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1. How many Indian states will have vulture conservation and breeding centre, as per the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation 2020–2025?

- [A] Two
- [B] Five ☒
- [C] Ten
- [D] Fifteen



- ✓ According to the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation 2020–2025, 5 states namely Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu will get a vulture conservation and breeding centre each. The plan has also suggested that new veterinary non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS) to be tested on vultures before their commercial release. The action plan was approved by the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).

2. Which body is set to organise India–Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I–ACE)?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Atal Innovation Mission ☒
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Reserve Bank of India



- ✓ The NITI Aayog's AIM (Atal Innovation Mission) will be organizing a 2-day hackathon on circular economy titled "India–Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I–ACE)". This is done in collaboration with CSIRO (The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, an Australian Government agency). The hackathon would be held on 7th and 8th December this year.

3. Recently Indian and Canadian researchers have found evidence of Dairy production in which civilization?

- [A] Indus Valley Civilization ☒
- [B] Mesopotamian Civilization
- [C] Egyptian Civilization
- [D] Roman Civilization



- ✓ A team of researchers from India and Canada have discovered that Dairy production existed in Indus Valley civilization in 2500 BCE. This is the earliest known evidence of dairy production. The results were based on chemical analysis of residue of pottery found at the archaeological site of Kotada Bhadli, a rural area in Gujarat, which showed presence of Dairy lipids.

4. 'IndiGenomes', that was seen in news recently, is released by the laboratories of which institution?

[A] DRDO

[B] CSIR ☒

[C] ISRO

[D] AIIMS



- ✓ The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) constituent labs– CSIR–Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), Delhi and CSIR–Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad carried out a study regarding Indian genomes. As per the study published in the scientific journal, Nucleic Acid Research, 32.23% of the global variants were unique and found only in the samples sequenced from India.

5. NISAR satellite, that was seen in news recently, is to be launched by India along with which country?

[A] Russia

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] Japan

[D] Israel



- ✓ The NASA–ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite is expected to be launched by 2022, as per the joint statement issued after the 2+2 strategic dialogue. After the dialogue, India and the US have decided to share Space Situational Awareness Information. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will collaborate in launching the satellite.

6. Which Indian organisation has won the 2020 United Nations Global Climate Action Awards?

[A] Global Himalayan Expedition ☒

[B] Indian Youth Climate Network

[C] Greenpeace India

[D] Wildlife Trust of India



- ✓ India–based Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE) has been named as one among the winners of the 2020 UN Global Climate Action Award. GHE is an Indian organisation that uses tourism and

technology to help remote communities get access to solar energy. This was announced in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) website.

7. Which organisation releases the 'Global Investment Trends Monitor' report?

[A] World Economic Forum

[B] UNCTAD ☒

[C] World Bank

[D] International Monetary Fund



- ✓ **United Nations' Trade and investment body, UNCTAD releases Global Investment Trends Monitor report. As per the recent edition of the report, global foreign direct investment (FDI) flows fell 49% in the first half of 2020 compared to 2019. This sharp decline is due to the economic crisis from COVID-19. As per the report, developed economies saw the biggest fall in FDI.**

8. Orange Line Metro Train, that was seen in news recently, was inaugurated in which country?

[A] China

[B] India

[C] Pakistan ☒

[D] UAE



- ✓ **Pakistan has recently inaugurated the first transport project under the China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Lahore. The project has been completed in six years at the cost of over USD 2.2 billion. This overhead Lahore Orange Line Metro Train is expected as a symbol of China– Pakistan ties. Over 250,000 people will be able to commute using the train.**

9. Which technology company has collaborated with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to provide digital skills to women?

[A] Facebook

[B] Microsoft ☒

[C] Verizon

[D] Cognizant



- ✓ **Microsoft recently announced that it has collaborated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). The partnership aims to provide digital skills to more than one lakh underserved women in India over the next 10 months. More than 70 hours of course content will be made available free of cost by the technology major.**

10. Which Union Ministry has released the next edition of foreign direct investment (FDI) policy document?

[A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒

[B] Ministry of External Affairs

[C] Ministry of Finance

[D] Ministry of Power



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has recently released the next edition of its consolidated foreign direct investment (FDI) policy document. The document has incorporated all changes made over the past year. As per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the new circular has come into effect from October 15.**
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1. Which Armed Force has developed a messaging application named 'Secure Application for Internet' (SAI)?

