



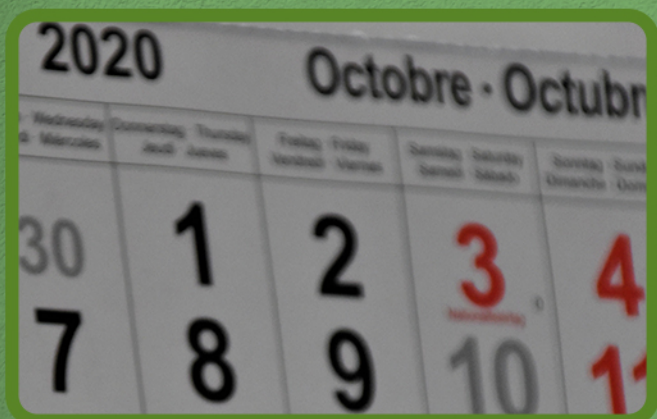
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1. Which state has won the UN Award for Performance in Non-Communicable Diseases?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Karnataka

[D] Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ On 2020 Sep.24, Kerala won the United Nation Interagency Task Force Award for its outstanding performance in controlling non-communicable diseases related Sustainable Development Goals. Kerala is one among the seven ministries of health from all over the world to receive the award. The other programmes of the state such as Cancer Treatment Programme, Lung Disease Programme and Paralysis Control Programme were also considered for the award.

2. Which country hosted the Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity in September 2020?

[A] India

[B] China ☒

[C] United States of America

[D] Germany



- ✓ The 'Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on Biodiversity Beyond 2020: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth' has been virtually hosted by China. Union Environment Minister of India Prakash Javadekar has attended the Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue. This was conducted one week before the upcoming United Nation Summit on Biodiversity. It also aims to exchange views on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.

3. Prithvi-II, that was test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), belongs to which category of equipment?[A] Surface-to-Surface Missile ☒

[B] Anti-Tank Guided Missile

[C] Anti-Ship Missile

[D] Intercontinental Ballistic Missile



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently test-fired Prithvi-II, the surface-to-surface missile. This exercise has been undertaken as a part of User trial by the Indian Army, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur base in Odisha. The missile was randomly chosen from the production stock by the Army and was monitored by DRDO Scientists.

4. Where is the headquarters of 'International Commission of Jurists' located?

- [A] Paris
- [B] Rome
- [C] Geneva ☒
- [D] Nairobi



- ✓ **'International Commission of Jurists' is an international human right non-governmental organization, headquartered at Geneva, Switzerland. ICJ was recently in news as it has announced that the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2020 passed by the Indian Parliament was incompatible with international law. It also opined that the provisions of the bill would impose arbitrary obstacles in human rights promotion.**

5. Who has been appointed as the life trustee of the India International Centre, to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan?

- [A] Kapil Sibal
- [B] Gopalkrishna Gandhi ☒
- [C] Rajiv Ahir
- [D] Sunil Mehta



- ✓ **Gopalkrishna Gandhi, former West Bengal Governor has been appointed as a life trustee of India International Centre, New Delhi. He is set to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan. Gopalkrishna Gandhi is a retired diplomat and is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. He served as the Governor of West Bengal from 2004 till 2009.**

6. When is the World Pharmacists Day celebrated every year?

- [A] September 25 ☒
- [B] September 26
- [C] September 27
- [D] September 28



- ✓ **Every year, the World Pharmacists Day is celebrated on September 25. This day is observed by International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) and the decision to observe this date was made during the council meet of FIP in 2009 at Istanbul.**
- ✓ **The aim of this day is to encourage activities that promote the role of the pharmacist in improving health. The theme for this year is "Transforming global health".**

7. Under which national scheme, the central Government has recently sanctioned 670 electric buses to Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Chandigarh?

[A] Surya Mitra

[B] PM Ujjawala Yojana

[C] FAME ☒

[D] National Solar Mission



- ✓ The Union government has sanctioned 670 electric buses for Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat and Chandigarh under the Phase 2 of Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicle (FAME) scheme. In addition to electric buses, Government has also sanctioned 241 electric charging stations in Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat and Port Blair. The FAME scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Heavy Industries.

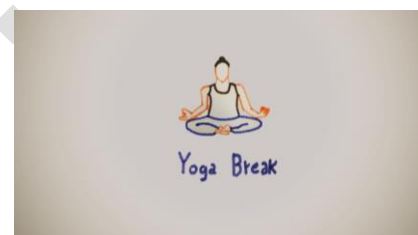
8. “Yoga Break” protocol which is in news recently, pertains to which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Health

[B] Ministry of Education

[C] Ministry of AYUSH ☒

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ Activities regarding the “Yoga Break” protocol of Ministry of AYUSH have been resumed, after it was suspended due to COVID-19. This 5-minute protocol is intended to introduce yoga to people at work and help them to take a break from the work schedule. This protocol was developed by Ministry of AYUSH in association with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY).

9. RBI has recently given in principle approval for setting up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), to which organization?

[A] Vakrangee ☒

[B] IDFC

[C] Gramalaya

[D] Airtel Payments Bank



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India has given in-principle approval to Vakrangee for setting up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU). The approval has been granted as per the provisions contained in Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. Vakrangee can now handle payment and aggregation of payment services relating to bills under BBPS.

10. Which development bank has approved USD 570 million worth loans for Urban sector projects in Rajasthan and MP?

[A] Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

[B] Asian Development Bank ☒

[C] BRICS Bank

[D] World Bank



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- ✓ **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced that it has approved two loans for urban sector projects in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. The bank has approved a USD 300 million loan to improve water supply and sanitation infrastructure in the towns of Rajasthan and a USD 270 million loan for Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project.**
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1. Centre for Disability Sports is to be established in which city?

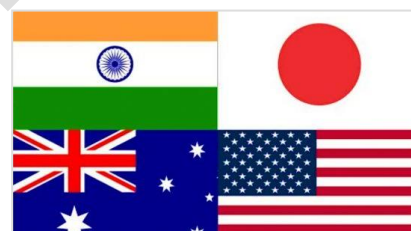
- [A] Mumbai
[B] Chennai
[C] Gwalior ☒
[D] Varanasi



- ✓ **The foundation stone of 'Centre for Disability Sports' was laid at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh in an event organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The Cabinet has approved the setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in February 2019.**
- ✓ **The estimated outlay of the project to set up the Centre is Rs.170.99 crore. This will be the first exclusive centre of Disability sports in the country.**

2. What is the name of the Dialogue organised by the four countries: India, Australia, Japan and United States of America?

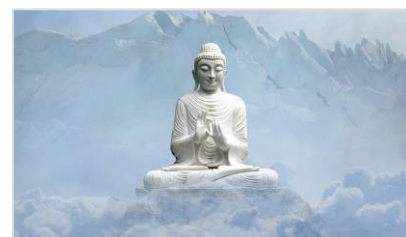
- [A] CHAAR DHAM
[B] QUAD ☒
[C] CONNECT
[D] DEVELOP



- ✓ **The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) is a strategic forum organised between the United States, Japan, Australia and India. Recently, the QUAD consultation of the four member countries was held virtually to discuss regional issues of common interest**
- ✓ **The last Ministerial engagement was held in September 2019. The Senior officials reaffirmed their commitment for an inclusive Indo-Pacific region.**

3. India announced a Grant of USD 15 million for promoting Buddhist ties with which country?

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



- ✓ **The first ever virtual summit between PM Narendra Modi and Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was recently held. India announced a grant of USD 15 million for the promotion of**

Buddhist ties with Sri Lanka. India also affirmed to expand Defence partnership with the island country, to stabilise security in the Indian Ocean.

4. Which Union Ministry has notified the standards for Safety Evaluation of Hydrogen Fuels?

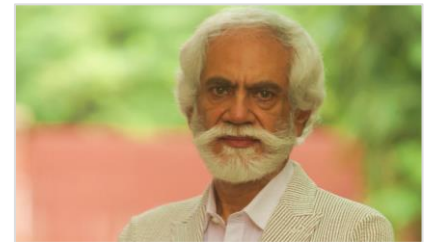
- [A] Ministry of Power
- [B] Ministry of Renewable Energy
- [C] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒
- [D] Ministry of MSME



- ✓ **The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a notification comprising standards for safety evaluation of hydrogen fuel cell-based vehicles. The Ministry has amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989 to specify the standards for the vehicles being propelled by Hydrogen Fuel cells. These standards are said to be at par with the available international standards.**

5. Sunil Sethi, the Chairman of Fashion Design Council of India, has been appointed as the advisor of which body?

- [A] Khadi and Village Industries Commission ☒
- [B] National Small Industries Corporation
- [C] British Fashion Council
- [D] University Grants Commission



- ✓ **The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), which functions under MSME Ministry, has appointed Sunil Sethi as its advisor. He is the Chairman of the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) and will advise the Commission on latest design interventions in the readymade garments segment. He would also focus on promotion of Khadi in India and abroad.**

6. The foundation day of which scheme was celebrated as 'Kaushal Se Kal Badlenghe'?

- [A] PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- [B] Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana ☒
- [C] Skill India Loan Campaign
- [D] Kaushal Samman Nidhi



- ✓ **The foundation Day of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) has been celebrated as 'Kaushal Se Kal Badlenghe'. Ministry of Rural Development organised the event on the occasion of Antyodaya Diwas, to commemorate the 6th foundation of the DDU-GKY scheme.**

- ✓ Around 10.51 lakh rural youth were given training and 6.65 lakh were given successful placement under the scheme.

7. SP Balasubrahmanyam, who passed away recently, is associated with which profession?

- [A] Politician
[B] Poet
[C] Playback Singer ☒
[D] Judge



- ✓ Veteran playback singer S P Balasubrahmanyam has recently passed away at the age of 74, after being contracted by the novel coronavirus. The legendary singer held Guinness World Record for highest number of songs by a singer. He had won six National Awards during 1979 to 1996 and won two civilian awards, Padma Shri in 2001, Padma Bhushan in 2011.

8. Which state has recently decided to provide food kits to transgender persons of the state?

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



- ✓ The Government of Kerala has decided to provide food kits to 1,000 transgender persons in the state. Kerala became the first state in the country to provide food kits to transgender during the 1st phase of lockdown in March 2020. The state government has now sanctioned food kits amounting Rs.700 each to 1000 transgender persons.

9. What is the full form of "D-SII" that is seen in news recently?

- [A] Domestic Systemically Important Insurers ☒
[B] Domestic System Import Insurers
[C] Domestic Service Import Insurers
[D] Document for Service for Import Insurance



- ✓ Insurance regulator IRDAI has identified Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), General Insurance Corporation (GIC) and New India Assurance (NIA) as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SII). D-SIIs are insurance companies of such large size and market importance, whose failure would cause a distress in domestic financial system. D-SIIs would be subjected to higher level of regulatory supervision.

10. The head of which country has called for a pact with USA on “Non–Interference”?

[A] India

[B] China

[C] Japan

[D] Russia ☒



- ✓ **Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed for a pact with the USA “Non–Interference” in each other’s domestic affairs. The pact is proposed weeks before the Presidential elections in USA. Western Nations have been accusing Russia for using its hackers and trolls to influence the outcome of elections in other countries. Also, US intelligence has stated that Russia is trying to manipulate election results in favour of Donald Trump.**
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1. Which company has won a case against India at the international arbitration tribunal, Hague?

[A] Morgan Stanley

[B] Pepsico

[C] Coco Cola

[D] Vodafone ☒



- ✓ Vodafone has won an arbitration case against the Government of India at the International Arbitration Tribunal, Hague. The tribunal held that Indian Government's tax imposition on Vodafone, including interest and penalties were in a breach of an investment treaty agreement between India and the Netherlands. India had claimed a total of Rs 279 billion (USD 3.79 billion) including about \$2 billion as tax, interest and penalties.

2. What is the theme of International Sign Languages Day – 2020?

[A] Sign Languages are for Everyone ☒

[B] Sign Languages for Communication

[C] Making Sign Languages Mainstream

[D] IT for Sign Languages



INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF SIGN LANGUAGES

- ✓ 'International Sign Languages Day' is celebrated on September 23. In India, it was celebrated by Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), an autonomous body under Social Justice and Empowerment virtually. United Nations has declared 23rd September as International Sign Language Day. The theme of this year is 'Sign Languages are for everyone' with a view to enhancing awareness about Sign language and expanding its reach to everyone.

3. On which date, World Maritime Day is observed?

[A] 20th July

[B] 24th September ☒

[C] 19th October

[D] 4th November



- ✓ Each year on 24th September, World Maritime Day is celebrated by International Maritime Organization in order to mark the contribution of international maritime industries towards the economy of the world especially shipping. The theme for this year is "Sustainable shipping for a sustainable planet".

4. Which State Legislative Assembly passes, The Gunda and Anti–Social Activities (Prevention) Bill?

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



- ✓ **The Gunda and Anti–Social Activities (Prevention) Bill was passed by Gujarat Legislative Assembly on September 24, 2020. The Bill seeks to strictly deal with anti–social elements and hardened criminals, prescribing jail terms ranging from seven to 10 years and it also empowers the police to seek 30–day remand instead of 15 days while a charge sheet can be filed within 90 days instead of the present provision of 60 days.**

5. Under which Ministry, the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for development of block level clusters across country is implemented?

- [A] Ministry of Textile ☒
- [B] Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region
- [C] Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- [D] None of the above



- ✓ **The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for development of Block Level clusters across the country including Andhra Pradesh & Telangana States. The Block Level clusters are sanctioned on the basis of the viable proposals received from States Government.**

6. Which Ministry is responsible for conducting National Nutrition Survey?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ☒
- [B] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [C] Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- [D] None of the above



- ✓ **The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare conducts National Nutrition Surveys in order to keep the check on the nutritional status of children through periodically conducting surveys. Recently, a Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) (2016–2018) has captured the data on nutritional status of school going children.**

7. Recently, which among the following labour codes are passed by the Rajya Sabha?

[A] Industrial Relations Code, 2020

[B] Code on Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020

[C] Social Security Code, 2020

[D] All of the above ☒



- ✓ The Rajya Sabha in its sitting today passed three labour codes namely, Industrial Relations Code, 2020 (ii) Code on Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020 and (iii) Social Security Code, 2020.

