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1. Union Road Minister inaugurated 45 highway projects worth above Rs 11000 crores in which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Madhya Pradesh ☒

[C] Kerala

[D] Punjab



- ✓ **Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated and laid foundation stones of as many as 45 Highway Projects in Madhya Pradesh. The project outlay is Rs 11427 crore and it includes projects include road length of 1361 kilometres. The Minister also announced Rs 700 crore from Central Road Fund (CRF) for Madhya Pradesh to be utilised in the road sector.**

2. Which institute is to organise an online International conference on climate change and its impact on Himalayan region?

[A] Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital ☒

[B] IISc, Bangalore

[C] IIT, Guwahati

[D] Birla Institute of Applied Sciences, Uttarakhand



- ✓ **Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital is to organise an online international conference on 'Aerosol Air Quality, Climate Change and Impact on Water Resources and Livelihoods in the Greater Himalayas'. ARIES, an autonomous research institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) is organising the conference along with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University between 14th–16th September 2020.**

3. Which organisation distributes bee boxes under the 'Honey Mission' scheme?

[A] KVIC ☒

[B] NSIC

[C] SIDBI

[D] NABARD



- ✓ **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has recently distributed over 700 bee boxes, to provide Self-Employment for Migrant Workers. The boxes have been distributed to the workers of Uttar Pradesh at the KVIC's training center in Panjokera. The Honey Mission was launched by KVIC before 3 years, to create employment for farmers, tribal people, women and unemployed youth.**

4. What is the name of the longest serving warship of Indian Navy, that is to be dismantled?

[A] INS Viraat ☒

[B] INS Vikrant

[C] INS Vishal

[D] INS Vikram



- ✓ Indian Navy's longest serving warship, the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Viraat, that was earlier decommissioned and laid at the Naval dockyard in Mumbai, is to be dismantled at Alang yard, Gujarat. INS Viraat is a 27,800-tonne Centaur class aircraft carrier. It had originally served in the British Navy for 25 years till 1984. It was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the year 1987 and was operating Harrier fighter jets.

5. Which financial institution has introduced "Structured Finance and Partial Guarantee Programme" to NBFC-MFIs?

[A] State Bank of India

[B] NABARD ☒

[C] RBI

[D] New Development Bank



- ✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has introduced a product Structured Finance and Partial Guarantee Programme to NBFC-MFIs. This is intended to promote unhindered flow of credit in rural areas, which has been affected by COVID 19 pandemic. The product provides partial credit guarantee on pooled loans extended to small and mid-sized micro finance institutions (MFIs).

6. The COAS Unit Appreciation was conferred to the 51st Special Action Group of which Defence force?

[A] Central Reserve Police Force

[B] Indian Coast Guard

[C] National Security Guard ☒

[D] Assam Rifles



- ✓ The COAS (Chief of Army Staff) Unit Appreciation was conferred to NSG's (National Security Guard) 51 Special Action Group (SAG).

- ✓ The appreciation was conferred to the unit for the group's exemplary achievements in combating terrorism. The most important operation undertaken by the unit is "Operation Black Tornado" which was launched against the terror strikes in Mumbai in November 2008.

7. Golf player Sophia Popov, who was in news recently, belongs to which country?

- [A] Australia
[B] Austria
[C] Germany ☒
[D] Thailand



- ✓ German golf player 'Sophia Popov' became the first German women to win a major tournament victory by clinching AIG British Women's Open at Royal Troon. The 27-year-old player holds a world ranking of 304. She finished two strokes clear of her opponent Jasmine Suwannapura of Thailand. Popov had won the International European Ladies Amateur Championship in 2010.

8. Mahseer fish, which has been spotted recently in Andhra Pradesh, was found in which river?

- [A] Krishna
[B] Godavari
[C] Sileru ☒
[D] Cauvery



- ✓ Rare fish called Mahseer, whose scientific name is Tor, has been spotted in the upper part of river Sileru in Andhra Pradesh. It has been spotted by a team of researchers of the Department of Zoology, Andhra University. This fish is listed under the endangered category by IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature). It is usually found in the Himalayan region in the rivers running through Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Nepal and Bhutan.

9. India's longest river crossing ropeway, which was inaugurated recently, has been constructed across which river?

- [A] Ganga
[B] Yamuna
[C] Brahmaputra ☒
[D] Krishna



- ✓ The country's longest river crossing ropeway has been built and opened across river Brahmaputra. It is a 1.8 km long ropeway built across the river extending from central to northern

Guwahati. It will reduce the time of travel to 8 minutes. The cost of the project is Rs.56 crore and has been completed after 11 years of starting the work.

10. Which organization has recently signed a MoU with AFC India Ltd, to work together in agriculture and allied sectors?

[A] APEDA ☒

[B] NABARD

[C] FCI

[D] NAFED



- ✓ **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), has signed a MoU with AFC India Limited, to mutually work together in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. AFC India Ltd, formerly known as Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd., is wholly owned by Commercial Banks, NABARD and EXIM Bank. APEDA has also signed a MoU with National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), Delhi.**
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1. World Health Organization (WHO) has declared which region as free of Polio disease?

- [A] Asia
- [B] Africa ☒
- [C] Australia
- [D] Europe



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently announced that the African continent is completely free of Polio. A commission headed by Rose Gana Fomban Leke has certified that no wild Polio cases occurred in the African region for the past four years. The threshold for eradication of poliovirus is also four years. Africa had earlier eradicated smallpox disease.

2. Which Indian state topped the 'Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020' released by NITI Aayog?

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



- ✓ The NITI Aayog has recently released a report on Export Preparedness Index 2020, in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness. It ranked states on four key parameters namely Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem and Export Performance.
- ✓ As per the report, Gujarat has topped the index, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. Among the top ten places of the list, six out of the country's coastal states found place. Rajasthan topped among the landlocked states and Uttarakhand topped among the Himalayan states.

3. What is the name of the new Mental health rehabilitation helpline of Social Justice Ministry?

- [A] Swasthya
- [B] Suraj
- [C] Kiran ☒
- [D] Mann ki Baat



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is to launch a new toll-free helpline for Mental health rehabilitation. The new helpline will provide support to the callers regarding first-aid, psychological support, distress management among others in as many as 13 major languages. Several issues regarding the mental health of people are noted during the COVID-19 crisis.

4. Jammu and Kashmir has launched an e-auction portal to promote trade of 'Kashmir Saffron', along with which organisation?

[A] NSEIT Ltd ☒

[B] Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

[C] National Informatics Centre

[D] National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology



- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir has recently launched a new e-auction portal to promote e-trading of GI-tagged 'Kashmir Saffron' and provide access to quality saffron. The Agriculture Department of the UT is under the aegis of India International Kashmir Saffron Trading Centre (IIKSTC). The portal has been developed in collaboration with NSE-IT, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange of India.

5. Which General Insurance Company has launched the first retail insurance cover for Pet Dogs?

[A] HDFC Ergo

[B] Bajaj Allianz ☒

[C] New India Assurance

[D] Oriental Insurance Company



- ✓ Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched a new insurance product for pet animals, called 'Bajaj Allianz Pet Dog Insurance Policy'. This is said to be the first and only retail comprehensive pet insurance cover for pet dogs. It will provide a complete coverage to all breeds of pet animals over their life time from 3 months to 10 years. It also covers the treatment costs of specified diseases or deaths due to illness.

6. Char Dham Pariyojana is a project to connect major pilgrimage sites in which state/UT?

[A] Gujarat

[B] Punjab

[C] Uttarakhand ☒

[D] Jammu & Kashmir



- ✓ 'Char Dham Pariyojana' is a project of the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), that aims to connect major pilgrimage sites in Uttarakhand.

- ✓ Recently, the High-Powered Committee (HPC) appointed by the Supreme Court of India and headed by Ravi Chopra said that the project has caused a long-term damage to the Himalayan ecology. It involved cutting trees, hills and dumping excavated material without proper permits.

7. What would be the growth rate of India in 2020–21, as projected by the Reserve Bank of India in its annual report?

- [A] 0.5%
[B] –1.5%
[C] –4.5% ☒
[D] –7.0%



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently released its annual report 2019–20, in which it has estimated that India would have a negative growth of (–) 4.5 % for the year 2020–21. The central bank has also projected the global growth rate between (–) 6.0 per cent and (–) 7.6 per cent. It also said that the supply of banknotes during 2019–20 was also lower by 23.3 % than that of the previous year.

8. India is set to begin operations of inland water trade route with which country?

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



- ✓ From 3rd September 2020, India and Bangladesh would commence commercial operation of riverine trade route. Both the countries signed Addendum to the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) in May 2020. As per the agreement, the Sonamura (Tripura) – Daudkandi (Bangladesh) route is being operationalised. This move would enhance the regional connectivity to North Eastern India and reduce the transportation cost.

9. When is Women's Equality Day observed every year?

- [A] August 26 ☒
[B] August 27
[C] August 28
[D] August 29



- ✓ Every Year, Women's Equality Day is observed in the United States of America and other parts of the world on August 26. This day is observed in memory of the American Women getting the constitution right to vote. It is proclaimed each year by the President of the United States. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Women's Equality Day since on August 26 1920, right to vote was secured by women in America.

10. As per the report released by which organization, the average income earned by MGNREGA workers has doubled?

- [A] RBI
[B] NABARD
[C] CIBIL
[D] CRISIL ☒



- ✓ As per a CRISIL report, the average income earned by MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) workers have doubled during the COVID lockdown. As per the report, the income for unskilled labourers has doubled to around Rs.1000 per month during April to July 2020 from Rs.509 in the previous year. Also, this period witnessed growth in work execution by 46% in person-days.
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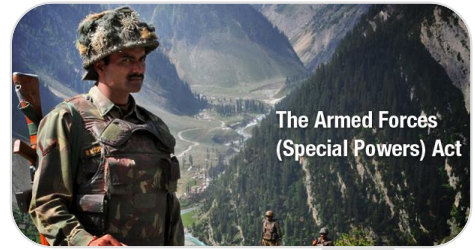
1. Which state has recently extended the AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act) for a period of 6 months?

[A] Nagaland

[B] Sikkim

[C] Assam ☒

[D] Mizoram



- ✓ The state Government of Assam has extended the AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958) in the state for a period of 6 more months, from August 28 Assam has been declared a “disturbed area” due to various insurgent attacks on the security forces in the near past. The AFSPA is in force in Assam since 1990 and is renewed every 6 months. The Act empowers the security forces to make security operations, arrest anyone anywhere without prior notice.

2. The Union Culture Ministry has announced the formation of how many new ASI circles?

[A] Three

[B] Five

[C] Seven ☒

[D] Ten



- ✓ The Union Culture Ministry has announced the formation of seven new circles of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). This has been announced following the Prime Minister’s call to preserve and register archaeological monuments. The new circles are – Trichy (Tamil Nadu), Raiganj (West Bengal), Rajkot (Gujarat), Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh), Meerut (Uttar Pradesh) and Hampi (Karnataka). Earlier there were 29 circles of ASI in India.

3. Tsar’s bomb, that was seen in news recently, was developed by which country?

[A] United States

[B] China

[C] Russia ☒

[D] Germany



- ✓ Rosatom, the Russian nuclear energy agency, has recently released a documentary footage, titled ‘Top Secret: Test of a clean hydrogen bomb with a yield of 50 megatons’, that shows the detonation of the Tsar Bomba or Tsar’s bomb. It is claimed to be the world’s most powerful hydrogen bomb and it is over 3000 times as destructive as the bomb used in the Hiroshima attack. Tsar’s bomb was initially tested over Novaya Zemlya islands.

4. How many new routes have been approved under the RCS– UDAN scheme?

- [A] 18
[B] 38
[C] 58
[D] 78 ☒



- ✓ The Union Civil Aviation Minister has recently announced that a total of 78 additional routes has been approved under the fourth batch of Regional Connectivity Scheme—Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagarik (UDAN). So far, 766 routes have been sanctioned under the UDAN scheme. 29 served, 08 unserved (including 02 heliports and 01 water aerodrome), and 02 underserved airports have been included in the list for approved routes.

5. What is the name of the interaction series launched by the Department of Science and Technology, to formulate STIP 2020?

- [A] In Conversation with ☒
[B] Science Chat
[C] Vigyaan Conversation
[D] DST Talks



- ✓ The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is launching a series of exclusive interactions with experts across the country named 'In Conversation with'. This is a part of the process of the DST and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India, in formulating the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP 2020). This is the fifth edition of the policy and will replace the existing policy, which was formulated in 2013.