[A] Indian Navy

[B] Indian Army ☒

[C] Indian Air Force

[D] Indian Coast Guard



- ✓ **Indian Army has recently developed a simple messaging application named the Secure Application for Internet (SAI). The application supports end to end secure voice, text and video calling services for Android platform over the internet. It is similar to messaging applications including WhatsApp and Telegram. It is expected to facilitate secure messaging within the service.**

2. Which state government has launched 'Dharani' Portal for land & property registrations?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Telangana ☒

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ **Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has recently launched 'Dharani' Portal for land and property registrations. Telangana is the first state to use Information Technology services for land registrations. The property details which are not uploaded on the portal will be treated as illegal and will not be allowed for further registrations.**

3. DRIP project, that was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Dam Rehabilitation ☒

[B] Education

[C] Information Technology

[D] Nano Technology



- ✓ **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II & Phase III. The project is being developed with the financial assistance of the World Bank (WB), and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The project aims to improve the safety and operational performance of selected dams across the whole country.**

4. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between India and which country on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine?

[A] Cambodia ☒

[B] Sri Lanka

[C] Nepal

[D] Laos



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Cambodia on cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine. The MoU seeks to encourage cooperation through joint initiatives and technology development in the health sector. The MoU which will strengthen bilateral ties between the countries, shall remain in force for a period of five years.**

5. Who has suspended the Vice–Chancellor of Delhi University Yogesh Tyagi?

[A] President of India ☒

[B] Prime Minister of India

[C] Chief Minister, Delhi

[D] Lt. Governor, Delhi



- ✓ **The President of India Ram Nath Kovind has suspended Vice Chancellor of Delhi University Yogesh Tyagi. The suspension has been made under the provisions of Delhi University Act, on grounds of grave misconduct, dereliction of duties, abuse of power and lack of commitment. Mr. Tyagi had been appointed Vice–Chancellor in March 2016**

6. Who chaired the 19th meeting of Foreign Trade & Economic Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?

[A] Piyush Goyal ☒

[B] Narendra Modi

[C] Nirmala Sitharaman

[D] S Jai Shankar



- ✓ **The Union Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal chaired 19th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting of Foreign Trade & Economic Ministers. The SCO is head quartered at Shanghai, China. SCO comprises eight member states, namely China, India, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.**

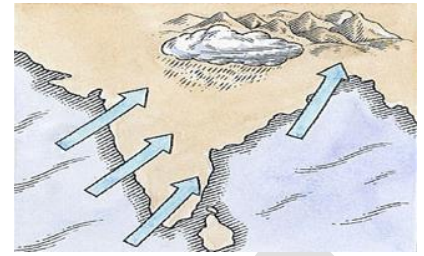
7. As per the statement of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), which monsoon has completely withdrawn from India?

[A] Southwest Monsoon ☒

[B] Northeast Monsoon

[C] Retreating Monsoon

[D] Winter Monsoon



- ✓ Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has stated that southwest monsoon has completely withdrawn from India on 28th October, 2020. The IMD has also stated that the northeast monsoon has commenced.
- ✓ Under the influence of North East Monsoon (also known as retreating monsoon), there would be ample rainfall over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, parts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala.

8. Which body, along with Ministry of Power has launched the 'Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities' report?

[A] Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

[B] NITI Aayog ☒

[C] Finance Commission

[D] Central Electricity Regulatory Authority



- ✓ The 'Electricity Access in India and Benchmarking Distribution Utilities' report has been launched by NITI Aayog, Ministry of Power, Rockefeller Foundation and Smart Power India. The report has been compiled based on a survey conducted across 10 states, representing about 65 % of the total rural population of India. Overall, 87% of the surveyed customers have access to grid-based electricity. The remaining 13% either use non-grid sources or don't use any electricity at all.

9. Who represented India in the 10th India–UK Economic and Financial Dialogue?

[A] Union Home Minister

[B] Union Finance Minister ☒

[C] Prime Minister

[D] Union External Affairs Minister



- ✓ The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman represented India in the 10th India–UK Economic and Financial Dialogue on Global Responses to COVID–19. The meeting was held in a virtual mode

through video conferencing. The conference aimed at sharing of experiences on COVID-19 response and to implement policies for economic recovery during the pandemic.

