test-fire surface-to-surface and shore-to-sea cruise missiles and rocket-launching systems fitted on warships, submarines, aircraft and drones. The exercise also aims to devise defensive strategies to safeguard the country's territorial regions.**

5. India has agreed on a 5-point plan with which neighbouring country, to resolve border issues?

- [A] Nepal
- [B] China ☒
- [C] Pakistan
- [D] Bangladesh



- ✓ **India and China have recently agreed on five points regarding the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). On the side lines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meet in Moscow, the External affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi had strategic talks which focussed on Disengagement of troops and easing of tensions.**

6. Which Indian city is to play host to the Asia's largest aero show, Aero India-21?

- [A] Gurugram
- [B] Bengaluru ☒
- [C] Vishakhapatnam
- [D] Kolkata



- ✓ **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the website of Aero India 2021, which is claimed to be the largest aero show of Asia. The 13th edition of show is scheduled to be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru from February 3 to February 7 next year. The newly launched website will host and stream all online services related to the event.**

7. Which Union Ministry launched 'Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF 2.0)'?

[A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

[B] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒

[C] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

[D] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways



Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Government of India

- ✓ **The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0. The Climate Centre for Cities under National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) will implement the program.**
- ✓ **It aims to provide a plan for cities to combat Climate Change while implementing their actions. He also launched a pedestrian-friendly program 'Streets for People Challenge'.**

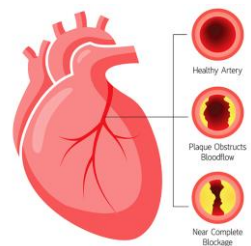
8. As per the recent WHO report 'Countdown to 2023', which disease is estimated to cause around 5 lakh deaths per year?

[A] Coronary Heart Disease ☒

[B] Cancer

[C] Diabetes

[D] Tuberculosis



- ✓ **The World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a report titled 'Countdown to 2023: WHO report on global trans-fat elimination 2020'. As per the report, more than 100 countries have to take actions to remove harmful substances from their food supplies. Due to consumption of trans fats, 5 lakh deaths per year is estimated due to coronary heart disease.**

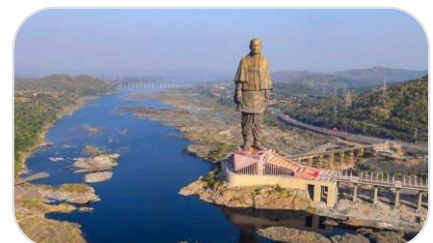
9. Which state has come out with a new Heritage Tourism Policy?

[A] Himachal Pradesh

[B] Gujarat ☒

[C] Assam

[D] Kerala



- ✓ **The Government of Gujarat has announced the state's first Heritage Tourism Policy. The policy permits use of historic buildings (pre-1950 historical buildings) such as heritage palaces and forts, as heritage hotels, heritage museums, heritage banquet halls and heritage restaurants etc. Under the policy, the State Government will offer an aid of Rs. 5 – 10 crore for renovation of these heritage structures.**

10. A fish brood bank at Sitamarhi (Bihar) is to be established with financial assistance under which scheme?

[A] PM Kisan Yojana

[B] PM Matsya Sampada Yojana ☒

[C] PM Garib Kalyan Yojana

[D] PM Jan Jeevan Mission



- ✓ **A fish brood bank is set to be established at Sitamarhi (Bihar) and aquatic disease referral laboratory is proposed to set up at Kishanganj (Bihar) as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). These facilities will enhance production of fish by ensuring timely availability of quality and affordable fish seed.**
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1. Where is the headquarters of National Fertilizers Limited located?