8. The scheme, 'Eklavya Model Residential Schools' is been implemented by which ministry?

[A] Ministry of Tribal Affairs ☒

[B] Ministry of Human Resource and Development

[C] Ministry of Education

[D] None of the above



- ✓ The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing a separate Central Sector Scheme 'Eklavya Model Residential Schools' (EMRSs) from 2019-20 with the prime objective to provide quality upper primary, secondary and senior secondary level education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students to enable them to access the best opportunities in education and to bring them at par with the general population.

9. Which state government has launched the 'U-Rise' portal?

[A] Andhra Pradesh

[B] Kerala

[C] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[D] Punjab



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath has launched a unified portal called 'U-Rise', to provide career counselling to students. The portal aims to provide assistance to students in getting vocational and technical education. It also comprises e-content, e-library, and online courses, which can be accessed by students in the interior areas of the state.

10. Which Indian state is going to launch 'Operation Durachari' in order to keep a check on crime against women?

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



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh is soon going to launch 'Operation Durachari' to check crime against women and to put posters of habitual offenders in cases of sex-related crimes on road crossing in Uttar Pradesh.**
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1. Which country is to play host to the virtual G20 Leaders' Summit?

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



- ✓ The G20 Leaders' Summit will be organised virtually on November 21–22 by Saudi Arabia, as per the country's recent announcement. It also said that the Summit will focus on addressing vulnerabilities resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic. G20 had contributed over \$21 billion for the vaccine production and distribution. The bloc also launched a debt suspension initiative for least developed countries.

2. While launching the COVID–19 vaccine portal, the Union Health Minister released the 100–year timeline history of which institution?

- [A] AIIMS
- [B] ICMR ☒
- [C] NMA
- [D] CSIR



- ✓ The Union Health Minister Harshvardhan Singh has recently launched an online portal about Covid–19 with all latest information on the disease. It will also include data on research development and clinical trials on potential Covid–19 vaccine in the country. The Minister also launched the 100–year timeline history of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

3. Kulhudhufushi, that was seen in news recently, is located in which country?

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



- ✓ The first cargo vessel from India to Maldives, named MCP Linz has reached the northern Maldivian town of Kulhudhufushi. This is the first voyage of the direct Cargo Ferry Service between India and the Maldives and it was jointly launched on September 21. This is also the first ferry service in the Indian Ocean region operated by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI).

4. "Branded Royal", that was seen in news recently, belongs to which species?

[A] Snake

[B] Butterfly ☒

[C] Frog

[D] Turtle



- ✓ A rare species of butterfly named the 'Branded Royal', was recently spotted in the Nilgiris, along the slopes of Kotagiri. The butterfly was previously documented in the Nilgiris in the year 1888 by G.F. Hampson. There is only one such record about the butterfly in Tamil Nadu. The Branded Royal (*Tajuria melastigma*) is a species of lycaenid.

5. The Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) – 2020 was prepared under the Chairmanship of which personality?

[A] Apurva Chandra ☒

[B] Rajiv Kumar

[C] Rajnath Singh

[D] Ajit Doval



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) – 2020 in New Delhi. The first Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) was promulgated in the year 2002 and has since been revised periodically to provide impetus to the growing domestic industry and achieve enhanced self reliance in defence manufacturing. Defence Minister had approved constitution of Main Review Committee under Chairmanship of DG (Acquisition) Apurva Chandra in Aug-2019 for preparation of DAP-2020. DAP 2020 will be applicable with effect from 01st October 2020.

6. Which Union Ministry has released the report of a survey titled 'Health in India'?

[A] Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation ☒

[B] Ministry of Women and Child Development

[C] Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

[D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the report of a survey titled 'Health in India'. The report is based on information collected through NSS Schedule 25.0 (Household Social Consumption: Health). As per the report, the Zoroastrian community is the most susceptible to ailments.

7. What is the name of the application launched by the Ministry of Tourism along with the Quality Council of India?

[A] ADHITHI

[B] SAATHI ☒

[C] WELCOME!

[D] INCREDIBLE



- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has launched the SAATHI application, along with the Quality Council of India, on the occasion of World Tourism Industry. The application is expected to assist the hospitality industry, in maintaining the safety standards and operations, which would develop confidence among staff. A film named 'Pathik' on Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification Programme (IITFC) was also launched.

8. Inntot Technologies, which has bagged a major award the ICT Startups Award 2020 recently, is based at which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ Inntot Technologies, based at Kochi (Kerala), has bagged a major honour at the ICT Startups Awards 2020, for its outstanding work in the field of digital broadcast receivers through innovation. The company is backed by Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM). The event was conducted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in association with the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Ericson.

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

[A] Campaign

[B] Museum ☒

[C] Commemorative Stamp

[D] Channel



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated six mega development projects in Uttarakhand under the Namami Gange Mission.

- ✓ A first of its kind Museum named 'Ganga Avalokan' on the River Ganga at Haridwar, was also inaugurated. The Prime Minister also released a book titled "Rowing Down the Ganges" and a new logo for the Jal Jeevan Mission.

10. India announced establishing a 'Green Strategic Partnership' with which country?

[A] Finland

[B] Switzerland

[C] Denmark ☒

[D] France



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended a first virtual summit with his counterpart of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen. As per the joint statement, the new 'Green Strategic Partnership' will be based on existing Joint Commission for Cooperation for cooperation in various fields including politics, energy, environment and education.

1. Bombay Stock Exchange partners with which bank, to empower Small and Medium Enterprises?

[A] Axis Bank

[B] YES Bank ☒

[C] Kotak Mahindra Bank

[D] ICICI Bank



- ✓ **Leading stock exchange, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) announced that it has signed a pact with private sector bank Yes Bank to empower the small and medium enterprises (SMEs). As per the BSE, the agreement aims to empower SMEs listed on the platform, through awareness and knowledge-sharing programmes, for export promotion and banking and financial solutions. The bank will also offer customised services and products to the listed SMEs.**

2. 'Cat Que', that was seen in news recently, is a virus said to have emerged in which country?

[A] India

[B] China ☒

[C] United States of America

[D] Kenya



- ✓ **As per the recent cautionary message from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), a new virus named 'Cat Que' emerged in China. This virus comes from Culex mosquitoes and pigs in China and Vietnam. As per ICMR, India also provides breeding climate to this species of Culex mosquitoes. This is published in the Indian Journal of Medical Research (IJMR).**

3. Human Rights group Amnesty International has announced to quit from which country?

[A] United States of America

[B] India ☒

[C] China

[D] North Korea



- ✓ **Human rights group Amnesty International has announced that it is halting all its ongoing campaign and research work in India. The Group said that the Government has frozen the bank accounts for speaking out about rights violations. Amnesty had earlier highlighted rights violations that occurred in Jammu and Kashmir and riots in Delhi.**

4. Until which month, the Reserve Bank of India has extended the enhanced borrowing facility for banks under MSF?

- [A] 2021 January
[B] 2021 March ☒
[C] 2021 April
[D] 2021 June



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the enhanced borrowing facility provided to banks by six more months. The facility to borrow under MSF scheme to meet liquidity shortage till March 31, 2021. Earlier in the March, the RBI had increased the limit from 2 per cent to 3 per cent of their net demand and time liabilities.

5. Which astronomical observatory of India has completed five years of mapping stars?

- [A] ASTROSAT ☒
[B] RISAT
[C] CARTOSAT
[D] South Asian Satellite



ASTROSAT

- ✓ India's 1st multi-wavelength astronomical observatory named 'ASTROSAT' has recently completed five years of imaging objects in space. The satellite was launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 2015. It has successfully carried out over 1000 observations of 800 unique celestial sources. A discovery of a galaxy located at a distance of about 10 billion light-years from Earth has been made using it.

6. Which Indian actor has been conferred with UNDP's SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award?

- [A] Sivakarthikeyan
[B] Keerthy Suresh
[C] Sonu Sood ☒
[D] Deepika Padukone



- ✓ Famous Actor Sonu Sood has been conferred with "SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award" by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The award has been conferred upon him for his selfless assistance rendered to migrants, stranded students abroad and bring them back to India. He also opened his hotel in Mumbai for health care workers of nearby hospitals.

7. Flipkart and which General insurance company has launched insurance cover for online financial frauds?

[A] National Insurance Company

[B] Bajaj Allianz ☒

[C] TATA AIG

[D] Sundaram Insurance



- ✓ **Flipkart and Bajaj Allianz have collaborated to offer “Digital Suraksha Group Insurance”. The insurance product is aimed at customers who wish to cover themselves against financial losses incurred due to cyber-attacks, cyber frauds, or other such activities on online platforms. This insurance covers for direct financial loss due to online frauds up to the sum insured.**

8. India is set to acquire 72,000 assault rifles from which country?

[A] Israel

[B] Iran

[C] United States of America ☒

[D] Russia



- ✓ **The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved capital acquisition proposals in Defence sector worth Rs.229 crore. The proposals include acquisition of 72,000 assault rifles from the United States of America. These proposals include material acquisitions from both Indian and foreign players and is aligned with Atma Nirbhar Policy of Self Reliance.**

9. Which e-commerce giant has launched a new ‘Fulfilment Centre’ in Tamil Nadu?

[A] Flipkart

[B] Cloud Tail

[C] Alibaba

[D] Amazon ☒



amazonfulfillment

- ✓ **Major e-commerce giant Amazon has launched its new Fulfilment Centre in Tamil Nadu. This is aimed to strengthening the firm’s network in the state. This facility is expected to offer significant employment opportunities in Tamil Nadu and give a boost to the Economy. The facility has a 7 lakh cubic feet of storage space and can accommodate lakhs of products, appliances and furniture.**

10. Which public sector organisation has signed with the Ministry of Power, and set its targets for the year 2020–21?

[A] ONGC

[B] NTPC ☒

[C] PFC

[D] GAIL



- ✓ **Leading Power Sector organisation, NTPC Ltd has recently signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Power.**
 - ✓ **Under the MoU, the key targets were fixed for the year 2020–21, which include 340 BU of electricity generation, 15 MMT of coal production under excellent category. It also includes other financial parameters including Capex and Revenue from operations.**
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1. NITI Aayog signed Sol with the embassy of which country on 'Decarbonization and Energy Transition Agenda'?

- [A] Germany
- [B] Finland
- [C] The Netherlands ☒
- [D] United Kingdom



- ✓ **NITI Aayog and the Embassy of the Netherlands, New Delhi recently signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) on 'Decarbonization and Energy Transition Agenda'. Under this partnership, NITI Aayog and the Dutch Embassy aim to create innovative technological solutions to accommodate cleaner energy. It also aims to lower the net carbon footprint, to promote bio-energy technologies among others.**

2. Which supersonic cruise missile with Indigenous Booster has been successfully flight tested?

- [A] BrahMos ☒
- [B] Nirbhay
- [C] Shaurya
- [D] Viraat



- ✓ **India has successfully test fired a new version of the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos. The missile with a number of indigenously developed sub-systems including a booster was flight-tested from the integrated test range at Balasore in Odisha. It has an extended range of about 400 km from the earlier 290 km range.**

3. Sheikh Nawaf has been sworn in as the Emir (Ruler) of which Gulf country?

- [A] Oman
- [B] Bahrain
- [C] Kuwait ☒
- [D] Saudi Arabia



- ✓ **Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Sabah, also known as Sheikh Nawaf has been sworn in as the Emir (Head) of Kuwait. The previous ruler Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah has recently died in the United States at the age of 91. Sheikh Sabah ruled the country for more than 14 years and the new Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf is 83 years old.**

4. Which organization has been selected as co runner up of USA's Citizen Diplomacy Award?

[A] Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

[B] TATA Foundation

[C] Reliance Foundation

[D] Sehgal Foundation ☒



SEHGAL
FOUNDATION

- ✓ **India's Sehgal Foundation has emerged as a co-runner up of the USA's "Citizen Diplomacy Award". The institution has been selected for its human rights and women empowerment work in rural India. The Department of States – Bureau of Global Public Affairs of USA, launched the Citizen Diplomacy Award in 2017 to recognize significant contributions by citizens and organizations to deepen USA's foreign policy around the world.**

5. Which company has started exploration of Kolar Gold Fields after 16 years?

[A] National Mineral Development Corporation

[B] Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited ☒

[C] Reliance Industries Limited

[D] Coal India Limited



मिनरल एक्सप्लोरेशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.
Govt of India Enterprise. A Miniratna PSE.

- ✓ **Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has commenced the exploration of the Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) in Karnataka. MECL is a Mini Ratna PSU under the Ministry of Mines. This mining activity is expected to help resolve Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) issue over exploration of the gold field, which is pending for past 16 years.**

6. What is the new ideal weight for adult Indian Men as per National Institute of Nutrition?

[A] 65 Kg ☒

[B] 85 Kg

[C] 95 Kg

[D] 100 Kg



- ✓ **The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has revised the ideal weight for adult Indian men from 60 kg to 65 kg. Similarly, the NIN has revised the ideal weight for adult Indian women from 50 kg to 55 kg. The definition of Indian adult also stands revised from 20–39 years to 19–39 years.**

7. What is the name of the initiative by Defence Ministry to identify innovations created by Indian Armed Forces personnel?

[A] Project Armed Force

[B] Idea Force

[C] iDEX4Fauji ☒

[D] Mission Fauji



- ✓ **iDEX4Fauji is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Defence to identify innovations created by Indian Armed Forces personnel. The initiative has been launched to reward innovations identified by members of the Armed Forces and will boost innovative ideas from soldiers/ field formations. The Minister also launched Defence India Startup Challenge–4.**

8. India is to set up a “High Level Monitoring Committee” with which nation, to review projects implemented with LoC provided by India?