10. Which Indian state has passed order for 7.5% reservation to government school students?

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



- ✓ **The Tamil Nadu government has recently passed an order to provide 7.5% reservation in medical colleges to students from government schools who have cleared NEET. Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit has recently given his assent to the bill.**
 - ✓ **As per the bill, those who studied from the 6th standard to higher secondary schools in schools managed by the state government will be benefitted.**
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1. Sardar Patel Zoological Park, which was seen in news recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated Sardar Patel Zoological Park known as Jungle Safari, in Kevadia, Narmada district of Gujarat. The Zoological Park, also known as Jungle Safari, has been set up near the Statue of Unity. The Prime Minister also inaugurated Arogya Van at Kevadia in Narmada district of Gujarat. It has around 400 species of plants and trees with rich medicinal values.

2. 'Privileged Partnership', which was seen in news recently, is associated in the Joint Commission Meeting between India and which country?

- [A] Japan
[B] Mexico ☒
[C] Brazil
[D] United Kingdom



- ✓ The 8th India–Mexico Joint Commission Meeting was recently held through Video–Conference. The Meeting was co–chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Mexican counterpart Marcelo Ebrard. Both the countries agreed to promote economic strengths and work on strengthening their 'Privileged Partnership'.

3. Which body has launched 'National Program and Project Management Policy Framework' for infrastructure sector, along with QCI?

- [A] Finance Commission
[B] NITI Aayog ☒
[C] National Development Council
[D] World Trade Organisation



NITI Aayog

- ✓ NITI Aayog and Quality Council of India has recently launched the 'National Program and Project Management Policy Framework' (NPMPPF). The report aims to bring radical reforms in the way infrastructure projects are executed in India. Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari also released the Indian Infrastructure Body of Knowledge (InBoK).

4. Which Indian state / UT has approved over Rs 40 crore to provide insurance to lawyers?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Delhi ☒

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala



- ✓ The Delhi Cabinet has approved over Rs 40 crore to provide medical insurance to lawyers, who are residents of the national capital. Rs 5 lakh medical insurance and Rs 10 lakh life insurance are provided under the Chief Minister Advocates Welfare Scheme. A 13-member committee was set up headed by Rakesh Kumar Khanna, to recommend ways for utilisation of the fund for welfare of advocates.

5. Government has mandated BIS mark for production, sales, import and trade of which product?

[A] Laptops

[B] Mobile Phones

[C] Leather Footwear ☒

[D] Wrist Watches



- ✓ The Government of India has notified that that no leather footwear can be produced, sold, traded, imported or even stocked, unless they bear the BIS mark. The notification has been issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). This move is aimed to contain import of cheaper leather products in India.

6. Which draft bill has been recently released by the Union Shipping Ministry?

[A] Coastal Shipping Bill ☒

[B] Aids to Navigation Bill

[C] Major Port Authorities Bill

[D] National Waterways Bill



- ✓ The draft Coastal Shipping Bill, 2020 has been issued by the Union Ministry of Shipping. The draft has been left open for suggestions from the stakeholders and general public. The draft bill is made available in the Shipping Ministry's official website and would be available for suggestions till 6th November 2020.

7. "SERB POWER" scheme has been launched by the Government targeting which segment?

- [A] Self Help Groups
- [B] Street Vendors
- [C] Farmers
- [D] Women Scientists ☒



- ✓ A scheme named SERB POWER (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research) has been launched by the Ministry of Science and Technology, designed exclusively to encourage Women Scientists to work in the field of science and technology.
- ✓ The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India is implementing the scheme.

8. Antrix Corporation, that was seen in news recently, is the commercial arm of which organisation?

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



- ✓ Antrix Corporation is the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It functions under the administrative control of the Department of Space. Recently, a United States court has asked Antrix Corporation to pay compensation of USD 1.2 billion to a Bengaluru-based startup, Devas Multimedia, for cancelling a satellite deal in 2005.

9. Which cricketer has become the first batsman to hit 1000 sixes in T20 cricket?

- [A] Virat Kohli
- [B] Chris Gayle ☒
- [C] Andre Russell
- [D] Eoin Morgan



- ✓ Chris Gayle, who plays for Kings XI Punjab, has recently become the first batsman in history to hit 1000 sixes in T20 cricket. Kieron Pollard has hit 690 sixes and ranks second in the list of maximum sixes in T20 cricket. In the ongoing edition of IPL 2020, Gayle has scored a total of 276 runs from six outings.