[A] Mumbai

[B] Chennai

[C] Noida ☒

[D] Kolkata



- ✓ **The National Fertilizers Ltd is a Mini Ratna PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. It is head quartered at Noida. Recently, it is in news because, it has surpassed its productions targets by producing 16.11 Lakh MT of urea in first 5 months of 2020–21. This figure is 13% higher compared to the production made by the company during the same period of previous year.**

2. “Ranking of States on Support to Start–up Ecosystems” is released by which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒

[C] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

[D] Ministry of Finance



- ✓ **The Results of the 2nd edition of “Ranking of States on Support to Start–up Ecosystems – 2019” was released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The ranking exercise has been carried out by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).**
- ✓ **The ranking frame work has 7 broad reform areas, consisting of 30 action points. In this ranking exercise, 22 States and 3 Union Territories participated.**

3. What is the name of the social activist and Arya Samaj Leader who has passed away recently?[A] Swami Agnivesh ☒

[B] Narendra Kumar Swain

[C] Govind Swarup

[D] Kesavananda Bharati



- ✓ **Veteran Social activist and former Haryana MLA Swami Agnivesh has recently passed away in Delhi, after he was suffering from liver cirrhosis. Swami Agnivesh was considered as a revolutionary leader of Arya Samaj and had led a campaign against bonded labour and female foeticide. He was also an advocate for the dialogue between religions.**

4. Who represented India in the virtual Meeting of Labour and Employment Ministers of G20 nations?

- [A] Piyush Goyal
- [B] Santosh Gangwar ☒
- [C] Nirmala Sitharaman
- [D] Jitendra Singh



- ✓ **Union Labour and employment minister Santosh Gangwar represented India in the virtual Meeting of Labour and Employment Ministers of G20 nations. The G20 meet focussed on the G20 Youth Roadmap 2025 and discussed measures to curb the impact of COVID-19 on the Labour market. The meet also identified indicators relating to youth for the first time.**

5. Which Indian state has been ranked as the best performer in the States' Start-up Ranking Framework 2019 of DPIIT?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Gujarat ☒
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Karnataka



- ✓ **The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recently released the States' start-up Ranking Framework 2019. As per the ranking, Gujarat has been named as the best performer among states and Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been named as the best performer in the category of Union Territory. Karnataka and Kerala emerged as the Top performers. The framework is based on 7 broad reform areas.**

6. Which Indian state has partnered with SIDBI to provide support to MSMEs in the state?

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



- ✓ **The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to develop the MSME ecosystem in the state.**

- ✓ This is the initiative of the Department of Industries, Rajasthan to provide financial and technical support to MSMEs in the state. The state has also amended the MSME Act to promote industries and exempt businesses from permissions and inspections for three years.

7. Which state has launched 'Piggery Mission' to reduce the import of pork?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Meghalaya ☒
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Meghalaya government has recently launched Piggery Mission with an outlay of Rs 200 Crore. The biggest piggery project aims to reduce the annual import of pork worth Rs 150 Crore. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma has launched the project. National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has partnered with Meghalaya to implement the 'Meghalaya State Piggery Mission'.

8. Which development institution is to finance the 200–MW solar power project in Raghnesda Solar Park, Gujarat?

- [A] Asian Development Bank ☒
- [B] Asian Infrastructure & Investment Bank
- [C] BRICS Bank
- [D] World Bank



- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and France's ENGIE group have signed a long-term loan of up to Rs 466 crore to set up a 200–MW solar power project in Gujarat. The project that is to be developed in the Raghnesda Solar Park, is expected to be commissioned in the first half of 2021. Electro Solaire Private Ltd (ESPL), a special purpose vehicle owned by the ENGIE group, will implement the project.

9. Which regulator in India is set to revamp its IT infrastructure network & communication systems?

- [A] RBI
- [B] SEBI ☒
- [C] NABARD
- [D] IRDAI



- ✓ Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed to revamp its IT infrastructure network and communication systems. Also, SEBI has proposed to have a centralised control over its

network. In this regard, SEBI has shortlisted 8 companies which includes Bharti Airtel, Wipro, TCS, HP, IBM, NTT India, Orange Business Services India Technology and Sify Technologies.

10. Post Brexit, UK signed its first economic partnership agreement with which country?

[A] India

[B] Japan ☒

[C] USA

[D] China



- ✓ **The United Kingdom (UK) has entered into an Economic Partnership Agreement with Japan. This partnership is seen as a historic move, since this is the first trade agreement signed by the UK post Brexit. The agreement is said to foster trade between the two countries by about 15 billion Euros.**
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