[A] Maldives

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Myanmar

[D] Bangladesh ☒



- ✓ **A ‘High Level Monitoring Committee’ is proposed to be set up by India and Bangladesh to review projects implemented with Line of Credit (LoC) provided by India. The decision was made at the 6th Joint Consultative Commission meeting between the two countries held in a virtual mode. The High–Level Monitoring Committee would be headed by Secretary, Economic Relations Division of Bangladesh and High Commissioner of India in Bangladesh.**

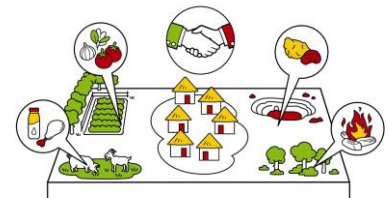
9. Which Union Ministry launched the ‘CSIR–Technologies for rural development’?

[A] Ministry of Science & Technology ☒

[B] Ministry of Education

[C] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

[D] Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ **Union Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan has launched the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Technologies for Rural Development.**

- ✓ The technologies have been launched under a joint initiative of CSIR, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) and Vijnana Bharti (VIBHA). The technologies include improved beehive, dehumidified drier and agricultural waste-based biodegradable plates.

10. 'Swachhata Ke 6 Saal, Bemisaal' is a tagline used to commemorate six years of completion of which scheme?

[A] Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban ☒

[B] Swachh Bharat Mission–Gramin

[C] Namami Gange

[D] Gandagi Mukht Bharat



- ✓ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is celebrating the sixth anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM–U). To commemorate the event, the Ministry is organising a webinar titled 'Swachhata Ke 6 Saal, Bemisaal'. The Ministry said that 4,327 urban local bodies have been declared open defecation-free (ODF) so far.
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1. Which country is to provide USD 1.9 million to support informal sector and micro enterprises in India?

[A] Japan

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] United Kingdom

[D] Germany



- ✓ The United States has committed \$1.9 million to support vulnerable people in India including those involved in informal sector workers. This financial assistance from US Agency for International Development (USAID) is provided by the American people to partners in India. This will support the Revive alliance, to address challenges caused by unemployment & income gaps faced by workers.

2. Which decade is named as the “Decade of Healthy Ageing”, as per the World Health Organisation?

[A] 2018–2028

[B] 2020–2030 ☒

[C] 2021–2031

[D] 2022–2032

Decade of Healthy Ageing
2020-2030

- ✓ The World Health Organization has designated 2020–2030 as the “Decade of Healthy Ageing”. International Day of Older Persons is observed on Oct.1 every year. United Nations designated this day to focus on the well-being and special needs of the elderly people. The UN theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2020 is “Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?”.

3. What is the largest handicraft and organic products marketplace of India, to be launched?

[A] Go Tribal

[B] Tribes India ☒

[C] Local to Global

[D] India Tribe



- ✓ Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda is to launch India’s largest handicraft and organic products marketplace named “Tribes India e-Marketplace”. This marketplace will be launched on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. This initiative of TRIFED will showcase the produce and handicrafts of tribal enterprises from all parts of the country. The Minister will also launch Pakur Honey, gathered by Santhal Tribals from Pakur, Jharkhand.

4. Which technology company has committed to pay publishers for their content?

[A] Facebook

[B] Google ☒

[C] Amazon

[D] Apple



- ✓ Google has planned to pay publishers globally for their news over the next three years. The CEO of Google, Sundar Pichai said the new product called Google News Showcase will be launched first in Germany. It will be unveiled in Belgium, India, the Netherlands and other countries. Google will pay publishers to create high-quality content for the news feature.

5. Which country is to send the world's first mining robot named 'Asteroid Mining robot' into space?

[A] India

[B] United States of America

[C] China ☒

[D] Israel



- ✓ China is expected to send the world's first mining robot into space by November 2020 through a private Beijing company, Origin Space. The mining robot named as an 'Asteroid mining robot' will be a part of the preliminary assessment to identify and extract valuable resources. The spacecraft NEO-1 will be launched onboard a Chinese Long March rocket.

6. The "Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM)" has been launched by which ministry?

[A] Ministry of MSME

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒

[C] Ministry of HRD

[D] Ministry of Tribal Affairs



- ✓ The Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM) has been launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Venture Capital Fund for SCs. The mission has been launched with an aim to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste students studying in higher educational institutions.

7. Which state has decided to give 30% of the new Public Distribution System shops to women?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Rajasthan ☒
- [D] West Bengal



- ✓ The state Government of Rajasthan has decided to give 30% of the new Public Distribution System (PDS) shops to women. The decision has been taken by the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, to empower the women in the state.
- ✓ The state has also approved an additional budget of Rs.11 crore to "Sahyog Evam Uphar Yojna", where financial assistance is provided to needy families for daughter's marriage.

8. The Fast Patrol Vessel "Kanaklata Barua" has been inducted into which Defence force?

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



- ✓ A Fast Patrol Vessel named "ICGS Kanaklata Barua" has been commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard. The ship is built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) and is the fifth and last in a series of FPVs built by the company. The ship has been named after a teen age freedom fighter of Assam who was shot dead during the Quit India Movement. Related Questions

9. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch Venus mission by which year?

- [A] 2022
- [B] 2023
- [C] 2024
- [D] 2025 ☒



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed to launch its Venus mission by the year 2025. French space agency CNES would also participate in the mission. Presently, the two nations are working closely on ISRO's human space mission Gaganyaan that aims to send 3 Indians to space by 2022.

10. Sports Minister of India has unveiled a new logo for which organization?

- [A] All India Football Federation
- [B] Athletics Federation of India
- [C] Sports Authority of India ☒
- [D] Indian Olympic Association



- ✓ **The Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has unveiled a new logo of Sports Authority of India (SAI). The new logo signifies SAI's journey of transformation from identifying grassroot level talent to creating sporting excellence in India. SAI was established in 1982 and has been an epicentre for sports in India.**
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1. "Operation My Saheli" has been launched by which organization?

[A] DRDO

[B] Indian Railways ☒

[C] ISRO

[D] Indian Army



- ✓ **"Operation My Saheli" has been launched by the South Eastern Railway, to boost the safety of women passengers during their entire train journey.**
- ✓ **The operation protects women from originating point to destination. In a pilot mode, the operation has been introduced in three trains namely trains Howrah–Yeshvantpur Durgam Special, Howrah– Ahmedabad Special and Howrah–Mumbai special trains.**

2. Which African Nation is celebrating its 60th Independence Day on Oct 1, 2020?

[A] South Africa

[B] Nigeria ☒

[C] Egypt

[D] Zimbabwe



- ✓ **Nigeria is celebrating its 60th Independence Day on Oct 1, 2020. Nigeria gained independence from the imperial Britain on October 1, 1960 and a representative of Queen Elizabeth II handed over Nigeria's constitution to the country's new Prime Minister – Abubakar Tafawa Balewa. The African country became a republic three years later.**

3. Defence Ministry has signed a Rs 400 crore–contract with which company, for supplying ten lakh hand grenades?[A] Economic Explosive Limited ☒

[B] Ordnance Factory Board

[C] Hindustan Aeronautical Ltd

[D] Bharat Electronics Ltd



- ✓ **The Defence ministry has signed a Rs 400 crore–contract with Economic Explosive Limited (EEL), for the supply of ten lakh hand grenades. Earlier, similar products were either imported or made by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). The new grenades called multi-mode hand grenades (MMHG), have been designed by the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory of DRDO.**

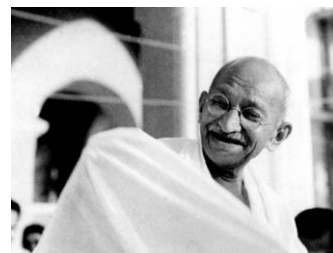
4. What is the name of the Online film festival organised by Films Division, to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti?

[A] Gandhi Filmotsav ☒

[B] Father of Nation Utsav

[C] Mahatma Festival

[D] Learn about Mahatma



- ✓ The Films Division has organized 'Gandhi Filmotsav', as a part of the final event of two years celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary. The week-long online film festival was streamed on its Website and YouTube Channel. The birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is celebrated on October 2 across the world. The birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri is also celebrated on the same day.

5. What is the name of the 3rd generation main battle tank, from which the anti-tank guided missile was test fired by DRDO?

[A] Arjun ☒

[B] Virat

[C] Kattabomman

[D] Garud



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired an indigenously developed laser-guided anti-tank guided missile (ATGM). The missile was test fired from the third-generation main battle tank, Arjun from a range at Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. The ATGM has been developed with a capability to launch from multiple platforms.

6. What is the name of the global virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian Researchers to be conducted in October 2020?

[A] VAIBHAV ☒

[B] ASPIRE

[C] ACCUMEN

[D] SPARK



- ✓ The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit on October 2. The summit is a global virtual summit of overseas and resident Indian

Researchers and Academicians. It is to be organised from October 2 to October 31. The summit creates a single platform for Science and Technology (S&T) related discussions.

7. Which Indian bureaucrat has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Cambodia?

[A] Devyani Uttam Khobragade ☒

[B] Taranjit Singh Sandhu

[C] Harsh Vardhan Shringla

[D] Navtej Sarna



- ✓ Indian Foreign Service officer Devyani Uttam Khobragade has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Cambodia. This has been announced by the Ministry of External Affairs. Ms Khobragade is a 1999-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, currently serving as a joint secretary in the External Affairs Ministry. She has served in Indian missions in Berlin, Islamabad, Rome and New York.

8. Which organisation has developed highly purified 'Antisera', for COVID-19 treatment?

[A] ICMR ☒

[B] AIIMS

[C] JIPMER

[D] CSIR



- ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has developed highly purified 'Antisera' for prevention and treatment of COVID-19. ICMR along with Hyderabad-based Biological E. Limited have developed highly purified antisera, which was raised in animals, for prophylaxis and treatment of COVID-19. This was previously used in medical science to treat many viral and bacterial infections.

9. Which state has topped in the Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shauchalaya (SSSS) campaign?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Gujarat ☒

[C] Maharashtra

[D] Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2020 was celebrated which included the distribution of Swachh Bharat Puraskar. In the Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shauchalaya

(SSSS) campaign organized from 1st Nov 2019 to 30th April 2020, Gujarat state has been conferred with the first prize. Tirunelveli (Tamil Nadu) won the best district award.

10. Which institution has released the “Time Use Survey in India” report?

[A] Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

[B] National Statistical Office ☒

[C] Pratham

[D] UNDP



- ✓ The National Statistical Office (NSO) conducted the first of its kind “Time Use Survey in India” during the period from January to December 2019. The result of the survey has been released recently in the form of a report. The survey measures the time spent on paid activities, care activities, unpaid activities, etc. NSO conducted the survey covering 1,38,799 households in both urban and rural areas.
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1. The E Way Bill is implemented under the aegis of which body?

- [A] Central Board of Direct Taxes
- [B] Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs ☒
- [C] Enforcement Directorate
- [D] Finance Commission



- ✓ **The E Way bill system is being implemented by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). It is an Electronic Way bill for movement of goods to be generated on the eWay Bill Portal. A GST registered person cannot transport goods more than Rs.50,000 without an e way bill. Finance Secretary Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey has recently stated that more than 5.74 crore e-way bills have been generated in the month of September 2020 which is seen as a sign of revival of business activities in the country.**

2. The Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI) survey is conducted by which organization?

- [A] UNDP
- [B] WEF
- [C] OEDC
- [D] NITI Aayog ☒



- ✓ **The Data Governance Quality Index (DGQI) survey is conducted by the nation's think tank NITI Aayog, by its Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office. The survey aims to evaluate the performance of different Ministries / Departments in implementing Central Sector Schemes (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). Department of Fertilizers has been ranked 2nd among 65 departments under the Data Governance Quality Index survey.**

3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Committee of Directors (CoD) to run which bank?

- [A] Yes Bank
- [B] Dhanlaxmi Bank ☒
- [C] PMC Bank
- [D] Lakshmi Vilas Bank



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Committee of Directors to run Dhanlaxmi Bank. RBI is said to have approved a three-member interim committee of directors,**

headed by G Subramonia Iyer, to run the bank. Earlier, the shareholders voted out the bank's MD and CEO Sunil Gurbaxani.

4. When is International Day of Non-Violence observed annually?

[A] October 01

[B] October 02 ☒

[C] October 03

[D] October 04



- ✓ **October 2 is observed as the International Day of Non-Violence every year by the United Nations, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The UN General Assembly in a resolution on 15 June 2007 declared this day. The objective of this day is to spread the message of non-violence through education and public awareness. Gandhi is known across the world for his non-violence movement 'Satyagraha'.**

5. Madhabi Puri Buch, who was seen in news, is the first woman whole-time member of which organisation?

[A] RBI

[B] SEBI ☒

[C] IRDAI

[D] PFRDA



- ✓ **Madhabi Puri Buch is the first woman Whole-time member (WTM) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). She is also the first from the private sector to be appointed a SEBI Board member. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has recently approved the extension of her appointment as WTM for one year beginning October 4, 2020.**

6. What is the name of the nuclear capable hypersonic missile that was test-fired from Odisha test range?

[A] Veer

[B] Shaurya ☒

[C] Agni VII

[D] Tejas



- ✓ **India has successfully test fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable hypersonic missile 'Shaurya'. The surface-to-surface tactical missile, with a strike range of around 1,000 km, has**

been test fired from a test range in Odisha. 'Shaurya' is the land variant of India's K-15 missile and is capable of carrying payloads of 200 kg to 1000 kg.

7. 'World Day for Farmed Animals' is celebrated on the birth anniversary of which leader?