6. Which Union Ministry launched 'National GIS-enabled land bank system'?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture
[B] Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
[C] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
[D] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs



- ✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the prototype of the 'National GIS-enabled land bank system'. It enables the investors to get real-time information about the availability of industrial land and resources. The project is initially launched for six states and will expanded to all states/UTs by December 2020.

7. Indian Railways is expected to meet all its energy consumption needs by which year?

- [A] 2025
[B] 2030 ☒
[C] 2035
[D] 2040



- ✓ In order to achieve its objective of becoming 100% self sustainable for all its power needs and also to contribute to national solar power goals, Indian Railways organized wide ranging discussions with key stake holders under the chairmanship of Minister of Railways and Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal.
- ✓ The primary areas of discussion in this meeting were as follows: (1) Innovative solutions for setting up solar projects along the railway track. (2) Possible power procurement routes for achieving 20 GW renewable energy target, set by the Indian Railways, to become the net zero carbon emitter by 2030. and (3) Challenges in large scale deployment of solar energy projects by the Indian Railways.

8. What is the enhanced borrowing limit permitted to states, in terms of their GSDP?

- [A] 6%
[B] 5% ☒
[C] 3%
[D] 2%



- ✓ The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman chaired the 41st GST Council meet, which discussed about the options that can be given to states to meet shortfall of GST compensation. Earlier in the month of May, the Centre amended the FRBM act to raise the borrowing limit of States from 3 per cent to 5 per cent of GSDP for FY21. After the meeting, the Finance Minister said, a further relaxation of 0.5 per cent in the limit will be given. This year, there is a GST compensation gap of 2.35 lakh crore rupees.

9. Strait Island, that was seen in news recently, is a part of which island group?

- [A] Andaman & Nicobar Island ☒
[B] Lakshadweep
[C] Maldives
[D] Mauritius



- ✓ Strait Island was seen in news, as it is home to the Great Andamanese tribe. Only a little over 50 people belonging to the tribe are alive as on date. Recently, ten members of the Great Andamanese tribe were tested positive for the COVID-19 and six of them were said to have recovered. More than 5000 Great Andamanese were said to have lived in the island in the 19th century.

10. Which organisation along with PayPal India released a report titled 'Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments'?

- [A] Data Security Council of India ☒
- [B] Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- [C] Confederation of Indian Industries
- [D] Centre for Internet and Society



- ✓ Apex body on data protection in India, set up by NASSCOM, the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), along with PayPal India released a report titled 'Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments'. The report suggests to safeguard payments for consumers, MSMEs, businesses, as the e-commerce market in India and UPI transactions are growing manifold during the recent times. It also discussed about the threats in the payment ecosystem and its prevention.
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1. Which country has blacklisted 24 Chinese companies for having involved in the South China Sea dispute?

[A] United Kingdom

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] Russia

[D] Brazil



- ✓ The United States has imposed sanctions on 24 Chinese companies and officials recently. These companies are said to be involved in building and militarization of an artificial island in South China Sea. All the 24 firms are state owned companies of China. These companies have been put under USA's "Entity List" by which USA would block exports of materials and goods to these companies.

2. The marine ambulance named "Pratheeksha" has been recently acquired by which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Gujarat

[D] Kerala ☒



- ✓ The Fisheries Department of the state of Kerala has acquired the first marine ambulance named "Pratheeksha". The marine ambulance is constructed by Cochin Shipyard Ltd. The vessel can move at a speed of 14 knots per hour and will be used to rescue fishermen in distress. The vessel has inbuilt facility to provide medical support to as many as ten people at a time.

3. Which state government has announced to register house sites worth Rs.22,000 crore to women belonging to weaker section?

[A] Chhattisgarh

[B] Odisha

[C] Madhya Pradesh

[D] Andhra Pradesh ☒



- ✓ The State Government of Andhra Pradesh headed by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has announced that Rs.22,000 crore worth residential building sites would be registered to 30 lakh women belonging to weaker sections of the state.

- ✓ **The Government is the process of marking layouts and selection of beneficiaries for the house sites. After favourable verdict from the Supreme Court, the state will distribute the sites.**

4. The Draft Health Data Management Policy has been released by which agency?

- [A] National Health Authority ☒
- [B] Director General of Health Services
- [C] Family Welfare Training and Research Centre
- [D] All India Institute of Medical Science



- ✓ **The “Draft Health Data Management Policy” of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) has been released by the National Health Authority. The draft policy has been released on the official webpage of NDHM for public comments and suggestions, after which the Health Data Management Policy would be finalized. The NDHM programme was announced by the Prime Minister during his Independence Day speech.**

5. Hulhumalé Central Park, that was seen in news recently, is located in which country?

- [A] Maldives ☒
- [B] Mauritius
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Bangladesh



- ✓ **Maldives has recently organised the Ground-breaking ceremony for development of the Hulhumalé Central Park and renovation of ‘Arrival Jetty’. The projects are being developed by the Housing Development Corporation (HDC), through 10 million Maldivian Rupee assistance from India. This is a part of the 18 grant projects being financed by India in the island country.**

6. Which Indian state has passed a resolution for inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Arunachal Pradesh ☒
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] West Bengal



- ✓ **The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly has recently passed a resolution to bring the state under the scope of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. The Sixth Schedule provides protection of tribal people's rights in the Northeast India. Under the Indian constitution, Arunachal Pradesh is the only North-eastern state without any protective provisions for its tribal communities.**

7. Who is the head of the new forum on Artificial Intelligence set up by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

[A] Sandip Patel ☒

[B] Cyrus Mistry

[C] Rekha Menon

[D] Ramkumar Ramamoorthy



Confederation of Indian Industry

- ✓ **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has recently announced that it has established a new forum on Artificial Intelligence chaired by Sandip Patel. Sandip Patel is the Managing Director of India/South Asia region of IBM. The CII AI Forum will focus on building a strong AI ecosystem in India. It also seeks to generate awareness at grassroot level and reskill the Indian workforce in emerging technologies.**

8. As per the Medical Council of India, which module is to be newly added in the MBBS course?

[A] Virology

[B] Pandemic Management ☒

[C] Plasma Technology

[D] Immunology



- ✓ **After the supersession of the Medical Council of India (MCI), the board of governors (BoG) announced that Pandemic management will be included in the MBBS course.**
- ✓ **The premier medical education regulator said that the Medical students will learn this module along with its social, legal and other portions. This module will extend from foundation course to the final year undergraduate programme. This will help the doctors to meet the challenges posed by pandemics like COVID-19.**

9. Who is the longest serving Prime Minister (Premier) of Japan?

[A] Yoshizaki Tatsuhiko

[B] Shinzo Abe ☒

[C] Masaaki Shirakawa

[D] Haruhiko Kuroda



- ✓ **Japan's Prime Minister (Premier) Shinzo Abe, who is also the longest-serving premier, has resigned due to poor health. The term of the ruling party leader and Premier ends in September 2021.**

- ✓ After his resignation, the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) will select a nominee and the winner must be formally elected in Parliament. Abe is known for his famous economic strategy named 'Abenomics'.

10. Which global organisation launched a new initiative named 'Beirut', to rebuild the heritage buildings of Beirut?

[A] UNESCO ☒

[B] WEF

[C] IMF

[D] Greenpeace



- ✓ UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has launched a new initiative named 'Beirut'. The initiative seeks to raise funds to be used in rehabilitating the heritage buildings situated in Beirut. UNESCO will host a meeting for donors by the end of September. Earlier, during a massive explosion that hit Lebanon, several of its buildings were damaged.
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1. Where is the headquarters of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR &D) located?

[A] Mumbai

[B] New Delhi ☒

[C] Lucknow

[D] Hyderabad



- ✓ The Bureau of Police Research and Development, BPR&D is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Anniversary on August 28, 2020. To mark the day, a virtual event was organised with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy as the Chief Guest. During the occasion, Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI), Jaipur and the website of Student Police Cadets were launched.

2. Which state is to set up India's first Skill University at a cost of over Rs 850 crores?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Assam ☒

[C] West Bengal

[D] Gujarat



- ✓ The Government of Assam has proposed to set up a Skill University at Mangaldoi in Darrang district. The new University would be set up at a cost of over Rs.850 crore. Assam Cabinet has approved the Assam Skill Development University Bill. The Director of Assam Skill Development Mission has stated that the university will be called as Skill City and it would be the first of its kind in India. It would have a capacity of 10,000 seats.

3. Which Government scheme has neared 20 lakh subscriptions in the current financial year?

[A] Atal Pension Yojana ☒

[B] PM Jan Dhan Yojana

[C] PM Jan Arogya Yojana

[D] PM Fasal Bima Yojana



- ✓ The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has reached close to 20 Lakh (2 million) subscribers during the current financial year from April 2020. The total subscriber base under the APY scheme has reached 21 million. The APY scheme was launched in 2015, with an aim to create a universal social security system for all, especially the poor and under-privileged. The scheme is administered by PFRDA through the National Pension System (NPS).

4. Which state/UT is to set up India's first International Women's Trade Centre?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Bihar

[D] Kerala ☒



- ✓ India's first International women's trade centre (WTC) will be set up in Kerala. The WTC would come up in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) at Angamaly district of the state. The setting up of women trade centre aims to promote women entrepreneurship and achieve gender equality in the country. It is expected to provide a safe work place for women to start their new businesses and provide a platform for marketing their products globally.

5. What is the name of the typhoon that made a landfall recently in North Korea?

[A] Vavi

[B] Bavi ☒

[C] Maha

[D] Vayu



- ✓ A typhoon named Bavi made its landfall in west coast of North Korea recently. The head of North Korea Kim Jong Un said that the typhoon had caused only minimal damage. Kim stated that the scale of damage caused by the typhoon, which is referred by the country as Typhoon No. 8, is smaller than expected. Bavi had packed maximum wind speed when it made landfall. After hitting North Korea, it approached South Korea and China.

6. Which organisation is to launch the India Component of the 'Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)–Transport Initiative for Asia'?

[A] NITI Aayog ☒

[B] NHAI

[C] Airports Authority of India

[D] Indian Railways



NITI Aayog

- ✓ The think tank of India, NITI Aayog is set to virtually launch the India Component of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)–Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA). This discussion will have a main focus on the challenges faced by the Indian transport sector. This will also provide technical

support on reducing Green House Gas emission. The event will inform the transport, energy, and climate stakeholders in India about planned project activities for the upcoming year.

7. Which country is to set up an honorary statue of Indian doctor Dwarkanath Kotnis?

[A] China ☒

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Nepal

[D] Bangladesh



- ✓ As per the official media of China, the country is set up a bronze statue to honour the Indian doctor Dwarkanath Kotnis. The Doctor is commemorated for his contributions during the Chinese revolution headed by Mao Zedong and the World War II. The Doctor was a part of the medical team sent by the Indian National Congress to help the Chinese during World War II. He later joined the Communist Party of China.

8. Which state assembly passed a resolution against the Ordinances on Agriculture Marketing, introduced by the Centre?

[A] Kerala

[B] Punjab ☒

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Chhattisgarh



- ✓ The Punjab Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution tabled by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh against the Centre's farm ordinances. The assembly also passed resolution against the proposed Electricity amendment Bill 2020. As per the Chief Minister and the assembly, the ordinances were against the rights of the farmers and the regime of Minimum Support Price.

9. In which month, the Poshan Maah is organised by Ministry of Women and Child Development?

[A] August

[B] September ☒

[C] October

[D] November



- ✓ The Ministry of Women and Child Development organises the 'Poshan Maah', to create awareness on the benefits of nutritional security, among the masses.

- ✓ Recently, the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehousing Corporation had a meeting regarding the commemoration of the Poshan Maah event.

10. 'Ease of doing business' report, that was seen in news, is released by which organisation?

[A] World Economic Forum

[B] International Monetary Fund

[C] World Bank ☒

[D] NITI Aayog



- ✓ The World Bank releases the 'Ease of doing business' report, to rank 190 countries on the basis of their measures to promote trade. Recently, the World Bank announced that it has paused the publication of the report amidst concerns of Data manipulation. A Wall Street Journal report said that data of four countries including and the UAE is said to have been allegedly altered.

1. Which month of this year has recorded the highest rainfall since 1976?

- [A] July
- [B] August ☒
- [C] June
- [D] May



- ✓ As per the recent statement from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), India has received highest rainfall in August this year since 1976. The rainfall recorded in August is 296.2 millimetres, which is around 25 percent more than the average rainfall (237.2 millimeters). IMD also forecasted that the monsoon may slow down in September.

2. Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, that was seen in news recently, is located in which state?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh ☒
- [B] Assam
- [C] West Bengal
- [D] Gujarat



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the College and Administration Buildings of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University virtually. The RLB Central Agriculture University is located in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh. While the first academic course was started in the year 2014–15, it is operating from the Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi.

3. Which Armed Force detected a 20-meter-long tunnel along the Indo–Pakistan border?

- [A] Border Security Force ☒
- [B] Central Reserve Police Force
- [C] Sashastra Seema Bal
- [D] Central Industrial Security Force



- ✓ The Border Security Force (BSF) has detected a trans-border tunnel originating from Pakistan across the Samba sector of Jammu and Kashmir. After the force has discovered the tunnel, BSF is set to launch a major operation to check whether any other such tunnel has been developed. The place of opening of the tunnel is around 170 meters from the international border.

4. In which state / UT, three Mega Bamboo Clusters are proposed to be set up?

- [A] Jammu & Kashmir ☒
- [B] Ladakh
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Kerala



- ✓ **Three mega Bamboo clusters has been proposed to be set up in the Union Territtory of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition to the bamboo cluster, a bamboo technology park and a bamboo training centre will also be set up. These institutions would be set up by the Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).**

5. A Defence Policy Dialogue was conducted virtually by India with which country?

- [A] South Africa
- [B] Russia
- [C] Singapore ☒
- [D] Japan



- ✓ **The India–Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) was conducted virtually where the two parties reviewed their bilateral defence ties in a comprehensive manner. The two countries resolved to enhance their cooperation in defence and security with special focus on maritime security. The meeting was co–chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar.**
- ✓ **During the event, the Implementing Arrangement on “Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief” (HADR) was signed between the two countries.**

6. Which Telescope detected the immense envelope of gas called ‘Halo’ which surrounds the Andromeda galaxy?

- [A] Spitzer Space Telescope
- [B] Hubble Space Telescope ☒
- [C] Chandra X–ray Observatory
- [D] Kepler Telescope



- ✓ **Using the Hubble Space Telescope of NASA, scientists have discovered immense envelope of gas called halo which surrounds the Andromeda galaxy. Scientists have stated that the reservoir of gas contains fuel for future star formation within the galaxy. This nearly invisible Halo of diffuse plasma extends 1.3 million light–years from the galaxy, about half way into the Milky Way galaxy.**

7. Who has been recommended to the post of Chairman of SBI by the Bank Board Bureau?

- [A] Arijit Basu
[B] Ashwani Bhatia
[C] Purnima Gupta
[D] Dinesh Kumar Khara ☒



- ✓ **Dinesh Kumar Khara has been recommended as the next Chairman of State Bank of India by Banks Board Bureau (BBB). Dinesh Kumar Khara was instrumental in successfully completing the merger of SBI with its 5 associate Banks and with Bhartiya Mahila Bank. Presently, he is the Managing Director of SBI and prior to it, he was the chief executive of SBI Funds Management Pvt Limited.**

8. Which institution announces the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme?

- [A] State Bank of India
[B] Indian Bullion Association
[C] Ministry of Finance
[D] Reserve Bank of India ☒



- ✓ **Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) is issued by the Reserve Bank India on behalf of the Government of India. The bonds are denominated in the units of grams of gold. The 6th tranche of Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme 2020–21 has been announced by the Reserve Bank of India and the issue price of the Bond has been fixed at Rs.5117 per gram. The scheme will be open from 31st August to 4th September.**

9. When is 'Telugu Language Day' celebrated across India?

- [A] August 29 ☒
[B] August 30
[C] September 01
[D] September 02

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- ✓ **Telugu Language Day also called as Telugu bhasha dinotsavam is observed on August 29 every year across the country. The state of Andhra Pradesh commemorates the birthday of the Telugu poet Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy. The Department of Culture organises various events for developing the language. Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu addressed 'Our Language, Our Society and Our Culture' organised by the South Africa Telugu Community (SATC).**

10. Who is the first Indian–origin woman to get a Memorial plaque in London?

[A] Noor Inayat han ☒

[B] Ada Lovelac

[C] Rosalind Franklin

[D] Dame Maud McCarthy



- ✓ **Noor Inayat Khan, who worked as a spy for Britain during World War II, becomes the first Indian–origin woman to get a Memorial plaque in London. The house in London, where Noor Inayat Khan once lived, got a distinct Blue plaque. She is a descendant of Tipu Sultan, and she was the first woman radio operator to be sent into occupied France under the code name 'Madeleine'.**
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1. What species is 'Systemus gracilus', that has been identified in the Ganges?

- [A] Fish ☒
- [B] Turtle
- [C] Octopus
- [D] Crocodile



- ✓ A new species of freshwater fish named 'Systemus gracilus' has been identified in the Ganges river. The researchers from Kerala and West Bengal have identified the edible fish species, at West Bengal. It has a thin and compressed body and can be cultured in inland waterbodies. The discovery of the fish has been published in the Journal of Experimental Zoology.

2. The Qutub Minar was illuminated in white and red, to mark the Solidarity movement of which country?

- [A] Germany
- [B] Russia
- [C] Poland ☒
- [D] Japan



- ✓ The Embassy of Poland and Polish Institute in Delhi has recently illuminated Qutub Minar in white and red, Poland's national colours. It was done to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the creation of Solidarity movement of Poland. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the creation of Solidarity movement, which is a civil rights movement based on Gandhian principles of non-violence.

3. Which company has launched a new ventilation device named 'SpiceOxy'?

- [A] SpiceJet ☒
- [B] IndiGo
- [C] Reliance
- [D] Amul



- ✓ Gurgaon-based Indian airline SpiceJet has recently launched a compact, portable ventilation device named 'SpiceOxy'. The handy and affordable device can be used for patients with mild to moderate breathing issues. SpiceJet has also introduced a fingertip pulse oximeter, which can be used to measure the oxygen level of the blood.

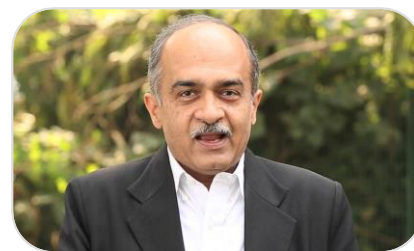
4. What is the penalty imposed on Prashant Bhushan by the Supreme Court, for his criminal contempt of court?

[A] Rs.1,00,00,000

[B] Rs.1,00,000

[C] Rs.1,000

[D] Re.1 ☒



- ✓ **The Supreme Court of India has imposed a penalty of Re 1 on lawyer cum activist Prashant Bhushan as a punishment for his criminal contempt of the Supreme Court. This judgment was pronounced by a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra. The bench ordered that Prashant Bhushan should deposit Re 1 by September 15 else he will be imprisoned for 3 months and would be debarred from practice for a period of 3 years.**

5. Which company has purchased 74% stake in Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL)?

[A] Tata Group

[B] Reliance Industries Ltd

[C] Adani Group ☒

[D] GMR Infra



- ✓ **74 % stake in Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) has been acquired by the Multinational conglomerate company, Adani Group. With the purchase of 50.5% stake of GVK group and 23.5% stake of other minority partners in MIAL, the Adani Group becomes the second largest Airport operator in the country after GMR Group that operates Delhi and Hyderabad airports.**

6. The Economic Ministers consultation meeting of India with which multilateral association was virtually held recently?

[A] BRICS

[B] ASEAN ☒

[C] SAARC

[D] BIMSTEC



- ✓ **The 17th ASEAN–India Economic Ministers Consultations was held virtually and was co–chaired by Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry & Railways. The virtual meeting was attended by the Trade Ministers of 10 ASEAN countries. The discussion was focused on ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).**

7. Onam is the cultural festival of which Indian State/UT?

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



- ✓ Onam is the most important festival celebrated in the state of Kerala. It is also called as “Thiruvonam” and is celebrated at the beginning of the month Chingam of Malayalam calendar. One important aspect of the celebration is “Onapookolam” which is a floral carpet similar to rangoli that is decorated with flowers and petals. The celebrations also include “Vallamkali” (boat race) and “Onasadaya” (banquet).

8. Mustapha Adib has been nominated to be Prime Minister of which country?

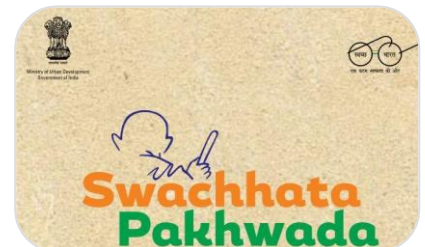
- [A] Singapore
- [B] Saudi Arabia
- [C] Israel
- [D] Lebanon ☒



- ✓ Mustapha Adib has been nominated for the position of Lebanon’s Prime Minister. He has been Lebanon’s ambassador to Germany, since 2013. He is proposed to replace Hassan Diab, whose Government resigned following the aftermath of August 4 blast at Beirut Port. The President of Lebanon Michel Aoun designated him to form a new government after he secured the support of a majority of MPs.

9. What is the name of the event observed by all Ministries for a fortnight, to focus on the issues of ‘Swachhata’?

- [A] Swachhata Pakhwada ☒
- [B] Swachhta Samiksha
- [C] Swachhata Vidhya
- [D] Swachhata Survekshan



Under the Swachh Bharat Mission of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, an event with a duration of a fortnight is observed to focus on the issues of Swachhata.

Named as 'Swachhata Pakhwada', the event was started in the year 2016 and an annual calendar is provided to the Ministries with a fortnight allotted to them. Recently, the Department of Fertilizers is observing Swachhta Pakhwada from September 1–15.

10. Who represented India in the Australia–India–Japan Ministers' meeting on Supply Chains Resilience?

[A] Nirmala Sitharaman

[B] Piyush Goyal ☒

[C] Nitin Gadkari

[D] Ramvilas Paswan



- ✓ **Indian Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, and his counterparts from Australia and Japan attended the Australia–India–Japan Economic Ministers' Joint meeting on Supply Chains Resilience. As per the joint statement released, the countries have decided to launch an initiative to build a resilient supply chain in Indo–Pacific region. They have also decided to keep their markets open and thereby creating a transparent trade environment. This is expected to reduce China's dominance.**
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1. Which Insurance company has launched AI-based chatbot service named 'LiGo'?

[A] HDFC Ergo

[B] ICICI Prudential ☒

[C] Life Insurance Corporation

[D] Canara-HSBC OBC



- ✓ **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has recently launched an AI-powered voice chatbot named 'LiGo', on Google Assistant. The customers and policy holders can use this service to resolve their queries on products by giving simple voice commands. As per the company, customers can activate 'Google Assistant' on their Android smartphones and say their policy number or mobile number for details on their policies.**

2. As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who surpassed Mark Zuckerberg to become the third-richest person in the world?

[A] Bill Gates

[B] Elon Musk ☒

[C] MacKenzie Scott

[D] Warren Buffet



- ✓ **As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the CEO of the leading space company SpaceX, Elon Musk is now the third-richest person in the world. The 49-year old billionaire has surpassed Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg. Elon Musk's net worth raised to USD115.4 billion while that of Zuckerberg is USD 110.8 billion. The first and the second positions were featured by Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos respectively.**

3. As per the recent data from NPCI, which mode of payment clocked 1.62 billion transactions in August 2020?

[A] UPI ☒

[B] IMPS

[C] AePS

[D] FASTag



- ✓ **As per the recent data released by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based payments clocked 1.62 billion transactions in August.**

- ✓ This mode of payment has been rising around 8 per cent and during the same month last year, there were 918 million transactions. The transaction recorded last month was worth Rs 2.98 trillion which is also greater than Rs 1.54 trillion a year ago.

4. Who has taken charge as the first Leader of the Opposition in Singapore?

[A] Chiam See Tong

[B] Pritam Singh ☒

[C] Indranee

[D] Sylvia Lim



- ✓ The Indian-origin politician of Singapore has created history by taking charge as the first Leader of the Opposition in Singapore. Though there have been de-facto leaders of the Opposition in the past, this is the first time the position is being officially recognised. Pritam belongs to the Workers' Party that had won 10 parliamentary seats out of the 93 seats.