[A] 'Mahatma' Gandhi ☒

[B] 'Perunthalaivar' Kamarajar

[C] Abraham Lincoln

[D] V.O. Chidambaranar



- ✓ The 'World Day for Farmed Animals' is celebrated on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Day is being observed since 1983 by various international organisations including 'World Animal Protection and Asia for Animals coalition'. In this year, a campaign of 'Pledge to #FastAgainstSlaughter' was held.

8. Indian Navy undertook the process of 'Aerial Seeding' to increase green cover in which city?

[A] Chennai

[B] Mumbai

[C] Vishakhapatnam ☒

[D] Hyderabad



- ✓ The Indian Navy along with Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation had undertaken Aerial Seeding in Vishakhapatnam. This initiative is aimed to increase green cover in and around Vishakhapatnam. Over 6.25 tonnes of seed balls were air dropped in five locations from the Naval helicopters.

9. Which country hosted the historic fourth World Conference on Women?

[A] India

[B] China ☒

[C] United States of America

[D] Japan



- ✓ The fourth World Conference on Women was convened by the United Nations during in September 1995 in Beijing, China. The 25th anniversary of the fourth World Conference on Women was recently organised. Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani participated in the conference. She highlighted about the initiatives undertaken in India including the National Nutrition Mission.

10. The Maritime Patrol Aircraft 'P-8A', that was seen in news recently, belongs to which country?

[A] Israel

[B] China

[C] United States of America ☒

[D] Japan



- ✓ A United States Navy P-8A long range Maritime Patrol Aircraft landed at Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This is seen as a significant incident as this is the first time a U.S. P-8 aircraft landed at Port Blair for refuelling under the bilateral logistics support agreement. The agreement is called the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA).
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1. The Global symposium 'India PV EDGE 2020' is organised by which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Power

[B] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒

[C] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

[D] Ministry of Communication



- ✓ **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, NITI Aayog along with Invest India are organising a virtual global symposium 'India PV EDGE 2020'. The symposium includes sessions on 'Modules and Production Equipment' and 'Supply Chain' among others. Around 60 top Indian and global CEOs are expected to attend the event virtually.**

2. 'CORPAT' is a Military Exercise between India and which country?

[A] Japan

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Bangladesh ☒

[D] France



- ✓ **As per the recent press release issued by the Ministry of Defence, two exercises namely Bongosagar and Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) will be held between India and Bangladesh in October first week. Under the India Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) exercise, both navies will undertake joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). The exercises are held as part of Prime Minister's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative.**

3. 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 & 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.**

4. V.S. Gaitonde, who was seen in news recently, is associated with which profession?

- [A] Sports person
- [B] Artist ☒
- [C] Lawyer
- [D] Politician



- ✓ A painting of V.S. Gaitonde has become the most expensive work of art by an Indian artist, as it has fetched Rs 32 Crore at an auction held at Mumbai auction house Pundole. The untitled oil-on-canvas painting was created in the year 1974 and was bought by an unnamed international buyer. This sale breaks the record held by another art work of V.S. Gaitonde that fetched Rs 29.3 crore in the year 2015.

5. Which city played host to the Naval Investiture Ceremony 2020?

- [A] Goa
- [B] Vishakhapatnam ☒
- [C] Cochin
- [D] Chennai



- ✓ The Naval Investiture Ceremony of this year has been conducted at Visakhapatnam. During the ceremony, the Gallantry and non-Gallantry Awards announced on the Republic Day this year were conferred. The Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain also presented Unit citations to distinguished Naval units which have performed well during the past year.

6. What is 'PARAM Siddhi – AI', that was seen in news recently?

- [A] Super Computer ☒
- [B] Robot
- [C] Drone
- [D] Missile



- ✓ The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) is set to commission India's largest HPC-AI supercomputer, 'PARAM Siddhi – AI'. The initiative has been led by Scientist and Program Director at CDAC Abhishek Das. The same has been approved by the Union Minister of Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad. The supercomputer will have 210 AI Petaflops and will be based on NVIDIA DGX SuperPOD reference architecture.

7. Which forest is said to be in a risk of changing from Forest to Savanna, as per a recent study?

[A] Sholas, Western Ghats

[B] Amazon Rainforests ☒

[C] Congo Rainforests

[D] Mangrove Forests, Pichavaram



- ✓ In a recent study published in the journal Nature Communications, the resilience of tropical rainforests under two additional extreme scenarios is explored. As per the study, rainfall in the Amazon is very low that up to 40% of the forest is at a risk of changing into a savanna-like environment, with fewer trees and biodiversity. The study also simulated the effect of emissions from burning fossil fuels between now and the end of the century.

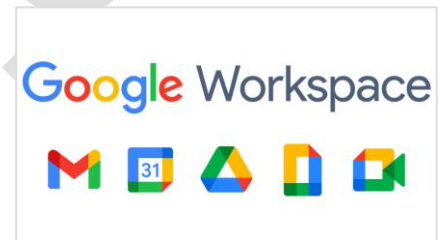
8. Which technology company has renamed its business software package as 'Workspace'?

[A] Microsoft

[B] Google ☒

[C] IBM

[D] Zoho



- ✓ Technology Major Google has recently announced Google Workspace as the new name for its package of business tools. The package including email and document editing was earlier known by the G Suite brand, which was introduced in 2016. Google has also launched some new features including integration of video chat with co-workers among others.

9. India is to hold a Digital conference on innovation in the field of Solar energy, along with which country?

[A] France

[B] Germany

[C] Israel ☒

[D] United Kingdom



- ✓ India and Israel have agreed to advance bilateral cooperation in the fight against the coronavirus with special focus on technological cooperation. During the telephonic conversation between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu, the leaders agreed to hold a digital conference on innovation in the field of solar energy.

10. Which state government has launched 'Digital Seva Setu Programme'?

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] Gujarat ☒

[C] Assam

[D] Uttarakhand



- ✓ **The State Government of Gujarat has recently launched Digital Seva Setu Programme for the rural areas of the state. Under this programme, the citizens will be provided access to various public welfare services at the Panchayat level. This Digital Seva Setu has been initiated under the Bharat Net Project that aims to connect the Village Panchayats through fibre network.**
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1. The National Mission for Clean Ganga has launched a campaign related to which animal, along with the Wildlife Institute of India?

[A] Bengal Tiger

[B] Dolphin ☒

[C] Turtle

[D] Sea horse



- ✓ The National Mission for Clean Ganga along with Wildlife Institute of India and the Forest Department launched the 'My Ganga My Dolphin' campaign. This has been launched on the occasion of Ganga River Dolphin Day observed on October 5, 2020. A Dolphin-based ecotourism programme was also launched at various sites along the Ganga River. Under the campaign, Dolphin Census will be conducted and awareness campaigns would be held.

2. Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has partnered with which organization to promote new agricultural technology?

[A] Prasar Bharati ☒

[B] Press Information Bureau

[C] Press Trust of India

[D] ANI News Agency



- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has partnered with Prasar Bharati to promote new agricultural technology and innovations. As per the agreement, DD Kisan channel will broadcast various innovative techniques adopted in agriculture and the innovations of IFFCO through 30 minutes program series.

3. Dinesh Kumar Khara has been appointed as the Chairman of which public sector bank?

[A] State Bank of India ☒

[B] Punjab National Bank

[C] Union Bank of India

[D] Canara Bank



- ✓ The Union Government has appointed Dinesh Kumar Khara as Chairman of State Bank of India for three years from 7 October. According to a notification issued by the Finance Ministry, Khara will replace SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar, whose three-year term is ending on October 7. Khara was serving as the Managing Director of SBI since August 2016.

4. What is the name of the 7th Indian Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel that was commissioned in Chennai?

[A] Vighraha ☒

[B] Viraat

[C] Varaha

[D] Veer



- ✓ The seventh offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), 'Vighraha' was formally commissioned at Kattupalli port, Chennai. The vessel was built by Larsen and Toubro and is the last in the series of seven offshore patrol vessels contracted to the company by the Ministry of Defence in 2015. This is the first time a private sector shipyard has undertaken the design and construction of OPV class of ships.

5. In which month is the Wildlife Week celebrated in India?

[A] September

[B] October ☒

[C] November

[D] December



- ✓ Wildlife Week is celebrated every year in India between October 1 and 8, to promote and preserve the wild lives. Wildlife Week was conceptualized in the year 1952 to create awareness and safe guard the lives of wildlife through critical action. This year, the Wildlife Institute of India is organising a series of webinar in this regard.

6. Which state Government launched the Kisan Rath Mobile App to promote buyer–seller network?

[A] Karnataka

[B] Assam ☒

[C] Gujarat

[D] Meghalaya



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Kisan Rath Mobile App, to facilitate timely sale of agricultural products. The app is designed and technically maintained by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) and aims to establish a robust buyer–seller network. The app will be released by the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART).

7. The 12th BRICS Summit which is scheduled to be held on November 17 virtually, was originally to be held in which city?

[A] Beijing

[B] St. Petersburg ☒

[C] Moscow

[D] New Delhi



- ✓ The 12th summit of the Brazil–Russia–India–China–South Africa (BRICS) countries is to be held virtually held on November 17 via video conference. This is set to be the first virtual multilateral meeting to be joined by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping since the border standoff in Ladakh in May. The theme for the meeting will be “BRICS partnership for global stability, shared security and innovative growth”.

8. As per the World Trade Organization (WTO), what is the growth of world merchandise trade in the year 2020?

[A] -1.2%

[B] -5.2%

[C] -9.2% ☒

[D] -13.2%



- ✓ According to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) revised trade forecast, the World merchandise trade is expected to fall by 9.2 percent in 2020. However, the WTO also estimated that the world will record a 7.2 percent rise in the year 2021. Earlier in the month of April, WTO had predicted that the volume of world merchandise trade would decline between 13 percent and 32 percent for 2020.

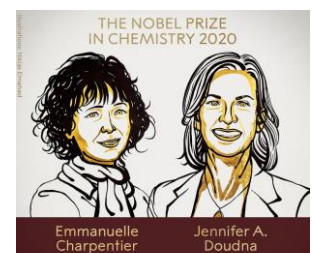
9. The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to two scientists for which field of Chemistry?

[A] Genome Editing ☒

[B] Bio–Chemistry

[C] Electro–Chemistry

[D] Quantum Chemistry



- ✓ The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna for development of a method for genome editing. The two scientists have discovered one of gene technology's sharpest tools named the CRISPR/Cas9 genetic

scissors, using which the DNA of animals, plants, and microorganisms can be changed precisely. Charpentier and Doudna became the sixth and seventh women to win a Nobel for chemistry.

10. Which Indian company has partnered with Ericsson to deploy 5G radio and transport solutions?

[A] Jio

[B] Airtel ☒

[C] Vodafone

[D] Idea



- ✓ Indian Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has extended its contract with Ericsson for deployment of 5G-ready radio and transport solutions. The Made-in-India 5G-ready Ericsson Radio System products are expected to enhance the network capacity and customer experience. India has the highest usage of smartphone per month.
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1. The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU with which country for the exchange of knowledge and technology on cyber–security?

[A] Germany

[B] France

[C] Japan ☒

[D] Singapore



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU with Japan for the exchange of knowledge and technology on cyber–security. The Cabinet also approved a standardized and transparent e–bidding process in natural gas pricing. It also gave nod for the revised cost of a project of the Kolkata metro rail. The cabinet also gave its approval to public awareness campaign on COVID–19.

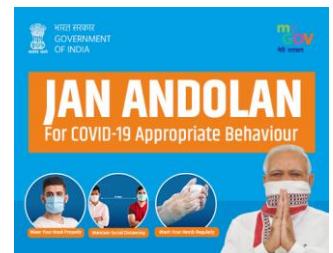
2. What is the name of the COVID–19 awareness campaign launched by the Indian Prime Minister ahead of festive seasons?

[A] Jan Andolan ☒

[B] Bharat Andolan

[C] COVID Jagrutha

[D] COVID Chodo India



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched a campaign on Jan Andolan for COVID–19 Appropriate Behaviour. The campaign has been launched considering the festivals, winter season and the opening up of the economy. The Prime Minister asked the people to wear a mask, wash hands and follow social distancing by maintaining 'Do Gaz Ki Doori.'

3. What would be the new brand name of India's premium Cotton in the World Cotton Trade?

[A] Bharat Cotton

[B] Incredible Cotton

[C] Kasturi Cotton ☒

[D] Maharaja Cotton



- ✓ Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani has recently launched the first–ever brand and logo for Indian Cotton. It was launched on the second World Cotton Day, which is celebrated across the world on October 7. India's premium Cotton would be known as 'Kasturi Cotton' in the World Cotton trade. The Minister also released a new logo for the Indian Cotton.

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

- [A] Navtej Sarna
- [B] Pradeep Kumar Rawat ☒
- [C] Arun Kumar Singh
- [D] Harsh Vardhan Shringla



- ✓ **Veteran Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of 1990 batch Pradeep Kumar Rawat has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Kingdom of Netherlands. As per the recent statement of the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Pradeep Kumar, who is presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Indonesia, is expected to take up the new role shortly.**

5. Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

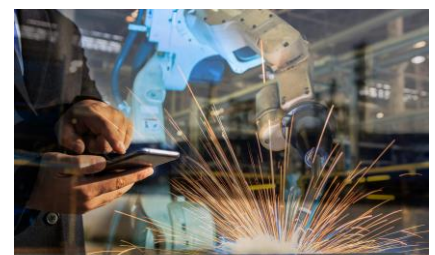
- [A] M Rajeshwar Rao ☒
- [B] Ashima Goyal
- [C] Jayanth R Varma
- [D] Shashanka Bhide



- ✓ **The Central government has appointed M Rajeshwar Rao as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the country's central bank. The Appointment Committee of the Union cabinet has approved the appointment and he will succeed NS Vishwanathan as the fourth Deputy Governor.**

6. In which state, India's first advanced manufacturing hub (AMHUB) is to be established?

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



- ✓ **India's first advanced manufacturing hub (AMHUB) is to be established in the state of Tamil Nadu. The Guidance, nodal investment promotion and facilitation agency of the state has partnered with the World Economic Forum (WEF) in this regard. AMHUB is one of the nineteen platforms designed by the WEF. It will help the production ecosystem in Tamil Nadu by identifying and addressing the regional opportunities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.**

7. As per the recent statement from the RBI, Finance companies cannot be set up with FDI from which country?

[A] Maldives

[B] Mauritius ☒

[C] Seychelles

[D] Cayman Islands



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently announced that Finance companies cannot be set up with foreign direct investment (FDI) from Mauritius or other domains that do not meet the benchmarks laid down by Financial Action Task Force (FATF). This move of the Reserve Bank is expected to impact the huge annual inflows in the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) space.**

8. Which Indian businessperson has entered the top-10 of Forbes India Rich List 2020 for the first time?

[A] Gautam Adani

[B] Shiv Nadar

[C] Cyrus Poonawalla ☒

[D] Uday Kotak



- ✓ **As per the Forbes India Rich List 2020 that was released recently, the chairman of Reliance Industries Limited remains the richest Indian for the 13th consecutive year. His net worth stands at USD 88.7 billion. Mukesh Ambani is followed by Gautam Adani with a net worth of \$25.2 billion and Shiv Nadar at \$20.4 billion. The new entrant in the top 10 is Cyrus Poonawalla, the Chairman of Serum Institute of India (SII).**

9. Which Indian state has inaugurated its largest Greenfield oxygen plant commissioned by INOX Air Products?

[A] Gujarat

[B] Bihar

[C] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[D] Jharkhand



- ✓ **The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has virtually inaugurated the state's largest oxygen plant in Modinagar, Ghaziabad. The plant is commissioned by the leading manufacturers**

of industrial and medical gases, INOX Air Products (INOX). The project outlay of the plant is Rs 135 crore and it has a capacity of 150 tonnes liquid medical oxygen per day.

10. SARDP–NE, which was in news recently, is implemented by which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ☒
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ **The Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North East (SARDP–NE) was launched by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Recently, the Central Government has increased funding for road development in the Northeast by 95 per cent from Rs 390 crore to Rs 760 crore. This is the second consecutive increase of funding for the region this year.**
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1. Ram Vilas Paswan entered the Guinness Record for winning a parliamentary election with the highest margin, from which constituency?

- [A] Hajipur ☒
- [B] Bodh Gaya
- [C] Patna Sahib
- [D] Nalanda



- ✓ Veteran political leader who fought for Dalit rights and the founder of Lok Janshakti Party, Ram Vilas Paswan passed away at the age of 74. He entered the Guinness World Record for winning a parliamentary election with the highest margin. He won with a margin of 4.24 lakh votes from his Hajipur constituency in Bihar in 1977. After the leader's demise, who was serving as the Consumer Affairs Minister, Union Minister Piyush Goyal was assigned the additional charge.

2. As per the recent announcement of the RBI, which service is to be made available round the clock from December 2020?

- [A] NEFT
- [B] RTGS ☒
- [C] IMPS
- [D] BBPS



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das announced that Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) payment system will be available round the clock from December 2020. At present, in the RTGS service, customer transactions are allowed from 7am to 6pm only on a working day. The relaxation of time constraints would make online payment more efficient. The minimum amount to be remitted through RTGS is Rs 2 lakhs with no upper ceiling.

3. Which personality/ institution won the Nobel Peace Prize 2020?

- [A] Jacinda Ardern
- [B] Greta Thunberg
- [C] World Health Organization
- [D] UN World Food Programme ☒



- ✓ The Nobel Peace Prize 2020 was awarded to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) for feeding millions of people amid the coronavirus pandemic. The WFP was founded in the year 1961.

- ✓ The UN organisation had helped 97 million people last year and distributed to over 15 billion rations to people in 88 countries last year. The award consists of a gold medal, a diploma and a cheque for 10 million Swedish kronor.

4. What is the name of the Indigenously Developed Anti Radiation Missile, tested by DRDO?

[A] Rudram ☒

[B] Shiva

[C] Shakthi

[D] Iraivaa



- ✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful test of the New Generation Anti Radiation Missile (NGRAM) called the Rudram-1. The missile has been tested at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Balasore. This is India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile and it would be launched from various fighter aircraft used by the Indian Air Force.

5. The Prime Minister is to launch the Distribution of Property Cards under which scheme?

[A] SVAMITVA ☒

[B] SWAYAM

[C] SVANidhi

[D] SVEEKAR



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to launch the physical distribution of property cards under the SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) scheme. Under the scheme, the rural people are empowered to use the property as a financial asset. The physical copies of property titles will be handed over to over 132,000 landowners during the event. The state governments will also physically distribute the cards to people.

6. Who is the head of the expert group formed by the Labour Ministry, to assess the employment situation in the country?

[A] SP Mukherjee ☒

[B] Santosh Gangwar

[C] Nirmala Sitharaman

[D] Piyush Goyal



- ✓ The Labour Ministry announced that the Labour Bureau is set to evaluate the employment situation in the country.

- ✓ The expert group headed by SP Mukherjee will conduct three surveys on migration, domestic workers and professional bodies. He is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Kolkata. The group also consists of economists, statisticians and government functionaries.

7. Which country has commenced anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea?

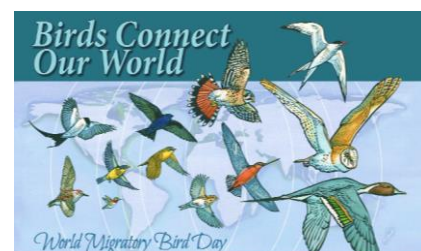
- [A] China
[B] Japan ☒
[C] Malaysia
[D] Taiwan



- ✓ Japan's Maritime Self-defense Force has commenced anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea, as per the recent statement from the Japanese Defence Ministry. The exercise deployed three vessels including a helicopter aircraft carrier and a submarine. The entire South China Sea is claimed by China, which has established military outposts on artificial islands. The United States has been accusing China of militarising the South China Sea.

8. Which special day related to biodiversity is celebrated on the second Saturday of May and October?

- [A] World Bio-diversity Day
[B] World Migratory Birds Day ☒
[C] World Mammals Day
[D] World Aquatic Animals Day



- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is observed every year on the second Saturday of May and October, to create awareness about the need to conserve migratory birds and their habitats. It also highlights the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance and the need for global cooperation to conserve them. This year the theme of the World Migratory Bird Day, celebrated on October 10 is "Birds Connect Our World".

9. TAEF, which recently partnered with National Maritime Foundation (NMF), is a think tank based in which country?

- [A] Japan
[B] Taiwan ☒
[C] Philippines
[D] Thailand



- ✓ Taiwan–Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) is a leading think tank from Taiwan and the organizer of the Yushan Forum. The think tank was seen in the news recently, as it has signed a memorandum with India's National Maritime Foundation (NMF), to promote cooperation in the Indo–Pacific region. The agreement also aims to conduct joint research.

10. 'Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog' has been constituted under which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Rural Development
- [B] Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying ☒
- [C] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- [D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ The Government of India has constituted the 'Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog', under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. It aims to promote animal husbandry on modern and scientific means and to preserve and improve breeds of cattle. Recently, RKA started a nation-wide campaign to celebrate Kamdhenu Deepawali Abhiyan on the occasion of Diwali festival.
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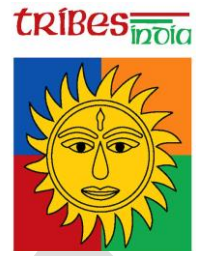
1. What is the name of the initiative launched by TRIFED, IIT Kanpur and Chhattisgarh MFP Federation?

[A] Incredible Tribals

[B] Tech for Tribals ☒

[C] Tribal Thrust

[D] Tribal Leaders



- ✓ The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), Ministry of Tribal Affairs in association with Chhattisgarh MFP Federation and IIT Kanpur launched the 'Tech for Tribals' initiative. It has been launched under the 'Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme' (ESDP), in collaboration with the Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). Van Dhan beneficiaries across all districts of Chhattisgarh State are being trained for 6 weeks.

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the biography of which personality, titled 'Deh Vechava Karani'?

[A] Dr Balasaheb Vikhe Patil ☒

[B] Atal Bihari Vajpayee

[C] L K Advani

[D] Syama Prasad Mukherjee



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently released the biography of late Member of Parliament Dr Balasaheb Vikhe Patil. The autobiography is titled 'Deh Vechava Karani' which means dedicating one's life for a noble cause. He served as the Member of Parliament for seven times. He was awarded the prestigious Padma Bhushan award in 2010 for his contribution in the field of Social Work.

3. The founders of which Indian company topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & under Self-Made Rich List 2020?

[A] Zomato

[B] Zerodha ☒

[C] Udaan

[D] Flipkart



- ✓ The founders of stock brokerage company 'Zerodha', Nithin Kamath and Nikhil Kamath topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & under Self-Made Rich List 2020.

- ✓ They also manage the asset management company (AMC) True Beacon. The total net worth of the young businessmen stands at Rs 24,000 crores. The list ranks the self-made entrepreneurs with a wealth of INR 1,000 crore, aged below forty years and under from India.

4. Which company has launched the indigenous variety of Calcium Nitrate and Boronated Calcium Nitrate?

[A] Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd ☒

[B] Indian Fertilizers Corporation

[C] Vedanta Chemicals

[D] SPIC



- ✓ The Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals India Ltd (GSFC) has launched the indigenous variety of calcium nitrate and boronated calcium nitrate. These two chemicals are being manufactured for the first time in India and till now they were imported.
- ✓ Calcium Nitrate is a very soluble component and is widely used in Fertigation. It is also used for wastewater treatment and to increase the strength of cement. Boronated Calcium Nitrate is a water-soluble fertilizer which contains high-quality macro and essential nutrients.

5. Which Tennis player won his thirteenth French Open Men's Singles title?

[A] Novak Djokovic

[B] Roger Federer

[C] Rafael Nadal ☒

[D] Dominic Thiem



- ✓ Tennis player Rafael Nadal defeated Novak Djokovic to win his 13th French Open and 20th Grand Slam title. Nadal also equalled Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 Grand Slam titles. This is also the 100th match win at Roland Garros of Nadal against just two defeats since his 2005 debut. Young Polish player Iga Swiatek became the lowest-ranked woman to win the French Open.

6. As per the recent report titled 'Animal Discoveries 2019 and Plant Discoveries 2019', how many new species were discovered in 2019?

[A] 244

[B] 344

[C] 444

[D] 544 ☒

544

- ✓ The Zoological Survey of India and the Botanical Survey of India released a report titled 'Animal Discoveries 2019 and Plant Discoveries 2019'. As per the report, 544 new species including 364 animal species and 180 plant species were discovered in the year 2019. Some of the important species include Cnemaspisanandani (a rock dwelling gecko) and Ginger Amomum nagamiense (a wild ginger variety discovered in Nagaland).

7. The Prime Minister released a commemorative coin of Rs 100 denomination, to honour which personality?

- [A] Vijaya Raje Scindia ☒
[B] Tiruppur Kumaran
[C] Syama Prasad Mukherjee
[D] Deendayal Upadhyaya



- ✓ The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative Rs 100 coin as part of the end of birth centenary celebrations of Vijaya Raje Scindia. She was also called as the Rajamata of Gwalior and was born on the same day in the year 1919. Vijaya Raje Scindia started her political career from the Congress and later joined the Swatantrata Party before becoming a member of the BJP's parent party, Jana Sangh.

8. Which bank has been designated by the Union Government for opening all FCRA accounts?

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



- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed all NGOs seeking foreign donations to open a designated FCRA account at the State Bank of India's New Delhi branch by March 31, 2021. The NGOs registered under FCRA shall not receive any foreign donations in any other bank account from April 1, 2021. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2020 was amended by Parliament in September.

9. Which country is set to host the 7th Meeting of Ministers of Law & Justice of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2020?

- [A] China
[B] India ☒
[C] Pakistan
[D] Russia



- ✓ Union Law Minister of India Ravi Shankar Prasad will host the seventh meeting of Ministers of Law and Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- ✓ The virtual meeting which is to be held on October 16 will be attended by Law and Justice Ministers of China, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic. India will also host the second meeting of the Experts Working Group.

10. Which organisation has released the '2020 State of Climate Services' report?

[A] Food & Agricultural Organisation

[B] World Meteorological Organisation ☒

[C] UNICEF

[D] World Food Programme



- ✓ The 2020 State of Climate Services report has been released by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) along with 16 international agencies and financing institutions. The WMO revealed that more disasters attributed to weather are taking place every year. It also warned that the number of people who need international humanitarian help could rise by 50 percent by 2030 when compared to 2018.
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1. 'Exporting Corruption 2020' is a report released by which organisation?