5. Who has recently won the Western & Southern open tennis tournament?

[A] Rafael Nadal

[B] Roger Federer

[C] Novak Djokovic ☒

[D] Dominic Thiem



- ✓ World No. 1 Novak Djokovic has won the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament against Milos Raonic, at New York. This victory is his 35th Masters title in USA. With this victory, Djokovic has created history by becoming the only male tennis player to win every Masters event twice. The opponent Milos Raonic is from Canada and currently ranked at No. 30.

6. Which organization released a survey that finds over half of the 25 kinds of health services is disrupted due to COVID-19?

[A] WEF

[B] WHO ☒

[C] UNICEF

[D] IMF



- ✓ According to a survey by World Health Organization (WHO), countries have witnessed disruptions in at least half of the 25 kinds of health services, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Immunisation services were the most affected while diagnosis and treatment of non-communicable diseases (NCD) was the second-most impacted. The report states that 94% of the countries in survey concentrated their efforts only on tackling COVID-19.

7. Which public sector unit is set to invest Rs.1.22 lakh crore by 2023–24, to achieve 1 billion tonnes of fuel output?

[A] Coal India Ltd ☒

[B] ONGC

[C] NHPC

[D] NTPC



- ✓ State-owned Public sector undertaking Coal India announced that it is set to invest over Rs 1.22 lakh crore on various projects to achieve 1 billion tonnes of fuel output. Out of the total 500 projects to be funded, CIL will invest a major part in projects related to coal evacuation, mine infrastructure and project development by 2023–24. Coal India also posted a 7.1 per cent year-on-year growth in coal output.

8. Who became the first Indian to win a Grand Slam singles main draw match in seven years?

[A] Sumit Nagal ☒

[B] Prajnesh Gunneswaran

[C] Rohan Bopanna

[D] Yuki Bhambri



- ✓ Indian ace Tennis player Sumit Nagal became the first Indian to win a Grand Slam singles main draw match in seven years. The 23-year old entered the second round of the ongoing US Open tournament. He defeated Bradley Klahn of the United States in the men's singles first round. Prior to this achievement, Somdev Devvarman had reached the second round of the Australian Open, French Open, and US Open.

9. What is the theme of the World Coconut Day 2020?

[A] Invest in Coconut to save the world ☒

[B] Coconuts and Nutrition World

[C] Coconuts and COVID-19

[D] Coconuts in Asian and Pacific regions



- ✓ Every year, September 2 is observed as World Coconut Day across the world. It is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of the coconut and its benefits. It also commemorates the foundation day of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC). APCC is a body operating under the aegis of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). This year, the theme is 'Invest in Coconut to save the world'

10. Which city is the host of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet?

- [A] Tokyo
[B] Beijing
[C] Moscow ☒
[D] New Delhi



- ✓ The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet is to be hosted in the city of Moscow, Russia. Union Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh has recently left for Russia to attend the meet. He is also expected to hold talks with his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu. However, no schedule has been made for meeting with the Chinese Defence Minister.
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1. What is the name of the new Civil Services reforms programme approved by the Indian Government?

[A] Mission Administration

[B] Mission Karmayogi ☒

[C] Mission iGOT

[D] Mission Indian



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has recently approved the new comprehensive Civil Services reforms programme named "Mission Karmayogi". The programme aims to create a 'citizen centric civil service', which focusses on behavioural change. It will be delivered by setting up an Integrated Government Online Training– iGOT Karmayogi Platform. A Public Human Resources Council under the Prime Minister, will monitor the programme.

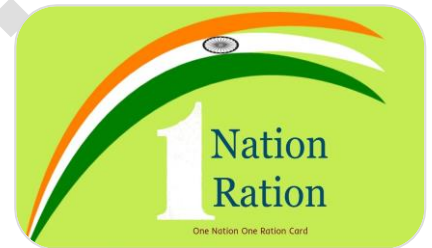
2. Which two Union Territories of India have joined in the 'One Nation One Ration Card' Scheme?

[A] Ladakh and Lakshadweep ☒

[B] Ladakh and Puducherry

[C] Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

[D] Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands



- ✓ Two Union Territories of India Ladakh and Lakshadweep have been recently integrated to One Nation One Ration Card Scheme. With this, a total of 26 states and UTs are seamlessly integrated in the national cluster of the scheme. The UTs have successfully completed the trial of portability transactions with other States and UTs.

3. How many sports disciplines has been added for direct recruitment of sportspersons to Government jobs?

[A] 10

[B] 20 ☒

[C] 30

[D] 40



- ✓ The Central Government has added 20 more sports disciplines in the list of sports eligible for direct recruitment in Group C level government posts through sports quota. Earlier there were 43 disciplines which have now been raised to 63 disciplines.

- ✓ Meritorious sports persons who have represented their state or India in national or international competitions are eligible for government jobs, under the special quota.

4. Which Union Ministry is the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture

[B] Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒

[C] Ministry of Rural Development

[D] Ministry of Finance



- ✓ Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) implements Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (Scheme for Agro–Marine Processing and Development of Agro–Processing Clusters). Recently, the Union Government has approved the implementation of 27 projects under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana scheme. The projects aim to develop integrated cold chains and value addition infrastructure.

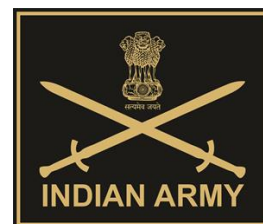
5. Ministry of Defence partnered with BMEL, Tata Power and L&T for supply of Pinaka Regiments to which armed force?

[A] Indian Army ☒

[B] Indian Navy

[C] Indian Air Force

[D] Indian Coastal Guard



- ✓ In a boost to Make in India mission in Defence Sector, the Acquisition Wing of Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed contracts with Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEM), Tata Power Company Ltd. (TPCL) and Larsen & Toubro (L&T).
- ✓ The contracts have been signed for supply of 6 Pinaka Regiments to the Artillery unit of the Indian Army. The approximate cost of the project is Rs 2580 Crores.

6. Which Union Ministry of India has banned 118 Mobile Apps including PUBG?

[A] Ministry of Defence

[B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒

[C] Ministry of External Affairs

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Government of India has blocked 118 Mobile Apps which are considered to be prejudicial to Sovereignty and Integrity of the nation and the Defence security of the country. The move has been made by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology by using the powers vested under Section 69A of Information Technology (IT) Act. This includes apps like PUBG and Wechat.

7. Which Ministry has released the SOP for metro train operations in the country?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
[B] Ministry of Railways
[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has released Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) operation of Metro Trains in the country. The metro services are set to restart from 7th September. It has been directed that wearing of face mask is mandatory for all passengers and staff. In order to ensure social distancing, markings at stations and inside trains will also be done.

8. Which country has allowed flights from all countries to cross its skies to reach the UAE?

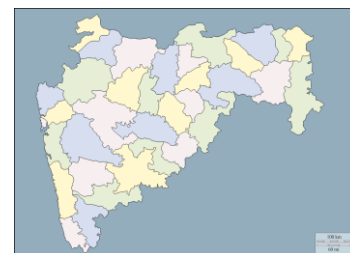
- [A] India
[B] Pakistan
[C] Saudi Arabia ☒
[D] Turkey



- ✓ After the United Arab Emirates requested, Saudi Arabia announced that it will allow flights from all countries to cross its skies to reach the UAE. Before some days, Saudi Arabia allowed the first direct Israeli commercial passenger flight use its airspace to reach the UAE. It carried a high-level delegation of the Government of Israel and the USA.

9. Metro train services are to be operated across the country, except in which state/UT?

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



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs has released a set of guidelines for the restarting Metro services under the Unlock 4 measures. Metro trains will resume services in a phased manner across the country from September 7, except in Maharashtra.

- ✓ The state will decide on when to restart the services. As per the guidelines, the stations coming under containment zones will remain closed.

10. Hichem Mechichi has been designated as the new Prime Minister of which country?

[A] Tunisia ☒

[B] Lebanon

[C] Brazil

[D] Taiwan



- ✓ The lawmakers of Tunisia have approved Hichem Mechichi as the country's new Prime Minister. Mechichi and his proposed government won a confidence vote, after a long debate. Earlier, the 46-year-old former Minister explained how his government would bring the country out of the economic and social crisis. This is the third Government of Tunisia since October and the ninth since the revolution held in 2011.
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1. The Union Cabinet approved the MoU with which country, for cooperation in the field of quality textiles?

[A] United States of America

[B] Japan ☒

[C] Australia

[D] Brazil



- ✓ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Japan for cooperation in the field of quality textiles. Under the MoU, Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre, Japan would assign Textile Committee as their cooperative Testing and Inspection service provider in India for apparels. Improving quality and testing of Indian textile products for Japanese market is also to be focussed.

2. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)?

[A] Kshatrapati Shivaji ☒

[B] Kris Panday

[C] Leena Viljanen

[D] V Muraleedharan



- ✓ The Government of India has appointed Kshatrapati Shivaji as the chief Statistician of India from September 1, 2020. The 1986–batch IAS officer will take charge as the Secretary in Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The Government has not appointed a full-time Chief statistician yet while Kshatrapati Shivaji will continue to head the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

3. Which Indian state/UT has set up a council for conservation of biological diversity?

[A] Assam

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Karnataka

[D] Jammu & Kashmir ☒



- ✓ The Jammu and Kashmir Government has recently set up a 10–member council for conservation of biological diversity.

- ✓ A new council named the Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council will be constituted, which will have the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests as the Chairman and five non-official members. The council shall constitute a fund named as "Jammu and Kashmir Biodiversity Council Fund".

4. Which Indian state assemble has passed a bill to protect Tangible Heritage?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Assam ☒

[C] West Bengal

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The state Assembly of Assam has recently passed a bill to protect and restore Tangible Heritage in the state. This act will cover all those heritages that have been in existence for at least 75 years, which are currently not covered under any national or state law including the Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Act, 1959.

5. As per the U.S. Department of Defense's 2020 report, which country has the largest navy in the world?

[A] India

[B] China ☒

[C] Israel

[D] United States of America



- ✓ The United States Department of Defense released its 2020 annual report to the US Congress, on Chinese military power. As per the DoD report, China has the largest navy in the world, with a battle force of around 350 ships and submarines including over 130 major surface combatants. Whereas, the U.S. Navy's battle force is approximately 293 ships.

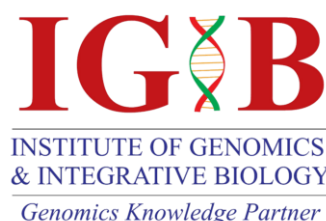
6. Which institution has developed a method to detect corona virus infection using mass spectrometer?

[A] ICAR

[B] IGIB ☒

[C] ICMR

[D] AIIMS



- ✓ Researchers of the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB) have developed a method to detect corona virus infection using mass spectrometer.

- ✓ In this method, the virus detection can be done with sensitivity of 90 % and specificity of 100 %. The time taken from sample to result is 30 minutes. IGIB is an institute under the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

7. What is the theme of this year's US India Strategic and Partnership Forum?

[A] Navigating New Challenges ☒

[B] COVID and the world

[C] Unlocking New Opportunities

[D] Make Way for the Future



- ✓ The theme of the 3rd US India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF) was "Navigating New Challenges". Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address of the event in a virtual mode. The USISPF is an independent not for profit organization aimed to strengthen the US India partnership.

8. Which state has entered into an agreement with CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, for setting up Bulk Drug Park?

[A] Tami Nadu

[B] Karnataka

[C] Andhra Pradesh ☒

[D] Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC) has entered into a MoU with CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology for setting up of Bulk Drug Park in the state. As per the MoU, CSIR–IICT will act as a knowledge partner and provide technical assistance to prepare a proposal to be submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government to the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, for seeking financial assistance.

9. Hindi, Kashmiri and Dogri are set to become the official languages of which State / UT?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Telangana

[C] Jammu and Kashmir ☒

[D] Daman and Diu



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister has approved a bill which gives official language status to Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

- ✓ These languages are apart from the existing official languages Urdu and English. Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020 would be introduced in the Monsoon session of the Parliament to legislate this bill.

10. What is the cap imposed by the government on the incentives under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS)?

- [A] Rs. 50 lakh
[B] Rs. 1 crore
[C] Rs. 2 crore ☒
[D] Rs. 5 crore



- ✓ The Union Government has capped export incentives under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS), at Rs.2 crore per exporter. This incentive cap is applicable for exporters who have made outbound from September 1 to December 31, 2020. This has been announced by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) through its notification. The DGFT also stated that MEIS scheme would be withdrawn from 1st January 2020.
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1. Which country has launched the 'Indo-Pacific strategy' with India?

[A] UAE

[B] Germany ☒

[C] Italy

[D] Brazil



- ✓ **The current President of the European Union, Germany has launched its Indo-Pacific strategy with India. The strategy launched by the Germany's Foreign Ministry suggested dialogue with institutions such as Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), and Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), in the fields of maritime safety and disaster risk management.**

2. The Shipping Ministry has directed all major ports to procure or hire which type of ship, that are only made in India?

[A] Submarine

[B] Tug Boat ☒

[C] Tanker

[D] Ferry



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Shipping has directed all major ports to procure or hire tug boats, that are only made in India. All procurements that are being done by major ports will have to be carried out as per the revised 'Make in India' Order. Various initiatives are being taken to promote shipbuilding in India and improve self-reliance.**

3. Which organisation has released a report titled 'Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)'?[A] UNEP ☒

[B] FAO

[C] UNDP

[D] UNESCO



- ✓ **The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) published a report titled 'Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)'. The report identifies 16 ways to address the issue of Food loss and waste.**

- ✓ It also suggests that these aspects are to be added in National climate plans, so that the 'Mitigation and adaptation contributions' from food systems can be improved by 25 percent.

4. Which trade association of India has launched "Future Business Group"?

[A] ASSOCHAM

[B] CII ☒

[C] CDAC

[D] NASSCOM



Confederation of Indian Industry

- ✓ **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has launched "Future Business Group" initiative to support new businesses launched during the past few years. This initiative aims at creating a 'National strategy for future businesses', together with Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The initiative will also identify new growth options and help to establish international relations.**

5. What is the name of the N 95 decontaminating equipment developed by IIT Delhi incubated start-up "Chakr"?

[A] Chakr DeCoV ☒

[B] Chakr DeCold

[C] Chakr Disinfect

[D] Chakr Clean



- ✓ **"Chakr", an IIT Delhi incubated start-up has developed an equipment named 'Chakr DeCoV' to decontaminate N95 masks. The equipment is designed in the shape of a cabinet. It uses ozone gas for cleaning the pores of N95 masks, thus ensuring complete decontamination of all layers of the mask.**

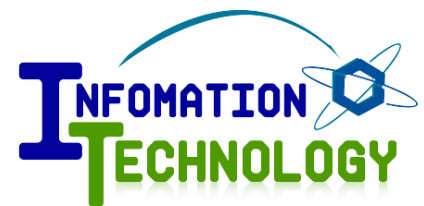
6. Which state has approved its new Information Technology Policy for 2020–25?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Maharashtra

[C] Karnataka ☒

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The state Government of Karnataka has approved a new Information Technology (IT) policy 2020–25. The new policy is expected to help the state in retaining and leveraging its position in Information Technology segment.**

- ✓ Through the policy, the state aims to achieve 1 trillion-dollar digital economy and create 6 million job opportunities.

7. "Wilmington" which has been declared as World War 2 Heritage City, is located in which country?

- [A] UK
[B] France
[C] Italy
[D] USA ☒



- ✓ "Wilmington" in the US state of North Carolina has been declared as the World War 2 Heritage City. It is first of such cities to be announced. This announcement was made by the US President Donald Trump during a ceremony held to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2. During the WW2, North Carolina Shipbuilding Company situated in Wilmington built 243 ships in 5 years as a part of the USA's emergency ship building programme.

8. What is the name of the typhoon that hit North Korea recently?

- [A] Maysak ☒
[B] Camphene
[C] Haishen
[D] Lisa



- ✓ A powerful Typhoon named "Maysak" (Cambodian word) hit North Korea and has brought heavy rain and floods in the region. Maysak is the second typhoon in a week to hit the Korean peninsula. Another powerful Typhoon named Bavi made a land fall in the country in the last week of August 2020. The typhoon also hit the regions in South Korea.

9. Scientists at ARIES, Nainital have discovered a low concentration of Ozone over which city, compared to other urban regions?

- [A] Shimla
[B] Guwahati ☒
[C] Leh
[D] Gangtok



- ✓ A relatively low concentration of Ozone over Guwahati has been discovered by the Scientists at the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital. ARIES is an autonomous research institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

- ✓ The team has evaluated the near surface ozone in the Brahmaputra River Valley (BRV) and found the Ozone variation in Guwahati, compared to the other urban locations in India.

10. The key BIMSTEC meeting held in September 2020, was organised under the Chairmanship of which country?

[A] India

[B] Bangladesh

[C] Sri Lanka ☒

[D] Myanmar



- ✓ An important meeting of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) was held virtually under the chairmanship of Sri Lanka. During the meeting discussions were focussed on ways to expand cooperation among its member nations to deal with various challenges COVID-19. BIMSTEC is a multinational grouping of India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal.
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1. India has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Vitamin C from which country?

[A] United States of America

[B] China ☒

[C] Australia

[D] Russia



- ✓ India has recently initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Vitamin C from China, as per the recent statement from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR). Earlier, Bajaj Healthcare filed a complaint to DGTR that dumping is leading to a decline in its market share, profits and causing damage to the domestic industry. Vitamin-C is mainly used by the pharmaceutical companies.

2. Who is the President of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)?

[A] Prime Minister

[B] President

[C] Vice-President ☒

[D] Minister of Personnel



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Public Administration is a Research and training organization under the Union Ministry of Personnel. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu is the ex-officio President of IIPA. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) has recently organized a two-day 'National Tribal Research Conclave' through virtual platform chaired by the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda.

3. The President of India has conferred the National Award to how many teachers in a first virtual ceremony?

[A] 17

[B] 27

[C] 37

[D] 47 ☒



- ✓ The President of India Ram Nath Kovind has conferred the National Award to teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day, which is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

- ✓ As many as 47 educators across the country were conferred with the prestigious award for their selfless contribution for promoting education. Around 40 percent of the winners were women and this is the first time the event is held virtually.

4. Which organisation released a report titled “From Insights to Action: Gender Equality in the wake of COVID–19”?

[A] UN Women ☒

[B] World Bank

[C] International Monetary Fund

[D] World Economic Forum



- ✓ The UN Women released a report titled “From Insights to Action: Gender Equality in the wake of COVID–19”, along with UN Development Programme (UNDP). The report highlighted that the COVID–19 pandemic will immensely affect women and push 47 million more women and girls into extreme poverty by the year 2021. It also warned that the gender poverty gap will worsen in South Asia and poverty in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.

5. Which Indian state has approved a bill to ban online games involving money transactions?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Andhra Pradesh ☒

[C] Telangana

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ The Andhra Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal to amend Andhra Pradesh Gaming Act, 1974, to ban online games that involve money transactions. As per the proposed amendment, six months imprisonment will be awarded for those playing such games including rummy and poker and one-year jail term for those organising the games. Online real money gaming (RMG) industry is growing at 30 percent annually.

6. Who has appointed as the new President of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)?

[A] Kenichi Ayukawa ☒

[B] Chung Mong-koo

[C] Guenter Butschek

[D] Gaku Nakanishi



- ✓ The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected Kenichi Ayukawa as its new President. He has been the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Maruti Suzuki India since 2013. He earlier served as the Vice President of SIAM and is succeeding Rajan Wadhera. Vipin Sondhi of Ashok Leyland is elected as the Vice President.

7. Which national park in India has added 3053 hectares into its ambit?

[A] Kaziranga National Park ☒

[B] Ranthambore National Park

[C] Silent Valley National Park

[D] Gir National Park



- ✓ The Kaziranga National Park in Assam, which is home to the Asiatic one-horned rhinos, is to be expanded by 3,053 hectares. The Government of Assam has issued a notification approving 7th, 8th and 9th addition to the National Park. These additional areas include encroachment-evicted areas at riverine islands that were vulnerable to encroachment.

8. Railway Ministry has proposed to amend which legislation pertaining to begging in railway properties?

[A] Railways Act ☒

[B] Prevention of Begging Act

[C] Indian Penal Code

[D] Transport Act



- ✓ The Railway Ministry has proposed to amend Sec 144 of Railways Act 1989. As per the present provision in the act, begging in Railway property is an offence and makes it liable for imprisonment or a fine of Rs.2000/-. The section is proposed to be changed by stating that begging will not be allowed in properties of Railways including Trains and Railway premises.

9. Which state has re launched a self-employment scheme named 'SVAYEM'?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Telangana

[C] Assam ☒

[D] Bihar



- ✓ The Government of Assam has re-launched an old scheme named "SVAYEM" which aims to provide self-employment to 2 lakh youth in the state.

- ✓ **SVAYEM** stands for **Swami Vivekananda Assam Youth Empowerment**. The scheme would provide **Rs.50,000** as seed capital to selected youth, to commence their business. The total outlay of the scheme is **Rs.1000 crore**.

10. Who has recently won the 48th annual world open chess tournament?

- [A] P Inian ☒
- [B] Swayams Mishra
- [C] P Karthikeyan
- [D] Karthik Venkataraman



- ✓ **Indian young Grand Master P Inian** won the **48th annual world open chess tournament** conducted recently. This tournament was conducted in an online format due to the **COVID-19** pandemic. The event was conducted in **3 rounds** where in **122 participants** of **16 countries** participated.
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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.

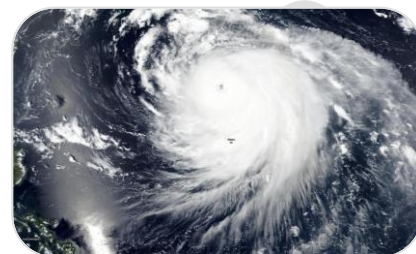
4. What is the name of the typhoon that has hit Japan and is approaching South Korea?

[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

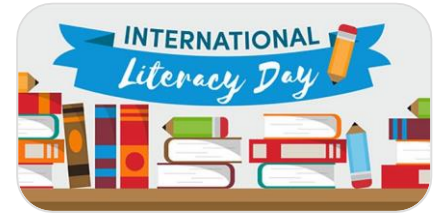
[D] Assam



- ✓ 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



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- ✓ 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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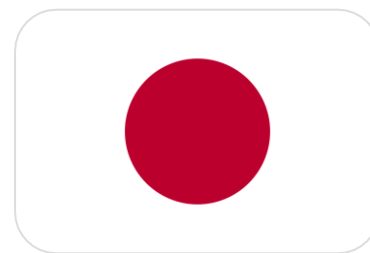
1. India signed 'Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)' with which country?

[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.

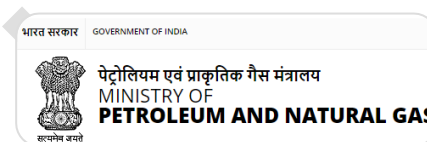
2. 'PNGRB' and 'CGD Authorisation', that were seen in news recently, are associated with which Ministry?

[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

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- ✓ 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'.**

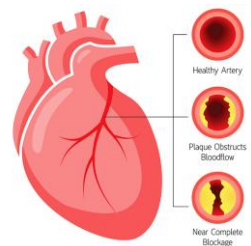
8. As per the recent WHO report 'Countdown to 2023', which disease is estimated to cause around 5 lakh deaths per year?

[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.**

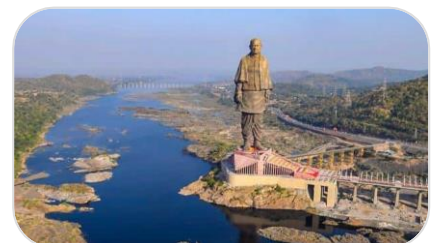
9. Which state has come out with a new Heritage Tourism Policy?

[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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1. Which actor has been chosen by UNICEF to advocate for promoting rights of children?

[A] Amitabh Bachchan

[B] Ramya Krishnan

[C] Ayushmann Khurrana ☒

[D] Aishwarya Rai



- ✓ UNICEF India chosen Indian actor Ayushmann Khurrana, as a celebrity to advocate its child rights campaign named "For Every Child". The actor would support UNICEF in its work around India to end violence against children. Earlier, the football star David Beckham had joined UNICEF for the same campaign.

2. What is India's rank in the Economic Freedom Index 2020, released recently?

[A] 55th

[B] 105th ☒

[C] 125th

[D] 128th



- ✓ India has been ranked at 105th position in the Economic Freedom Index 2020. "The Economic Freedom of the World: 2020 Annual Report" has been released by Fraser Institute of Canada in collaboration with New Delhi based think tank "Centre For Civil Society". As per the report, Hong Kong and Singapore have topped the index.

3. Which body has issued guidelines to Banks regarding the appointment of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)?