[A] Transparency International ☒

[B] UNESCO

[C] World Trade Organization

[D] UNCTAD



- ✓ **The Berlin-based Anti-corruption watchdog Transparency International released its recent study entitled 'Exporting Corruption 2020: Assessing Enforcement of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention'. As per the study, India is one among the biggest global exporters with the worst track records along with China, Japan, the Netherlands, South Korea, Hong Kong, Canada and Mexico. It also revealed that India lacks a mechanism to crack down on bribery of foreign officials by its exporters.**

2. What is the title of the "World Economic Outlook 2020" report released by IMF?

[A] A Long and Difficult Ascent ☒

[B] Pandemic and Global Economy

[C] Tackling the Economic Crisis

[D] Longway Ahead



- ✓ **The International Monetary Fund has released the "World Economic Outlook 2020" report titled "A Long and Difficult Ascent". As per the report, the Indian economy would contract by 10.30% for FY 2020-21. The report has estimated the global growth to be - 4.4% (contraction) for this year.**

3. Which Power producer of India has tied up with Cement manufacturers across the country for supply of ash?

[A] Adani Power

[B] TATA Power

[C] NTPC ☒

[D] Reliance Power



- ✓ **India's largest power producer NTPC Ltd has tied up with Cement manufacturers across the country to supply fly ash. This is a part of NTPC's objective to achieve % by-product utilisation. NTPC is using the services of Indian Railways to transport fly ash from its thermal power plants to various cement plants. NTPC Rihand is the first power plant in Uttar Pradesh to send conditioned fly ash to cement manufacturers.**

4. Where is the Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR) of the Ministry of AYUSH established?

[A] Chennai ☒

[B] Mumbai

[C] Kolkata

[D] Delhi



- ✓ **Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR) of the Ministry of Ayush has been inaugurated at National Institute of Siddha – Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This repository will play an important role in medicinal plant cultivation. The RRDR would help in collection, documentation, and authentication of raw drugs from the Southern Plateau Region.**

5. Which country has been elected as the President of International Solar Alliance (ISA), for a term of two years?

[A] Fiji

[B] Mauritius

[C] India ☒

[D] Niger



- ✓ **During the third assembly of International Solar Alliance, India and France were re-elected as the President and co-President of ISA for a term of two years. The representatives of Fiji and Nauru for Asia-Pacific, Mauritius and Niger for Africa, the UK and the Netherlands for Europe and others, Cuba and Guyana for Latin America and the Caribbean are elected as Vice-Presidents.**

6. A National report on 'ANGIKAAR' campaign was released recently. The campaign is associated with which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

[B] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒

[C] Ministry of Electronics and IT

[D] Ministry of Finance



- ✓ **ANGIKAAR-campaign was launched in 2019, under which the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) are trained and given access to other welfare schemes. The Union Minister of State (IC) for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri participated in a webinar to launch a portal for Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHCs). During the webinar, he also launched a national report on ANGIKAAR campaign.**

7. Nagarnar Steel Plant (NSP), which was seen in the news recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave in-principle approval to the demerger of Chhattisgarh-based Nagarnar Steel Plant (NSP) from National Minerals Development Corporation (NMDC). It also approved the strategic disinvestment of the demerged company by selling the entire government stake to a strategic buyer. This process is expected to be completed by September 2021. Earlier in 2016, it had been decided to disinvest NSP as a unit of NMDC.

8. Africa's tallest mountain, the Mount Kilimanjaro is located in which country?

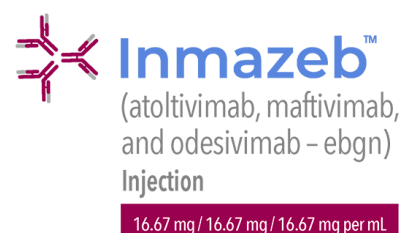
- [A] South Africa
[B] Tanzania ☒
[C] Zimbabwe
[D] Nigeria



- ✓ Mount Kilimanjaro is a dormant volcano located in Tanzania. It is also the tallest mountain of Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain in the world. Recently, over 500 volunteers have been trying to put out a fire on the Mount Kilimanjaro. Though the fire spread could be controlled, the area known as 'Kifunika Hill' was still burning, as per the news. The fire is said to have consumed 28 square kilometers of vegetation.

9. A drug named 'Inmabez' has been approved as the first drug for treating which disease?

- [A] COVID-19
[B] Ebola ☒
[C] Dengue
[D] Measles



- ✓ The United States regulator body Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first drug for the treatment of Ebola. The drug named 'Inmabez' has been developed by Regeneron Pharmaceuticals increased the survival rate in participants than other treatments. The drug was tested during an outbreak in Congo that killed over 2000 people.

10. As per the World Economic Outlook 2020 released by IMF, what would be the Per Capita GDP of India in 2020?

[A] USD 1800

[B] USD 1855

[C] USD 1877 ☒

[D] USD 200



- ✓ As per the World Economic Outlook 2020 released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently, India's Per Capital GDP is expected to fall to USD 1877 in the year 2020. The corresponding figure for Bangladesh is USD 1888, indicating that the per capita GDP for Bangladesh would be more than that of India in 2020. As per the report, India's fall in per capita GDP is a result of COVID 19 related lock-down and economic slowdown.
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1. The “Waiver of compound interest for loans” that is seen in the news recently, is applicable to how many categories of loans?

- [A] Three
[B] Four
[C] Eight ☒
[D] Ten



- ✓ The scheme for “Waiver of compound interest (interest on interest)” accumulated during moratorium against loans of up to Rs 2 crore has been proposed for eight different sectors. These include MSME, education, housing, consumer durables, credit card, auto, personal and consumption loans. The Supreme Court of India has recently advised the Union Government to come out with a definite plan for implementing this scheme by 2nd November 2020.

2. Which institution has called for emergency financing of USD 25 billion to help the poorest countries to tackle COVID-19?

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



- ✓ The World Bank has called for an emergency financing of USD 25 billion, to help the poorest countries of the world, to tackle the challenges of Covid-19 pandemic. Recently, the World Bank head David Malpass told the Finance ministers and Central bank Governors of the G20 major economies that he would propose the supplemental financing package to deputies of the International Development Association (IDA).

3. “Grow, nourish, sustain. Together. Our actions are our future” is the theme of which special day celebrated on October 16?

- [A] World Earth Day
[B] World Food Day ☒
[C] World Nutrition Day
[D] World Livelihood Day



- ✓ The World Food Day 2020 is celebrated every year on October 16 across the world, to raise awareness about the importance of good food and nutrition.

- ✓ The World Food Day 2020 theme is "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together. Our actions are our future". The Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) is leading the celebrations and activities conducted on this day across the world.

4. In which state/UT, was the operation of first phase of International Institute of Advanced Virology (IIAV) inaugurated?

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



- ✓ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has recently inaugurated operations of the first phase of the International Institute of Advanced Virology. It has been located at the Life Science Park at Thonakkal in Thiruvananthapuram. Renowned virologist, Dr Akhil Banerjee was appointed as the Head of the research Institute, which is currently under the Department of Science and Technology.

5. The Parliament of Israel has approved Peace Deal with which country?

- [A] USA
[B] UAE ☒
[C] Russia
[D] Iran



- ✓ Israel's parliament has recently approved the normalization deal signed between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Israel and the UAE signed an agreement to normalize their relations in Washington on September 15. Israel also signed a peace deal with Bahrain and the UAE and Bahrain became the first Gulf countries to agree for official relations with Israel.

6. "Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna" is a part of the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation project, funded by which PSU?

- [A] NTPC
[B] Coal India ☒
[C] SAIL
[D] ONGC



- ✓ **Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan launched the second phase of “Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna” for the underprivileged Thalassemic patients. This scheme is a part of the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) program which is funded by Coal India’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). It was launched in the year 2017 that aims to provide a one-time cure opportunity for Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell Disease**

7. What is the abbreviation of e-VIN, that was seen in news recently?

- [A] Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network ☒
- [B] Emergency Vaccine Infrastructure Network
- [C] Electronic Voting Intelligence Network
- [D] Electronic Voluntary Intelligence Network



- ✓ **Union Health minister Harsh Vardhan recently announced that the government is looking at procuring and utilizing about 400–500 million vaccine doses, covering about 200–250 million people. Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) that is used for the immunisation programme, is used for real-time tracking of vaccine movement, from procurement to storage, to delivery and distribution.**

8. The “India – International Food and Agri Week” has been launched by which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture
- [B] Ministry of Food Processing ☒
- [C] Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [D] Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ **The India – International Food and Agri Week has been launched by the Ministry of Food Processing and industries. The Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the event virtually. During the inaugural event, the minister stated that 32% of India’s food market is constituted by food processing. The Ministry has also started an awareness programme named “Anna Devo Bhava”.**

9. What is the name of the mobile application launched by Leather Sector Skill Council (LSSC)?

- [A] Skill India
- [B] Leather India
- [C] Scale India ☒
- [D] Scale Skill



- ✓ An android based application named “SCALE India” has been launched by Leather Sector Skill Council, a non-profit organization (NGO). The app aims to cater the needs of stakeholders of the skilling and employment ecosystem. The app was launched by the Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Mahendra Nath Pandey, at a virtual event.

10. BepiColombo, which was in news recently, is a spacecraft launched to explore which planet / celestial body?

[A] Saturn

[B] Mars

[C] Mercury ☒

[D] Venus



- ✓ ‘BepiColombo’ is a joint mission of the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), which aims to explore Mercury. Recently, the spacecraft has crossed Venus for the first time and captured an image of Venus from a distance of 17,000 kilometres. The spacecraft was launched in 2018 to undergo a seven-year trip to Mercury.
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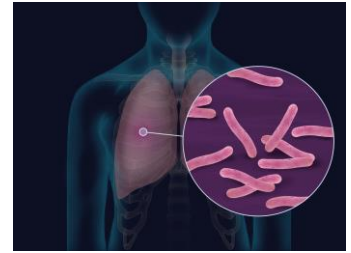
1. Which country has the highest TB burden across the globe at 26%, as per the recent report of WHO?

[A] Nigeria

[B] India ☒

[C] Central African Republic

[D] Republic of the Congo



- ✓ **The World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a report titled 'The Global Tuberculosis Report, 2020' recently. As per the report, India recorded a decline in the notification of tuberculosis (TB) cases by about 85 percent in April 2020, after the imposition of COVID-19 induced lockdown. However, India has the highest TB burden across the globe at 26 percent.**

2. Who represented India in the 102nd meeting of World Bank Development Committee Plenary?

[A] Narendra Modi

[B] Piyush Goyal

[C] Nirmala Sitharaman ☒

[D] Harsh Vardhan



- ✓ **Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 102nd meeting of World Bank Development Committee Plenary through video conferencing. She highlighted the measures taken by the Government to tackle the COVID-19 crisis, including the USD 23 billion and USD 271 Billion as a part of the economic stimulus package.**

3. ENFUSER and SILAM, that were in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Defence

[B] Environment ☒

[C] Education

[D] Culture



- ✓ **The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has operationalized an advanced high-resolution air quality early warning system for the national capital named ENFUSER (Environmental Information Fusion Service). Another model has also been made operationalized for the rest of the country. IMD has also improved the air quality forecast model 'System for Integrated Modelling of Atmospheric Composition (SILAM)', by implementing global emission inventories.**

4. 'Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)', which was in news recently is associated with which countries?

[A] China and Russia

[B] USA and Russia ☒

[C] India and Russia

[D] Israel and Russia



- ✓ Russian President Vladimir Putin has proposed that the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) that expires in February, to be extended. However, the USA has rejected the Russian President's proposal of extending the accord for at least a year without imposing any conditions. The New START treaty, that was signed in 2010, limits the numbers of strategic nuclear equipment that the two countries can deploy.

5. What is the rank of India in the Global Hunger Index 2020 report?

[A] 102

[B] 105

[C] 94 ☒

[D] 97



- ✓ As per the Global Hunger Index 2020 report released recently, India ranks 94 among 107 countries in the world. India registered a score of 27.2, which means a level of hunger that is "serious". Last year, India ranked at 102nd position out of 117 countries. The report also revealed that 14 percent of India's population is undernourished.

6. By which year does the Government aim to make India Trans Fat Free?

[A] 2021

[B] 2022 ☒

[C] 2025

[D] 2030

2022

- ✓ India has aimed to make it Trans Fat Free by 2022. This is a year ahead of the target set by World Health Organisation (WHO). Trans Fat is a toxic substance present in Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils, baked and fried foods are seen as an important source of non-communicable disease in India.

7. As per the recent publication in Lancet journal, what is the life expectancy of India in 2019?

- [A] 65
[B] 66.6
[C] 70.8 ☒
[D] 80.8

70.8

- ✓ As per a recent publication by the Lancet journal, life expectancy in India has risen from 59.6 years in 1990 to 70.8 years in 2019. The value ranges between 77.3 years in Kerala to 66.9 years in Uttar Pradesh. The report has however pointed out that, in India, people are living more years with illness and disability. High Blood pressure, use of tobacco, air pollution and COVID pandemic has resulted in acute health emergencies.

8. The rocket named New Shepard that is in news recently is associated with which space agency?

- [A] ISRO
[B] NASA
[C] Blue Origin ☒
[D] Virgin Atlantic



- ✓ The rocket named New Shepard has been test launched recently by Blue Origin. It was an unscrewed test. The New Shepard launch vehicle consists of a reusable rocket and space capsule. During the test, both the capsule and the rocket boosters were brought down to earth successfully. Blue Origin is a private spaceflight company founded in 2000 by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos.

9. Which Bank has been authorized to issue Electoral Bonds in India?

- [A] Reserve Bank of India
[B] State Bank of India ☒
[C] Indian Bank
[D] Punjab National Bank



- ✓ The Ministry of Finance has authorised State Bank of India (SBI) to issue and encash Electoral Bonds. These bonds would be made available through SBI's 29 Authorized Branches from 19th October to 28th of October this year. This is the 14th phase of sale. Electoral Bonds will be valid for fifteen calendar days from the date of issue and no payment will be made to any payee Political Party if the Electoral Bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period.

10. Which country is to resume its oil & gas exploration in disputed South China Sea after a six-year moratorium?

[A] Thailand

[B] Taiwan

[C] Philippines ☒

[D] Singapore



- ✓ **The Philippines announced that it will resume oil and gas exploration in the South China Sea, by ending a six-year moratorium on resource exploration. Former President Benigno Aquino III suspended exploration in the disputed sea in 2014 amid tensions with China. The United States had also supported Philippines against the move of China.**
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1. As of today, how many Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCEs) have been selected by Sports Ministry?

- [A] 13
[B] 17
[C] 20
[D] 24 ☒



- ✓ The Sports Ministry has recently selected nine States and Union Territories for upgradation to Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE). The Ministry had identified 14 centres to be upgraded to Khelo India State Centre of Excellence. The total number stands at 24 KISCEs from 23 States and UTs. Centre will provide assistance for bridging gaps in sports equipment, coaches and technical support among others.

2. The naval version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from which ship?

- [A] INS Chennai ☒
[B] INS Mysore
[C] INS Kolkata
[D] INS Vikramaditya



- ✓ A naval version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from INS Chennai. The missile was fired from the indigenously built stealth destroyer of the Indian Navy in the Arabian Sea. It hit the target accurately after performing extremely complex operations. The missile can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft or from land platforms.

3. Which organisation has constituted a task force to look into guidelines for vegan foods in the country?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture
[B] FSSAI ☒
[C] FCI
[D] APEDA



- ✓ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently constituted a task force to look into guidelines for vegan foods in the country. The task force includes 7 members from various

organisations like ICAR, Ministry of Commerce and the Industry and Quality Council and some private vegan institutions.

4. As per the report by WPP Plc and Kantar, which is India's most valuable Brand?

[A] TATA Motors

[B] HDFC Bank ☒

[C] Reliance Industries Limited

[D] ONGC



- ✓ As per a recent report by WPP Plc and Kantar, HDFC Bank has emerged as the most valued brand in India. The Bank is placed at the top position for seventh consecutive year. HDFC Bank is valued at USD 20.2 billion and it is followed by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) at second position.

5. The 'Kati Bihu' festival is celebrated in which state?

[A] Odisha

[B] Assam ☒

[C] West Bengal

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ The 'Kati Bihu' festival was celebrated in the state of Assam recently. It is an agricultural festival being celebrated in the month of October. It is an important festival, during which they light up their homes and agricultural fields. They also perform cultural dances and organise feasts across the state.

6. The Fund for Improvement of Science and Technology Infrastructure (FIST), is implemented by which department?

[A] Department of Agriculture

[B] Department of Science and Technology ☒

[C] Department of Personnel

[D] Department of Space



- ✓ The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has stated that it is restructuring the "Fund for Improvement of Science and Technology Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions" (FIST). The FIST programme will now be re-launched as FIST 2.0. It aims align the requirements of startups with the government's 'self-reliant India' campaign.

7. NITI Aayog has established a 'Cloud Innovation Center' with which technology major?

- [A] Intel
- [B] Microsoft
- [C] Amazon ☒
- [D] Google



- ✓ India's think tank NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) has established a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) with Amazon Web Services (AWS). This aims to address societal challenges through digital innovation. This is the first Cloud Innovation Center of Amazon in India and twelfth around the world.

8. What is the name of the real-time Base Metals Index launched by the Multi commodity Exchange (MCX)?

- [A] METLDEX ☒
- [B] GOLDEX
- [C] BULLDEX
- [D] BASEDEX



- ✓ Commodity exchange, Multi commodity Exchange of India (MCX) has recently launched futures trading in real-time Base Metals Index 'METLDEX'. The Base Metals Index will track real-time performance of a basket of MCX Base Metal futures that includes zinc, copper, nickel, lead, and aluminium. In August 2020, the exchange had launched MCX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX) futures.

9. Which state in India has recorded the highest number of domestic tourists in 2019?

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



- ✓ The state of Uttar Pradesh has attracted the highest number of domestic tourists in 2019. As per the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020, 23.1% of travelers in India visited Uttar Pradesh. The state stood at third position in average number of foreign travelers. As many as 47 lakh travelers visited the state in 2019.

10. India has signed an agreement with which organisation for 177–million–dollar loan to upgrade road infrastructure in Maharashtra?

[A] World Bank

[B] IMF

[C] ADB ☒

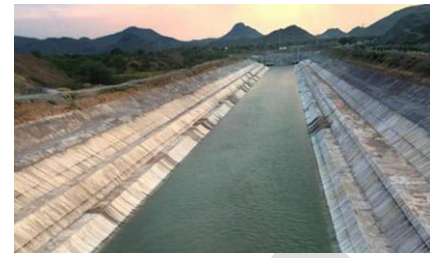
[D] AIIB



- ✓ **The Government of India has signed a loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a loan of USD 177 million. The proceeds of the loan would be used for upgrading 450 kilometres of state highways in Maharashtra. The project is expected to boost the road connectivity between rural and urban centres in Maharashtra for better access to markets and services.**
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1. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the Environment Ministry to constitute expert committee for which project?

- [A] Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project ☒
- [B] Telangana Super Thermal Power Project
- [C] Kakatiya Project
- [D] Bhagiratha Project



- ✓ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has recently held that environmental clearance was granted to the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project in Telangana “ex post facto” in violation of the legal requirement. NGT directed the Ministry of Environment to constitute a seven-member expert committee and suggest relief and rehabilitation measures. It will also assess the extent of damage caused by the project.

2. As per Solvent Extractors’ Association, the import of which product has decreased by 12 per cent during this oil year in India?

- [A] Edible Oil ☒
- [B] Soy Bean
- [C] Oil Cakes
- [D] Mustard



- ✓ As per the recent statement of the Solvent Extractors’ Association (SEA) of India, the import of edible oils to the country reduced by 12 percent in the first 11 months (November to September) of the oil year 2019–20. The oil year ranges from November to October. India imported 11.95 million tonnes of edible oil during November–September of 2019–20 as against 13.58 million tonnes during the corresponding period of 2018–19.

3. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) asked which country to review the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act?

- [A] China
- [B] India ☒
- [C] United States of America
- [D] Brazil



- ✓ The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) chief Michelle Bachelet has recently appealed to the Government of India to review the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act.

- ✓ The head of the UN forum also asked India to review compliance of the act with international human rights norms. She also regretted that it was being used to punish NGOs for human rights reporting. Earlier, Amnesty Intl., shut its office in India after its bank accounts were frozen.

4. 'PM 2020', that was seen in news recently, is associated with which organisation?

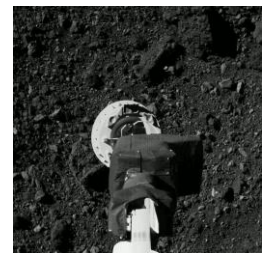
- [A] ISRO
[B] DRDO ☒
[C] BSNL
[D] HAL



- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released a new version of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Procurement Manual 2020 (PM-2020). The previous Procurement Manual was altered in the year 2016. The manual aims to encourage more participation of start-ups and micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) in defence research and development.

5. What is 'OSIRIS-Rex' that was seen in news recently?

- [A] Spacecraft ☒
[B] Submarine
[C] COVID-19 vaccine
[D] Anti-tank missile



- ✓ Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) is a space craft of the NASA. It was seen in news recently as the space craft touched an asteroid using its robotic arm to collect dust and pebbles from the surface to deliver to Earth in 2023. The asteroid known as Bennu, is currently more than 321 million kilometers from Earth.

6. The evidence of a 172-thousand-year-old river has been found at which state?

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



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- ✓ As per a recent study published in the 'Quaternary Science Reviews' journal, evidence of a lost river has been found, which might have been a life-line to human populations.

- ✓ The river which through the central Thar Desert, near Bikaner, before 172 thousand years ago. The study was conducted by Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Germany, Anna University in Tamil Nadu, and IISER Kolkata.

7. Which state has the best Anaemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) Index among 29 states in the country?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala

[C] Haryana ☒

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ In a recently released scorecard of the Anaemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) Index by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Haryana was ranked at the top spot with an AMB Index of 46.7. The Anaemia Mukta Bharat is an initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and UNICEF. It aims to reduce the prevalence of Anaemia all over India.

8. Nazca Lines, which was seen in news recently, is located in which country?

[A] Brazil

[B] Peru ☒

[C] Jamaica

[D] South Africa



- ✓ The famous UNESCO World Heritage Site Nazca Lines (Pampa de Nazca) is located in the South American country Peru. The place was seen in news recently as a new figurative geoglyph related to a cat was identified, drawn on one of the slopes of this hill. The site is known for its depictions of gigantic animals, plants and imaginary beings.

9. Which organisation in association with World Bank has released the report named “Global Estimate of Children in Monetary Poverty – An update”?

[A] WHO

[B] FAO

[C] IMF

[D] UNICEF ☒



- ✓ ‘Global Estimate of Children in Monetary Poverty: An Update’ is an analysis on children living in poverty, released by World Bank Group and UNICEF. As per the estimate, 1/6th of the total 356

million children of the world, were living in extreme poverty before the COVID-19. The report states that sub-Saharan Africa accounts for two thirds of children living extreme poverty.

10. Which country recorded highest air pollution exposure globally in 2019, as per the State of Global Air 2020 report?

[A] China

[B] United States of America

[C] India ☒

[D] Singapore



- ✓ **The State of Global Air 2020 (SOGA 2020) report was released by US-based Health Effects Institute and Global Burden of Disease (GBD). As per the report, India recorded the highest annual average PM 2.5 concentration exposure in the world last year.**
 - ✓ **People in India are exposed to the highest PM 2.5 concentrations globally and the country has been recording an increase in PM 2.5 pollution since 2010.**
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1. What is the name of the Anti-Submarine Warfare stealth corvette commissioned into the Indian Navy?

[A] INS Kavach

[B] INS Kavaratti ☒

[C] INS Kamorta

[D] INS Kiltan



- ✓ **INS Kavaratti, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) stealth corvette built under Project 28 (Kamorta Class) was commissioned into the Indian Navy by General Manoj Mukund Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff at a ceremony held at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. INS Kavaratti is the last of the four indigenously built ASW stealth corvettes under 'Project 28'. It has been built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.**

2. Which state has implemented Smart Black Board scheme in 80,000 Government schools?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Odisha

[D] Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu state government has started implementing the Smart Black Board scheme in 80,000 government schools. Under the Smart Black Board scheme, audio visual teaching material is used that can be fed into the computer screens using pen drives. This project is expected to ensure better teaching environment.**

3. Low cost COVID-19 test unit 'COVIRAP', which was approved by ICMR, was developed by which institution?

[A] IIT Chennai

[B] IIT Kharagpur ☒

[C] AIIMS

[D] JIPMER



- ✓ **A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology in Kharagpur has developed a low-cost COVID-19 test unit named 'COVIRAP'. It is a portable unit for rapid diagnostics of coronavirus and produces results in less than an hour.**

- ✓ It involves accurate molecular diagnostic procedure and costs only around Rs 500 per test. The team also developed a mobile application for finding the results.

4. Which Union Ministry has launched 'e-Dharti Geo portal'?

[A] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒

[B] Ministry of Agriculture

[C] Ministry of Environment

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



Ministry of Housing
and Urban Affairs
Government of India

- ✓ Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has recently launched the 'e-Dharti Geo Portal'. The portal aims to integrate legacy drawings such as maps and lease plans in the management information system named e-Dharti and make it a geographic information system (GIS) enabled system.

5. 'The Future of Jobs Report 2020' has been released by which organisation?

[A] ILO

[B] WEF ☒

[C] WTO

[D] UNCTAD



- ✓ Switzerland-based World Economic Forum (WEF) has recently released a report titled 'The Future of Jobs Report 2020'. As per the report, advances in robotics and artificial intelligence will lead to a net increase in jobs over the next five years. It also revealed that the Covid-19 pandemic will result in "double-disruption" for workers.

6. 'Right of First Refusal (RoFR)', that was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Medicine

[B] Shipping ☒

[C] Medicine

[D] Education



- ✓ In pursuance of 'Make in India' policy of the Government of India, Ministry of Shipping has reviewed the ROFR (Right of First Refusal) licensing conditions for chartering of vessels/Ships through tender process for all types of requirements. To promote the demand of the ships built in India, priority in chartering of vessels is given to vessels built in India, flagged in India and owned by Indians under the amendments in the guidelines of ROFR (Right of First Refusal).

7. Which is the base year of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW), as per the recent announcement of Labour Ministry?

[A] 2010

[B] 2012

[C] 2016 ☒

[D] 2018

2016

- ✓ The Labour and Employment Ministry has recently revised the base year of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) from 2001 to 2016. This has been done to reflect the changing consumption pattern, to give more weightage to spending on health, education and other miscellaneous expenses, while reducing the weight of food and beverages. However, this will not affect the DA of government employees.

8. Golconda Fort is located in which Indian city?

[A] Amritsar

[B] Jhansi

[C] Hyderabad ☒

[D] Ayodhya



- ✓ The devastating rains over Hyderabad in the recent past have caused damage to the 500-year-old Golconda Fort. It is an early capital of the Qutab Shahi Dynasty. As per the Archaeological Survey of India, steps and rocks of the Kingsway, the wall near the Jagadambika temple, the rear wall and a structure near the second well have suffered damage.

9. Who is the head of the IRDAI working group that has proposed Surety Bonds?

[A] G Srinivasan ☒

[B] Ashok Mehta

[C] Injeti Srinivas

[D] Uday Kotak



- ✓ Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a working group headed by former New India Assurance Chairman G Srinivasan. The committee has been set up to study the suitability of offering surety bonds by Indian insurance industry. Surety bonds protect the beneficiary against events that impair the underlying obligations of the principal. The committee has favoured the introduction of Surety Bonds in the insurance sector.

10. The Cabinet has approved MoUs between which organisation and its counterparts in Malaysia and Papua New Guinea?

[A] Indian Space Research Organization

[B] Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ☒

[C] Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

[D] Geological Survey of India



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet has approved Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Certified Practising Accountants, Papua New Guinea, to work together in capacity building in Financial and Audit Knowledge base in the island country. Mutual Recognition Agreement between the ICAI and the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants was also approved.**
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1. The permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar was inaugurated. In which state is the institution located?

- [A] Rajasthan
[B] Punjab ☒
[C] Uttar Pradesh
[D] Haryana



- ✓ Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has recently inaugurated the permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar. IIT Ropar has featured in the 351–400 rank in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020. The institute also received a grant of Rs 110 crore to set up the Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) in the fields of agriculture and water.

2. 'Parinam Manjusha' is the digital academic repository of which institution?