[A] Finance Ministry

[B] SEBI

[C] CVC

[D] RBI ☒



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines regarding Compliance Functions in Banks and Role of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO). The guidelines direct that all banks should have a board approved Compliance Policy and Appointment of CCO. The CCO shall be a senior executive of the bank, preferably in the rank of a General Manager.

4. The United States has signed a Defence Cooperation agreement with which country, for peace in Indo–Pacific region?

- [A] India
- [B] Maldives ☒
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Japan



- ✓ **A strategic Defence and Security agreement has been recently signed between the Maldives and the United States. The “Framework for U.S. Department of Defense–Maldives Ministry of Defence and Security Relationship” seeks to promote cooperation maintaining peace and security in the Indian Ocean. India had previously opposed a proposed Status of Forces Agreement between the two countries in 2013.**

5. The Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) functions under which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of MSME
- [B] Ministry of Textiles ☒
- [C] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [D] Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region



- ✓ **The Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) was established by the Ministry of Textiles in 1982, to promote export of Carpets and other allied Products from India. Recently, CEPC was in news as the organization has announced a three–day virtual Buyer–Seller Meet.**
- ✓ **The programme is to focus on Australia and adjoining countries, as India is the biggest exporter of handmade carpets to those countries.**

6. Bhagjan Oil Well, that was seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Meghalaya
- [B] Assam ☒
- [C] Manipur
- [D] Mizoram



- ✓ **The Baghjan Oil Well of Oil India Limited (OIL) is located in Eastern Assam’s Tinsukia district has been put off. A massive fire occurred in the Oil well due to equipment failure and it turned out into a blowout, which means uncontrolled escape of gas at great speed. Oil India Limited (OIL) and foreign experts managed to tame the fire after 110 days.**

7. Which Indian Movie has won the “Best Screen Play” award at the Venice Film Festival 2020?

[A] Hellaro

[B] Son Rise

[C] Seema Raja

[D] The Disciple ☒



- ✓ Marathi language movie ‘The Disciple’ has won the Best Screenplay award at Venice Film Festival. The film is directed by Chaitanya Tamhane. The movie describes the personal and professional experiences of a Hindustani classical singer. It also bagged the prestigious FIPRESCI award. “Nomadland”, directed by Chloe Zhao won the “Golden Lion” award in the film festival.

8. Which Ministry has notified regulations for upgrading emission & safety features in Indian automobiles?

[A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[B] Ministry of Finance

[C] Ministry of Road Transport & Highways ☒

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Road Transport has notified regulations for upgrading emission & safety features in Indian automobiles. The Ministry has also issued draft notifications for anti-lock braking systems (ABS), airbags, reverse parking assist and crash standards for Indian vehicles. The Ministry has stated that there are plans to bring Indian automotive industry at par with developed nations in such regulations.

9. PM of India has inaugurated three petroleum projects recently, located in which state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Bihar ☒

[D] Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has recently dedicated three petroleum projects at Bihar to the nation. Indian Oil’s Durgapur–Banka section of the Paradip–Haldia–Durgapur LPG pipeline, Indian Oil’s Cooking gas bottling plant at Banka and HPCL’s LPG bottling plant at Harsidh are the three projects at Bihar which have been inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

10. Which Indian head co-chaired the ASEAN–India Ministerial Meeting that was virtually held recently?

[A] Union Home Minister

[B] Union External Affairs Minister ☒

[C] Prime Minister

[D] External Affairs Secretary



- ✓ **The Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar represented India and co-chaired the ASEAN–India Ministerial Meeting. The meeting was held in a virtual mode. The meeting was participated by Foreign Ministers of the 10 ASEAN Member countries and India. During the meeting, a new ASEAN–India Plan of Action (2021–2025) was adopted.**
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1. Where is the first Special Economic Zone (SEZ) of Tripura being constructed?

- [A] Agartala
- [B] Sabroom ☒
- [C] Dharmanagar
- [D] Kailashahar



- ✓ **Foundation stone was laid for construction of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Sabroom of Tripura. It is the first SEZ of the state. The SEZ is being built at a cost of Rs 635 crore and would focus on rubber, bamboo, textile and food processing. Sabroom is located at a distance of 130 km from Agartala, the capital of Tripura.**

2. Which country has been hit by the storm Sally and has declared emergency in its states?

- [A] USA ☒
- [B] Australia
- [C] Japan
- [D] Philippines



- ✓ **The Governor of the coastal State of Louisiana, United States has declared a state of emergency on account of the tropical Storm Sally. The storm is expected to strengthen to a hurricane and will weaken back to a tropical storm while moving inland over Louisiana.**

3. Which institution has estimated that Asia's economy will contract for the first time since 1962?

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



- ✓ **According to the Asian Development Bank, Asia's economy will contract for the first time since the early 1960s. The bank had earlier projected that the GDP would grow by 0.1 per cent. Now, it is estimated that Asia's GDP would decline by 0.7 per cent in 2020 and would increase to 7.7 per cent in 2021. It also highlighted that the GDP in India would contract by 9% this year.**

4. Prime Minister has inaugurated various projects under the 'Namami Gange' Yojana and the 'AMRUT' scheme in which state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Bihar ☒

[C] Gujarat

[D] Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated various projects under the 'Namami Gange' Yojana and the 'AMRUT' Yojana in Bihar. The four schemes inaugurated include sewerage treatment plants in Patna and water-related projects under the 'AMRUT' scheme. The Prime Minister also laid foundation stones were also laid for water supply projects and River Front Development Scheme under Namami Gange.

5. The new Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020, introduced by the government empowers RBI to restructure which type of institutions?

[A] Foreign Banks

[B] Cooperative Banks ☒

[C] Finance Companies

[D] Chit funds



- ✓ The new Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020, introduced by the government empowers RBI to restructure Cooperative banks. The bill was tabled on the first day of the Parliament's Monsoon Session by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The bill which came in the form of ordinance was earlier withdrawn. Under this amendment, the Reserve Bank of India can restructure distressed cooperative banks.

6. India celebrates Engineer's Day on September 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of which eminent personality?

[A] Sir C V Raman

[B] Homi J Bhabha

[C] M Visvesvaraya ☒

[D] Abdul Kalam



- ✓ National Engineers Day is celebrated on September 15 across the country, to mark the birth anniversary of eminent engineer M Visvesvaraya. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya was born on September 15, 1861 in Karnataka.
- ✓ He served as the Chief engineer in Mysore and had contributed to several technical projects in Hyderabad, Mysore, Maharashtra and Odisha, including the block system of irrigation in the Deccan canals.

7. Which country successfully sent nine satellites into orbit from a ship in the Yellow Sea?

[A] USA

[B] China ☒

[C] Israel

[D] North Korea



- ✓ China has successfully launched a solid-propellant carrier rocket from a ship in the Yellow Sea and successfully sent nine satellites into orbit. This is the country's second such sea-based launch mission. The tenth rocket of the Long March 11 family, the Long March 11-HY2 was launched carrying nine remote-sensing satellites belonging to the Jilin-1 Gaofen 03-1 group.

8. Which Indian state/UT has launched "Backyard Horticulture" under CAPEX scheme?

[A] Puducherry

[B] Sikkim

[C] Jammu & Kashmir ☒

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Horticulture Department of the Jammu and Kashmir has launched the Flagship programme 'Backyard Horticulture' under CAPEX scheme. The programme aims to promote organic fruit production for home consumption. Under the programme, three fruit plants will be distributed among the farmers at 90% subsidy. It increases self-sustenance and also preserves environment.

9. Which country has been recently elected as a member of Commission on the Status of Women?

[A] India ☒

[B] USA

[C] UK

[D] Australia



- ✓ India has been elected as a Member of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. The 54-member Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is a functional body of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Elections were held for 2 seats in Asia Pacific states, where India, Afghanistan and China contested. India won the election to secure a seat in the CSW.

10. National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill pertains to which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Health
[B] Ministry of Rural Development
[C] Ministry of Agriculture
[D] Ministry of AYUSH ☒



- ✓ Two important bills pertaining to Ministry of AYUSH has been passed in Lok Sabha, namely the “National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Bill 2020” and “National Commission for Homoeopathy Bill 2020”. The said bills have been already passed in the Rajya Sabha in March 2020. The bills seek to replace the existing “Indian Medicine Central Council Act 1970” and “Homoeopathy Central Council Act 1973”.
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1. Which state government has signed a MoU with SIDBI, to provide market support to its 35 lakh MSMEs?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Gujarat ☒

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **The state government of Gujarat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Small Industries Development Bank (SIDBI). Under this deal, the state aims to increase self-reliance and provide capacity building and market support to the 35 lakh Micro-small-medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the state. Earlier, Rajasthan had partnered with SIDBI to develop MSME ecosystem.**

2. Which bill, that has been passed in Rajya Sabha, seeks to convert aviation agencies like DGCA, BCAS and AAIB into statutory bodies?

[A] Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020 ☒

[B] Aviation Sector (Amendment) Bill, 2020

[C] Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill, 2020

[D] Air Transport (Amendment) Bill, 2020



- ✓ **The Rajya Sabha has recently passed the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill 2020, which was tabled by Civil aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri. The bill has already been cleared by the Lok Sabha in March this year. It seeks to convert aviation agencies like the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Bureau of Civil aviation security (BCAS) and Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) into statutory bodies. It also proposes heavy punishment for violations.**

3. What is the theme of 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' (World Ozone Day) 2020?

[A] Ozone for Life ☒

[B] Ozone and COVID-19

[C] Ozone defending Humans

[D] The Hole



- ✓ **World Ozone Day or 'International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer' is observed on September 16 all over the world. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer was adopted and signed by 28 countries, on 22 March 1985. The theme of this year is 'Ozone for Life'.**
- ✓ **This year also marks the 35th year of the Vienna Convention and 35 years of global ozone layer protection.**

4. India held the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) meeting with which country?

[A] France

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] Germany

[D] Japan



- ✓ **The 10th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting between India and the United States. This meeting was held as a part of the Indo-US Bilateral Defence Cooperation. DTTI Group Meetings are held twice a year, hosted alternatively by India and the United States.**
- ✓ **During the virtual meet held this year, a Statement of Intent on Defence technology cooperation was also signed.**

5. Which international association unveiled a new agency for Biomedical advanced research and development (BARDA)?

[A] ASEAN

[B] Commonwealth

[C] European Union ☒

[D] G20



- ✓ **The President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen delivered her first annual State of the European Union address. During the address, she urged the EU members to build a stronger European health union. She also announced the creation of a new agency for biomedical advanced research & development (BARDA). She also proposed to convene a global health summit next year.**

6. Who has presented the first ever AICTE-Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards?

[A] Prime Minister

[B] President

[C] Vice President

[D] Union Educational Minister ☒



- ✓ Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank presented the first ever AICTE–Visvesvaraya Best Teacher Awards 2020. The award has been conferred to 12 faculty members of AICTE approved institutes on the occasion of Engineers Day. The award has been introduced to identify extraordinary teachers and recognize their best practice in the field of higher technical education.

7. The Lok Sabha has passed 'Salary, Allowances and Pension of MPs' Bill which seeks to reduce the salaries of MPs by what percent?

[A] 10%

[B] 20%

[C] 25%

[D] 30% ☒

- ✓ The Lok Sabha has passed the Salary, Allowances and Pension of MPs (Amendment) Bill, 2020. The Bill would reduce the salaries of Members of Parliament by 30% for a period of 1 year to meet the exigencies arising out of the COVID–19 pandemic. Earlier this year, the government had brought an ordinance in this regard.

8. Keltron, which is set to manufacture ventilators, is the Electronic Development Corporation owned by which state?

[A] Karnataka

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Odisha

KELTRON[®]
A Government of Kerala Undertaking

- ✓ Kerala State Electronic Development Corporation (Keltron), owned by the Government of Kerala, is set to manufacture commercially available Ventilators. The corporation has signed a pact with Society for Bio Medical Technology (SBMT) under the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) for technical expertise in ventilator production.

9. Where is the Kosi Rail Maha Setu (Mega bridge) located?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Bihar ☒

[D] Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Prime Minister of India is to inaugurate Kosi Rail Mahasetu (Mega bridge) located in Bihar. The Kosi Rail Mahasethu project was sanctioned by Government of India in 2003–04. It is 1.9 km long bridge and has been constructed at a cost of Rs.516 Crore. This bridge is of strategic importance along the India Nepal border.