- [A] National Recruitment Agency
[B] Indian Space Research Organisation
[C] Central Board of Secondary Education ☒
[D] All India Council for Technical Education



- ✓ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is to enable students their digital academic documents of class X and XII using Facial Recognition System. The live image of the student will be matched with the photograph on the CBSE admit card. The application will be available in the digital academic repository of Central Board of Secondary Education– 'Parinam Manjusha' and Digi Locker.

3. Where is the 2nd Regional Raw Drug Repository of National Medicinal Plants Board inaugurated?

- [A] Varanasi
[B] New Delhi ☒
[C] Ahmadabad
[D] Mysore



NATIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS BOARD
Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India

- ✓ The Regional Raw Drug Repository (RRDR) has been inaugurated at All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi. This RRDR is the second in the series of repositories proposed by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of AYUSH. Ministry of AYUSH has proposed eight RRDR and one NRDR out of which three Regional Raw Drug Repositories are ready.

4. Who represented India addressed the first-ever Ministerial Meeting of G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group?

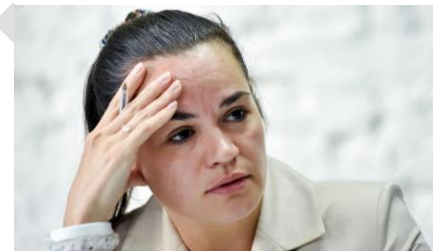
- [A] Nitin Gadkari
[B] Jitendra Singh ☒
[C] Nirmala Sitharaman
[D] Piyush Goyal



- ✓ **Union minister Jitendra Singh represented India in the first-ever Ministerial Meeting of G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group. The Minister attended the meeting through video conference. During his address, he said that India is committed to the policy of zero tolerance against corruption and unaccounted money. He also mentioned about India's Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.**

5. The European Union's Sakharov Prize 2020 has been awarded to the opposition movement of which country?

- [A] Belarus ☒
[B] Chile
[C] Argentina
[D] Singapore



- ✓ **The European Parliament has awarded the Sakharov Prize for human rights to the Belarusian movement opposing President Alexander Lukashenko. The opposition movement was led by the exiled Svetlana Tikhanovskaya. The EU also had agreed to impose sanctions against officials suspected of involvement in a security crackdown on protesters in Belarus.**

6. Saad al-Hariri has been named as the new Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] Kuwait
[B] Lebanon ☒
[C] Zimbabwe
[D] Iran



- ✓ **Former Prime Minister of Lebanon Saad Hariri won a small majority of votes in parliament and has been named the next Prime Minister. He has been tasked with forming his fourth government, just under a year after his resignation amid mass-protests. President Michel Aoun had consultations with various parliamentary associations before naming him as the Prime Minister.**

7. Which city has broken the record for world's largest fountain?

- [A] Chennai
- [B] Tokyo
- [C] Dubai ☒
- [D] New York



- ✓ **The city of Dubai of United Arab Emirates (UAE) has broken the record for the world's largest fountain. The Palm Fountain which covers an area of 14,366 square feet is located at the Pointe shopping and dining district on Palm Jumeirah of Dubai. Dubai which is one of the seven emirates already holds the record for world's tallest building and world's fastest police car in service.**

8. Recently, Indian Navy conducted a test launch of an Anti-Ship Missile (AshM) from which vessel?

- [A] INS Prabal ☒
- [B] INS Kavaratti
- [C] INS Kalwari
- [D] INS Virat



- ✓ **The Indian Navy has made a test launch of its Anti-Ship Missile (AshM) from a Missile Corvette named INS Prabal. According to an official release, the INS Prabal launched and fired an anti-ship missile in the Arabian Sea on a target of an old ship. The missile had hit the target with utmost accuracy and sank the target ship.**

9. The European Union has fixed a target for net Zero Carbon Emission by which year?

- [A] 2025
- [B] 2030
- [C] 2050 ☒
- [D] 2100



- ✓ **In a meeting held by the European Union (EU) environment ministers in Luxembourg, a law was formulated was signed to make European Union net zero carbon emitter by 2050. The deal makes it legally binding on all the EU members. This climate law would create a basis for Europe's plans to reduce greenhouse emissions in various industrial sectors.**

10. Government e–Marketplace (GeM) portal has been recently integrated with which portal?

[A] SWAYAM Portal

[B] IRCTC Portal

[C] Central Public Procurement Portal ☒

[D] CHAMPIONS Portal



- ✓ Recently, the Government e Marketplace (GeM) has been successfully integrated with Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP). By doing so, the entire process of public procurement of goods and services have been brought under a single platform. The function of "custom bid" is also created in the platform, which will allow a buyer to float a bid on GeM.
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1. Which state became the third State to curtail the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) powers?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Maharashtra ☒

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **Maharashtra became the third state in the country to curtail the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) powers in the state. The state withdrew its general consent agreement with the CBI agency. Hence forth CBI has to seek permission from the Government of Maharashtra for every case it has to investigate. A similar move was earlier done by Rajasthan and West Bengal.**

2. A Price Monitoring and Resource Unit has been recently set up in which Indian state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Goa ☒

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ **A price monitoring and resource unit (PMRU) has been recently set up in Goa, under the aegis of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). NPPA has already established PMRUs in 15 states/ UTs, under its Consumer Awareness, Publicity and Price Monitoring (CAPP) scheme. As per the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the unit will function at the state level under the direct supervision of the state drug controller.**

3. As per a recent study, the habitat of which species has been estimated to decline by 2050, due to climate change?

[A] Gangetic Dolphin

[B] Bengal Tiger

[C] Himalayan Brown Bear ☒

[D] Great Indian Bustard



- ✓ **A recent study on the Himalayan brown bear by scientists of Zoological Survey of India, has forecast that there is a decline in their suitable habitat, due to climate change. The study has urged scientists to suggest an adaptive planning of protected area network in the western Himalayas, to conserve the Himalayan brown bear species (Ursus arctos isabellinus).**

4. 'Tarang Suposhit Maharashtra', a scheme that was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Education

[B] Nutrition ☒

[C] Sports

[D] Industries



- ✓ Maharashtra has recently inaugurated the platform named 'Tarang Suposhit Maharashtra', to fulfil the nutritional requirements of lactating mothers and children in the state. The platform is based on the interactive voice response system. The platform also aims to create awareness about the nutritional requirements of women and children in the state. The state stood first in the 'Poshan Mah' observed this year.

5. Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) is the Mars orbiter mission of which country?

[A] India

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] United Arab Emirates

[D] Russia



- ✓ Mars orbiter Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (Maven) is the Mars orbiter mission launched in the year 2013, to investigate the upper atmosphere and ionosphere of Mars. As per a recent study of data and images sent by ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) and NASA's MAVEN, Mars is losing its atmosphere to outer space at a faster rate, when compared to other terrestrial planets in the solar system.

6. Bum La, where the Joginder War Memorial has been inaugurated, is located in which state?

[A] Sikkim

[B] Kerala

[C] Arunachal Pradesh ☒

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ Indian Army has recently organised the Inauguration Ceremony of Joginder War Memorial at Bum La, in Arunachal Pradesh. The ceremony was held on October 23, the same day on which the Battle of Tongpen La (Bum La) took place in 1962.

- ✓ Joginder Singh, who served in the Sikh Regiment, posthumously received the highest gallantry award, 'Param Vir Chakra' for his sacrifice during the 1962 Sino– India War.

7. Which organisation released a report titled 'The World's Women 2020: Trends and Statistics'?

[A] World Economic Forum

[B] United Nations ☒

[C] World Bank

[D] International Monetary Fund



- ✓ The United Nations has launched a report titled 'The World's Women 2020: Trends and Statistics'. It compiles 100 data stories to assess the state of gender equality worldwide. As per the report, less than 50% of working-age women are in the labour market. This has been the same since the last quarter of the century. The report also reveals that COVID-19 pandemic additionally affects women's jobs and livelihoods.

8. When is the "UN treaty to ban nuclear weapons" expected to come in force?

[A] December 2020

[B] January 2021 ☒

[C] March 2021

[D] December 2021



- ✓ The United Nations Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was opened for signature at United Nations headquarters on 20th September 2017. Once 50 countries have ratified or acceded to it, it will enter into force. The United Nations announced recently that 50 countries have ratified the treaty and would come into force within 90 days, by January 2021.

9. Which organisation constructed the 'Alternate Alignment Gangtok – Nathula Road', which was seen in news?

[A] Larsen and Toubro

[B] Border Roads Organisation ☒

[C] Ordnance Factory Board

[D] National Highways Authority of India



- ✓ The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 'Alternate Alignment Gangtok – Nathula Road'. The road has been constructed by the Army's Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in Sikkim.

- ✓ The road was inaugurated by virtual means from Darjeeling. BRO has constructed the 19.35 km long alternate route of National Highway-310, which connects Gangtok to 'Nathu La'.

10. Indian origin Wavel Ramkalawan has been elected as the President of which country?

[A] Pakistan

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Indonesia

[D] Seychelles ☒



- ✓ Indian Origin Wavel Ramkalawan, has been recently elected as the President of Seychelles. He belongs to the opposition party and it is the first time since 1977 that a person from opposition is assuming the office of President. Ramkalawan, a former Anglican Priest, defeated incumbent Danny Faure after three decades of unsuccessful runs for the Presidency.
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1. When is the World Development Information Day celebrated every year?

- [A] October 21
- [B] October 22
- [C] October 24 ☒
- [D] October 25



- ✓ Every year, October 24 is celebrated as the World Development Information Day by the United Nations. The resolution in this regard was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1972. The day lays stress on the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve international problems. It mandates to improve the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion, particularly among young people to find solutions for problems of development.

2. What is the theme of this year's National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption?

- [A] Healthy India, Powerful India
- [B] Vigilant India, Prosperous India ☒
- [C] Nation towards Anti-corruption
- [D] Corruption free India

'Vigilant India-
Prosperous India'



- ✓ National Conference on Vigilance and Anti-Corruption would be held from October 27 on the theme "Vigilant India, Prosperous India". The conference is to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, through video conferencing. The three-day conference is organized by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). This is a part of the Vigilance Awareness week.

3. The typhoon 'Molave' has hit which coastal country recently?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] South Africa
- [C] Cuba
- [D] Philippines ☒



- ✓ A fast-moving cyclone named Molave has hit the southern provinces of the Philippines. It has resulted in heavy flood in rural villages of the country. The typhoon was blowing towards the South China Sea with sustained winds of 125 kilometres per hour. Nearly 25,000 villagers were displaced from the villages taking shelters in schools and Government buildings.

4. Which defence force would hold a four-day commanders' conference in October 2020?

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



- ✓ The Indian Army would hold a 4-day commanders' conference from October 26th to 29th, 2020. During the conference, all strategic and human resource issues would be discussed. It is an apex biannual event that is held for policy formulation and decision making. The Union Defence Minister would deliver the inaugural address.

5. Which country has recently adopted the “No Mask, No Service” policy?

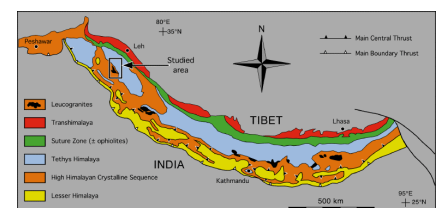
- [A] Pakistan
- [B] China
- [C] USA
- [D] Bangladesh ☒



- ✓ The Government of Bangladesh has adopted the “No Mask, No Service” policy in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 disease. As per the new regulation, wearing mask at all public and private institutions, market places and other places of worship is compulsory. Also, no public and private offices will serve anyone who is not wearing a mask.

6. The Indus Suture Zone (ISZ), which was seen in news recently, is found in which state/UT?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Uttarakhand
- [D] Ladakh ☒



- ✓ As per a recent study conducted by a group of scientists from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun, the Indus Suture Zone (ISZ) in the Ladakh region, has been found to be tectonically active. The zone, where the Indian and Asian Plates are joined, has been till date considered as a locked zone. WIHG is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology. The study has been published recently in the journal ‘Technophysics’.

7. Which country has issued warning to its citizens about a mysterious cloud of 'Yellow dust'?

- [A] Philippines
- [B] Japan
- [C] North Korea ☒
- [D] India



- ✓ The authorities of North Korea have urged the citizens to avoid contact with a mysterious cloud of 'yellow dust'. As per the authorities, the yellow dust blowing in from China could bring SARS CoV-2 with it. The country has directed its citizens to remain indoor to avoid contact with the dust storm, which is expected to land in the country.

8. Which airport is the first to launch 'e-boarding facility' for international passengers?

- [A] Mumbai International Airport
- [B] Hyderabad International Airport ☒
- [C] Delhi International Airport
- [D] Cochin International Airport



- ✓ Hyderabad International Airport has introduced contactless e-boarding facilities for international flyers, in addition to domestic passengers. It has become the 1st airport in the country to introduce contactless e-boarding for passengers flying out of India. It uses an indigenously developed digital solution, using which passengers can avoid all queues & waiting time.

9. India signed Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) with which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] France
- [C] United States of America ☒
- [D] Brazil



- ✓ During the third edition of the 2+2 talks held between India and the United States, the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement or BECA was signed. The agreement gives India access to classified geo-spatial data as well as critical information having significant military applications from the United States. This is a long-negotiated defence pact.

10. Shipping Ministry inaugurated 'Direct Port Entry Facility' at which major port?

[A] V O Chidambaranar Port ☒

[B] Cochin Port

[C] New Mangalore Port

[D] Paradip Port



- ✓ **Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the 'Direct Port Entry (DPE) facility' of V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tamil Nadu. 'Direct Port Entry (DPE)' will help in increasing Ease of Doing Business for the exporters. The facility is expected to lower tariff cost and improve the competitiveness of shipper in the international trade. This will also align it on the lines of 'Maritime Vision 2030' of Ministry of Shipping.**
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