10. The Environment Ministerial Meeting of the G20 countries was held under the Presidency of which country?

- [A] Saudi Arabia ☒
- [B] United States of America
- [C] United Kingdom
- [D] United Arab Emirates



- ✓ The Environment Ministerial Meeting of the G20 countries was conducted under the Presidency of Saudi Arabia. The meeting was held in a virtual mode. India was represented by Union Environment Minister, Prakash Javadekar. The meeting focused on various social and economic issues such as anti–corruption, climate, agriculture, digital economy, education etc.
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1. Which Public sector Unit of India exited from Sudan, after non-payment of dues from the country?

[A] ONGC ☒

[B] SAIL

[C] NTPC

[D] NHPC



- ✓ India's Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) has exited from Sudan after the country has refused to pay for oil it lifted from the fields. The overseas investment arm of the state-owned oil company, ONGC Videsh (OVL) along with its Chinese partner CNPC and Malaysia's Petronas have withdrawn from the oil fields. The African country had not paid USD 430.69 million for the Oil it bought from the block since 2011.

2. What is the name of the special week organised across the country, to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

[A] Seva Saptah ☒

[B] Bharat Saptah

[C] Atmanirbhar Saptah

[D] Swachhata Saptah



- ✓ Bharatiya Janata Party has organised a week-long Seva Saptah to celebrate the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under this programme, several welfare activities were organised across the country. Several programmes related to cleanliness, distribution of sanitary pads and wheel chairs and other social service events are organized from 14th to 20th September.

3. What is the target fixed for number of Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Janaushadhi Kendras by 2025?

[A] 4500

[B] 6500

[C] 8500

[D] 10500 ☒



- ✓ As per the recent statement of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the government has set a target to increase the number of PMBJKs to 10,500 by March 2025.
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJK) were launched with an aim to provide quality medicines at affordable rates to common citizens. At present, there were just over 6000 Kendras across the country.

4. Which institution won the Utkrisht Sansthan Vishwakarma Award (USVA) 2020 of AICTE?

- [A] College of Engineering, Pune ☒
- [B] National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli
- [C] College of Engineering, Chennai
- [D] S R Engineering College



- ✓ **Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank virtually conferred Second Utkrisht Sansthan Vishwakarma Award. The USVA Award is being organized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) since 2019, to motivate AICTE approved institutions.**
- ✓ **This year, the theme of the award is "India Fights Corona". College of Engineering, Pune won the award in the overall category.**

5. Which state government has decided to give cows to the families of malnourished children?

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



- ✓ **The Uttar Pradesh government has recently announced that it will give cows to the families of malnourished children in the state. This programme has been launched as a part of 'Poshan Maah' (Nutrition Month) launched for the month of September across the country. The UP government would be carrying out this exercise under the 'Chief Minister Destitute Cow Participation Scheme'.**

6. Which Indian-American filmmaker has won the Jeff Skoll Award for Impact Media at Toronto International Film Festival?

- [A] Mira Nair ☒
- [B] Zoya Akhtar
- [C] Anjali Menon
- [D] Sudha Kongara



- ✓ **Indian-American filmmaker Mira Nair has recently received the Jeff Skoll Award for Impact Media at the Toronto International Film Festival. Nair was one of the six recipients of the TIFF Tribute Awards ceremony along with veteran actor Sir Anthony Hopkins, Oscar-winning actress Kate Winslet among others. The presentation of the award to Nair was initiated by Tabu, star of Mira's television series 'A Suitable Boy'.**

7. Which Union Ministry has announced guidelines for schemes that include 'Pottery Activity' and 'Beekeeping Activity'?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

[B] Ministry of MSME ☒

[C] Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

[D] Ministry of Women & Child Development



- ✓ **Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has recently released guidelines for schemes that include 'Pottery Activity' and 'Beekeeping Activity'. The Ministry had earlier announced expanding the support to Artisans engaged in making Agarbatti. Additional amount of Rs. 50.00 crore each has been provisioned for setting up of clusters in Pottery making and developing Beekeeping honey clusters under the SFURTI scheme of the Ministry.**

8. The SWAMIH fund that has been created recently by the Government pertains to which sector?

[A] Road Transport

[B] Space Technology

[C] Housing ☒

[D] Agriculture



- ✓ **The Government of India has created a new "Special Window for Completion of Affordable and Mid-Income Housing" Investment Fund (SWAMIH investment fund). This is created to fund stalled housing projects that are net worth positive.**
- ✓ **These projects would include the ones that have been declared as NPA and those pending before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under the IBC.**

9. Which country has decided to export Hilsa fish to India on a limited scale?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Myanmar

[C] Bangladesh ☒

[D] Pakistan



- ✓ **The Government of Bangladesh has decided to export Hilsa fish to India on a limited scale. This is in view of the forthcoming Durga Pooja. The country's commerce ministry has permitted nine exporters to export 1500 tonnes of Hilsa to India. Bangladesh imposed a ban on the export of Hilsa in 2012.**

10. What is the rank of India in the World Bank's 2020 Human Capital Index?

[A] 76

[B] 96

[C] 106

[D] 116 ☒



- ✓ In the latest edition of the World Bank's annual Human Capital Index, India has been ranked at the 116th position. The index ranks countries on the basis of key components of human capital. India's score increased to 0.49 from its earlier score of 0.44 in 2018.
 - ✓ This year, the index includes health and education data for 174 countries, up to March 2020. It also reveals that more than 1 billion children are out of school.
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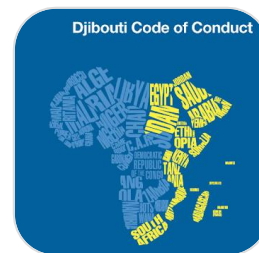
1. 'Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCOC)', that was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Intellectual Property Rights

[B] Information Technology

[C] Income Tax

[D] Maritime Affairs ☒



- ✓ As per the recent statement of the External affairs ministry, India had joined the Djibouti Code of Conduct (DCOC). DCOC is an association on Maritime affairs that aims to piracy and armed robbery against ships in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden. India has joined the grouping as an observer. As of now, a total of 20 countries have signed the conduct.

2. Which state / UT has announced a new subsidy scheme for e-vehicles?

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Gujarat ☒

[C] Karnataka

[D] Rajasthan



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani has recently announced subsidy schemes for electric two-wheelers and e-rickshaws. The schemes aim to encourage the use of electric vehicles to prevent air pollution.
- ✓ The Chief Minister announced the subsidy as a "Panchsheel gift" of five development schemes in Gujarat. Under the scheme, Students will get a subsidy of Rs 12,000 to buy e-scooters.

3. Which bacterial disease has hit China affecting over 3000 people?

[A] Anthrax

[B] Brucellosis ☒

[C] Foot & Mouth Disease

[D] Plague



- ✓ China has recently reported the spread of Brucellosis, a bacterial infection. It is often caused by close contact with infected animals or animal products. The disease causes fevers, joint pain and headaches. The Health authorities of China have said there has been no evidence of person-to-person transmission of Brucellosis so far in the country. It is said to have spread among people working in a state-owned biopharmaceutical plant in Lanzhou.

4. Which organization has decided to charge additional "User fee" from passengers?

[A] NHAI

[B] AAI

[C] Indian Railways ☒

[D] Ministry of Civil Aviation



- ✓ Indian Railways has decided to levy 'User fee' in addition to train fares in some major stations. This has been stated by the Railway board CEO VK Yadav. The additional fee would be used to revamp railway stations and modernize their infrastructure in order to attract investments. It has been decided that only 10 to 15 % of the total stations would be charged with this additional fee.

5. Which country chaired the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) meeting, that is held on September 24, 2020?

[A] India

[B] Nepal ☒

[C] Sri Lanka

[D] Bangladesh



- ✓ The meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was held on 24th September 2020. The meeting was held in a virtual mode via video-conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Nepalese Foreign Minister Pradeep Kumar Gyawali. The Foreign Ministers of all the member states attended the meeting. Ministers of India and Pakistan also met.

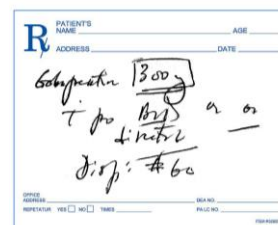
6. Which organization has launched a free online course for improving the 'Prescription practices' in India?

[A] AIIMS

[B] ICMR ☒

[C] JIPMER

[D] Ministry of AYUSH



- ✓ In order to improve the prescription practices among India's medical graduates, a free online course has been launched by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- ✓ The course named 'Prescribing Skills for Indian Medical Graduates' will be offered by National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai. Medical Council of India (MCI) has made the course compulsory for post-graduates.

7. Which bill is passed in Rajya Sabha to bring a law that punishes those who attack Health workers or Doctors?

- [A] Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 ☒
- [B] National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020
- [C] Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- [D] Healthcare Service Personnel and Clinical Establishments Bill, 2019



- ✓ The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 has been recently passed in the Rajya Sabha, to bring a law, that punishes those who attack Health workers or Doctors who are fighting the coronavirus outbreak or a similar situation. It provides for up to five years in jail for the act.

8. How many indian beaches have been recommended by the union environment ministry for blue flag international eco-label?

- [A] 2
- [B] 4
- [C] 6
- [D] 8 ☒



- ✓ Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said on September 19, 2020 that eight beaches of the country have been recommended for the 'Blue Flag' international eco-label. The minister said this on the eve of 'International Coastal Clean-Up Day' that is being celebrated across 100 countries since 1986. The eight beaches that have been recommended includes – Shivrajpur in Gujarat, Ghoghla in Daman and Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden in Odisha and Radhanagar in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

9. When is the International Equal Pay Day observed?

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



- ✓ September 18 is observed as the International Equal Pay Day by the United Nations. It has been celebrated for the first time this year. The day is observed by the United Nations to throw light and end discrimination against women and girls. As per the UN, women are paid less than men in all parts of the world, with the gender pay gap estimated at 23 %.

10. Which state / UT has launched a new Land document registration system named NGDRS?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Puducherry
- [C] Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- [D] Jammu & Kashmir ☒



- ✓ The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has launched “National Generic Document Registration System” (NGDRS). This system marks a shift from the existing manual registration system to online registration for sale or purchase of land. The new system would add extra strength to the UT’s e-governance by establishing a transparent and accountable land registration mechanism.
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1. Which country has introduced penalties on companies in its “Unreliable entity list”?

[A] India

[B] China ☒

[C] Russia

[D] USA



- ✓ **China has introduced a system of penalizing companies that appears on its “Unreliable entity list”. As per an official statement, the country will impose penalties including restricting trade, investment and visas to any company that pose a threat to China’s sovereignty, national security, development and business interests. The list also contains list of firms that discriminate against or harm Chinese businesses.**

2. On which date, World Alzheimer’s Day is observed?[A] September 21 ☒

[B] September 22

[C] September 23

[D] September 24



- ✓ **Alzheimer's is a progressive disease which leads to memory loss. The condition worsens with time and makes it difficult to perform day to day functions. Since 1994, each year 21st September is observed as the World Alzheimer’s Day. September is the month which is observed each year as the World Alzheimer’s Month in order to enable national and local Alzheimer associations worldwide to extend their reach of awareness programmes over a longer period of time.**

3. Which mountain climber is known as ‘Snow Leopard’?

[A] Jimmy Chin

[B] Nirmal Purja

[C] Malavath Purna

[D] Ang Rita Sherpa ☒

- ✓ **Ang Rita Sherpa was the mountain climber who climbed the Mount Everest 10 times even without the use of supplemental oxygen. He was also known as the ‘Snow Leopard’. He died on Monday, 21st September 2020.**

4. Rohtang Tunnel is renamed after which Former Prime Minister of India?

[A] Atal Bihari Vajpayee ☒

[B] Man Mohan Singh

[C] Jawaharlal Nehru

[D] Indira Gandhi



- ✓ **Rohtang Tunnel is renamed after former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee as the Atal Tunnel. It is the highway tunnel built under the Rohtang Pass in the eastern Pir Panjal range of the Himalayas on the Leh–Manali Highway and is the world's longest highway tunnel above 10000 feet.**

5. Krushi Bhavan, which recently won the Global Architecture and Design Award, is located in which State?

[A] Gujarat

[B] Odisha ☒

[C] Madhya Pradesh

[D] Telangana



- ✓ **On September 18, 'Krushi Bhavan', a facility developed for the State's Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment located in Bhubaneswar, Odisha won 10th annual AZ Awards 2020 as People's Choice Winner under the category 'social good'. The awards were revealed at its first-ever virtual AZ Awards Gala. The 12,077 sq.m 'Krushi Bhavan' is one among 20 winners and the only winner from India.**

6. Recently, Lok Sabha passed bill to set up National Forensic Sciences University by upgrading which among the following institutions?

[A] Gujarat Forensic Sciences University

[B] Jayaprakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Sciences

[C] Both [A] and [B] ☒

[D] Neither [A] nor [B]



- ✓ **The bill to upgrade the University of Forensic Science in Gujarat and establish a National University of Forensic Science was passed in the Lok Sabha. The University of Forensic Science, located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, is being upgraded to a National University.**

- ✓ The bill also proposes to give national status to the Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan Institute of Criminal & Forensic Sciences in Delhi.

7. Recently, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways advised the States and UT's to stamp "International Convention of Road Traffic" on the first page of International Driving Permit (IDP) issued by them. In which year, this convention was concluded?

[A] 1949 ☒

[B] 1959

[C] 1969

[D] 1979



- ✓ The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has advised the States and Union Territory administrations to stamp "International Convention of Road Traffic of 19th September 1949" on the first page of International Driving Permit (IDP) issued by them. It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry through various public grievances that many countries are not accepting the International Driving Permit issued to Indian citizens, and that officials there ask for the validation of IDP in accordance of International Convention of Road Traffic of 19th September 1949.

8. Janak and BSS-793 are two varieties of which crop?

[A] Bt – Cotton

[B] Bt – Brinjal ☒

[C] Bt – Tomato

[D] Bt – Paddy



- ✓ The Bt-brinjal varieties approved for field testing by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) recently are "Janak" and "BSS-793". They contain an insect-killer gene Cry1Fa1 (event 142), derived from the soil-dwelling bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt).

9. Which country remains in the top spot in the latest FIFA rankings released?

[A] India

[B] France

[C] Belgium ☒

[D] France



- ✓ The International Football Federation FIFA has released its global FIFA ranks recently. Belgium retained its top spot in the list. Belgium is followed by France and Brazil. The fourth and fifth positions are occupied by England and Uruguay respectively.
- ✓ Indian football team has retained the 108th spot in the ranking. The Covid-19 pandemic has remained an obstacle to the staging of international matches and the ranking remains unchanged.

10. "Project Shield" which is a unique initiative aimed at combating crimes against women and children and to create safe and violence-free communities for them in which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Telangana

[D] Assam

- ✓ The Project Shield is launched in five districts of Tamil Nadu – Tiruchi, Pudukottai, Karur, Perambalur and Ariyalur in order to combat crimes against women and children and to create a safe and violence free communities for them in these five districts along in collaboration with the International Justice Mission and stakeholders working for the welfare of women and children in Tiruchi range.



1. Recently, the Lok Sabha passed the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2020. The original Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act was passed in which year?

[A] 2005

[B] 2008

[C] 2010 ☒

[D] 2019



- ✓ The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill 2020 was passed in Lok Sabha on 21st September, which proposes a number of drastic changes to the law governing the receipt of foreign contributions in India. It amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 which regulates the acceptance and utilisation of foreign contribution by individuals, associations and companies.
- ✓ The Amendment act make 'Aadhaar' a mandatory identification document for registration of all the office bearers of an NGO or an association seeking foreign donations. Further the act prohibits any sub granting which implies that an institution registered or having prior permission under FCRA cannot make sub-grant/s to any other institution from foreign contributions received in its designated FCRA Bank account even if the second recipient or sub-grantee has registration or prior permission under FCRA.

2. Year 2020 marks which anniversary of United Nations?

[A] 68th Anniversary

[B] 70th Anniversary

[C] 73rd Anniversary

[D] 75th Anniversary ☒



- ✓ To mark the 75th anniversary of UN in 2020, a meeting of the UN General Assembly was organized virtually on 21st September 2020. It released a declaration titled "The Future We want; the UN We Need: Reaffirming our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism". Year 2020 marks 75th anniversary of UN which was established on October 24, 1945.

3. Recently, Parliament of India passed Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 to make incidents of violence on health workers treating the COVID-19 patients a non-bailable offence. In which year, the original Epidemic Diseases Act was passed?

[A] 1897 ☒

[B] 1898

[C] 1947

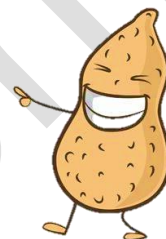
[D] 1956



- ✓ The Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was passed in Lok Sabha on 22nd September, 2020. The Bill replaces an ordinance which was issued by the Government of India on 22 April for amending the the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 in order to make the incidents of violence on health workers treating the COVID-19 patients a non-bailable offence, with provision of a penalty and a jail up to 7 years.

4. Recently, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) in Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22. Which of the following is not a Rabi crop?

- [A] Wheat
[B] Sunflower
[C] Mustard
[D] Groundnut ☒



- ✓ After the Parliament passed two agricultural sector reforms bills, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22 to encourage farmers ahead of sowing the operations of winter crops. The biggest crop of Rabi season, Wheat has been hiked by Rs. 50 to Rs. 1975 per quintal along with other five Rabi crops (Lentil (masoor), gram, barley, safflower and mustard/rapeseed).

5. Which organization recently released the Special Report on Sustainable Recovery report?

- [A] United Nations Environment Programme
[B] International Energy Agency ☒
[C] World Health Organization
[D] World Bank



- ✓ International Energy Agency (IEA), in collaboration with NITI Aayog, released a 'Special Report on Sustainable Recovery' on 18 September 2020 which is the report that proposes a number of actions that must be taken in order to revitalise economies and boost employment while making energy systems cleaner, more resilient and a sustainable future.

6. VAJRA Faculty Scheme is a scheme of which of the following Ministries in India?

- [A] Ministry of Education
[B] Ministry of Science and Technology ☒
[C] Ministry of Agriculture
[D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India has formulated following schemes to provide attractive avenues and opportunities to Indian researchers who are residing in foreign countries to work in Indian Institutes and Universities which are as follows: –

1. Visiting Advanced Joint Research (VAJRA) Faculty Scheme which is a scheme to bring overseas scientists and academicians to India to work in public funded Institutions and Universities.
2. Ramanujan Fellowship provides opportunities to Indian researchers of high academic intelligence to work in all area of Scienc, Engineering and Medicine.
3. Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP) which provides opportunities to researchers to establish their career in Clinical or Public Health in India.

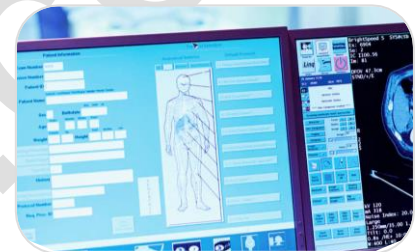
7. In which state, the Government of India is going to setup the country's first medical device park?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Karnataka

[D] Maharashtra



- ✓ Kerala will soon house one of the first medical device parks in the country, focusing on the high-risk medical device sector to provide full range of services for the medical devices industry like R&D support, testing, and evaluation.
- ✓ MedSpark, the medical devices park envisaged as a joint initiative of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India, and the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (KSIDC), the industrial and investment promotion agency of the Government of Kerala is going to be established in the Life Science Park, Thonnakkal, Thiruvananthapuram.

8. On which date, World Heart Day is celebrated every year?

[A] September 26

[B] September 27

[C] September 28

[D] September 29 ☒



- ✓ The 2020 World Heart Day is observed every year on September 29 to raise awareness about the four main factors that affect the human heart — use of tobacco, improper diet, lack of physical exercise and excess consumption of alcohol. The 2020 theme is “Use Heart To Beat Cardiovascular Disease”.

9. Donimalai, which is known for Iron Ore mining is located in which state of India?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala

[C] Karnataka ☒

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ Donimalai, which is known for Iron Ore mining is located in Bellari district of Karnataka. The rich Iron Ore mine was under state-owned NMDC for 50 years. The lease of NMDC ended in 2018 and since then the production has stopped here. Recently, the Karnataka government has decided to resume mining at Donimalai.

10. Which body is constituted by the Government of India for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB–PMJAY)?

[A] National Health Authority ☒

[B] National Health Committee

[C] India Health and Care Committee

[D] None of the above



- ✓ Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB–PMJAY) is an initiative by the Government of India for providing health care service to protect poor families against health issues. The government setup an autonomous entity, 'National Health Agency' under the Society Registration Act, 1860 for the formulation of policies, implementation mechanisms, coordination with state governments for the effective implementation of AB–PMJAY.
- ✓ Later, it was changed to 'National Health Authority' as the apex body responsible for implementing Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
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1. Recently, the Lok Sabha passed the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020. The original Companies (Regulation) Act was passed in which year?

[A] 2005

[B] 2008

[C] 2013 ☒

[D] 2017



- ✓ The Companies Act, 2013 is amended by the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020 which was introduced by the Minister for Corporate Affairs. The Bill decriminalizes company law offences and allows direct foreign listing of companies.
- ✓ The Bill seeks to establish benches of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal. These shall ordinarily sit in New Delhi or such other place as may be notified.

2. The Banking Regulation Act which seeks to regulate the functioning of banks and provides details on various aspects such as licensing, management and operations of banks was passed in the year?

[A] 1949 ☒

[B] 1953

[C] 1956

[D] 1967



- ✓ The Banking Regulation Act was passed in 1949 and was recently amended by the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020. This amendment will allow RBI to initiate a scheme for amalgamation or reconstruction of a bank. It also puts cooperative banks under RBI ambit.

3. What is the name of the hackathon launched by Indian Council of Agricultural Research under National Agricultural Higher Education Project to promote innovation in farm mechanization?

[A] PRATIGYA

[B] KRITAGYA ☒

[C] SAMYUGYA

[D] None of the above



- ✓ The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) launched a hackathon named as 'KRITAGYA' in order to promote potential technology solutions for enhancing farm mechanization with special emphasis on women friendly equipments.

4. The scheme "Building Awareness on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)" is implemented by which Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises ☒
- [B] Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Law & Justice
- [D] Ministry of Commerce & Industry



- ✓ The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is responsible for implementing the scheme "Building Awareness on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)" in order to encourage registration of IPR by MSMEs to provide financial assistance.

5. In which year, the Second National Commission on Labour was setup?

- [A] 2002 ☒
- [B] 2006
- [C] 2010
- [D] 2016



- ✓ The Second National Commission on Labour was set up in 2002 and recommended a separate law for small scale units with less stringent provisions for conditions such as payment of wages, welfare facilities, social security, etc

6. Which Indian State has the highest number of nursing colleges?

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



- ✓ Karnataka has the highest number nursing colleges in India. It has 314 total number of colleges among which 13 are government colleges and 301 are private colleges.
- ✓ Health is a subject of State list, therefore opening of new nursing colleges falls under the purview of the respective state government.

7. Shinkun La Tunnel connects which two Indian states / union territories?

- [A] Ladakh & Jammu – Kashmir
- [B] Ladakh & Himachal Pradesh ☒
- [C] Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand
- [D] Sikkim & Uttarakhand



- ✓ **The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) under the Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways has speeded up the detailed project report (DPR) work on the World's Longest High–Altitude Shinkun La Tunnel (13.5 km long) along with its approach roads in UT of Ladakh and Lahaul–Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh.**

8. Recently, the Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs approved interim extension to Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan. In which year, this scheme was launched?

- [A] 2010
- [B] 2013 ☒
- [C] 2015
- [D] 2017



- ✓ **The Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs approved the second phase of the centrally sponsored Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for a period of three years i.e. 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2020. The scheme was launched in 2013.**

9. Recently, The Government of India integrated which portal with the Geographic Information System (GIS) system of six states to provide an update on land availability?

- [A] Industrial Information System ☒
- [B] Agricultural Information System
- [C] Land & Revenue Information System
- [D] All of the above



- ✓ **The Government of India has integrated the Industrial Information System (IIS) portal with the Geographic Information System (GIS) of six states to provide information and updates on land availability and plot level information to investors anywhere in the world on real time basis and help them to make informed decisions. Industrial Information System (IIS) portal is a GIS-enabled database of industrial areas/clusters across the country.**

10. Recently, the Parliament passed Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020. Which among the following languages are included in the list of official languages in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir?

[A] Kashmiri

[B] Dogri

[C] Hindi

[D] All of the above ☒

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- ✓ The Parliament of India passes the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Bill, 2020 which take into account the inclusion of Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi in the list of official languages in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in addition to the existing Urdu and English.
-