10. Which group took charge of the Mangaluru airport on 50-year lease?

[A] Reliance Group

[B] GMR Infrastructure

[C] Adani Group ☒

[D] GVK Power and Infrastructure



- ✓ **The Adani Group, has recently taken charge of the Mangaluru International Airport. It had earlier won the concession to operate, manage and develop the airport. The concession agreements for the operations, management and development of the three airports – Mangaluru, Ahmedabad and Lucknow through PPP mode were signed earlier this year, by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.**
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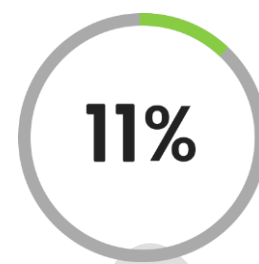
1. As per the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2020, what percentage of surveyed children had access to live online classes?

[A] 11 ☒

[B] 16

[C] 24

[D] 37



- ✓ The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2020 was recently released, by conducting a phone survey of 60,000–odd students across rural India. As per the report, only 11 percent of the surveyed children had access to live online classes. Only one–third of the surveyed children had access to online learning. The report reveals the digital inequality prevalent in the country.

2. What is the theme of the “Kevadia Tourism Circuit”, that has been recently inaugurated?

[A] Greatness

[B] Unity ☒

[C] Honesty

[D] Integrity



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated 17 tourism projects around the Statue of Unity complex, at Kevadia in Narmada District, Gujarat. Sardar Patel’s birthday is being celebrated as Ekta Divas. The Prime Minister inaugurated the projects on the same day, and the 17 tourism projects are called the “Kevadia Tourism Circuit” have been themed around “Unity”.

3. Which Indian state has been adjudged the best governed State in the Public Affairs Index–2020?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Telangana

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Kerala ☒



- ✓ As per the Public Affairs Index–2020 released by the Public Affairs Centre, Kerala was adjudged the best governed State in the large States category. States were ranked on governance performance based on a composite index in sustainable development. Kerala is followed by Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Uttar Pradesh is ranked at the bottom of the list.

4. Tigersharks squadron, which was seen in news for test–fire of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, is based in which state?

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



- ✓ The Indian Air Force has successfully test–fired an air launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter aircraft in the Bay of Bengal. The aircraft belongs to the Thanjavur–based Tigersharks squadron. India has recently test fired a new version of the surface–to–surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos and an anti–radiation missile named Rudram–1.

5. 'Aarambh', that was seen in news recently, is associated with which set of beneficiaries?

- [A] Farmers
- [B] Civil Services Probationers ☒
- [C] College Students
- [D] Underserved Workers



- ✓ An integrated foundation course for the Officer Trainees (OTs) of the Indian Civil Services named 'AARAMBH' was launched for the first time in 2019. The Prime Minister has recently interacted with the Officer Trainees (OTs) of the Indian Civil Services at LBSNAA Mussoorie through a Video conference. This is a part of the AARAMBH course.

6. Which Indian state / UT has launched a scheme for distribution of fortified rice?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Chhattisgarh ☒
- [D] Odisha



- ✓ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has recently launched a scheme for distribution of fortified rice through Public distribution System (PDS). The scheme, which was launched virtually on the statehood day, aims at helping in checking malnutrition and anaemia. The fortified rice is a mixture of iron, vitamin B–12 and folic acid enriched fortified rice kernel (FRK).

7. Which Indian state is the first to launch a project for free Internet for poor families and public offices?

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



- ✓ Kerala aims to start providing free, high-speed Internet to schools, public offices, and poor households in the state by December, this year. Kerala is the first among all states to launch such project, which is similar to the Centre's BharatNet project.
- ✓ The Kerala Fibre Optic Network Project or KFON has awarded the contract to a consortium led by public-sector company Bharat Electronics Limited.

8. Which institution has developed an online one-minute game to create awareness about COVID-19?

- [A] IIT Delhi
- [B] IIT Madras ☒
- [C] IIT Guwahati
- [D] IIT Kharagpur



- ✓ Students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras have developed a digital game to create awareness about COVID-19. The online one-minute game has been created as part of an elective course. The game which aims to create awareness among the children, is available for free in 12 languages. The game has derived inspiration from the popular game Super Mario.

9. Which Union Ministry along with Invest India, is to set up a "Strategic Policy and Facilitation Bureau"?

- [A] Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- [B] Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Ministry of AYUSH ☒



- ✓ The Ministry of AYUSH and Invest India will collaborate to set up a "Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau". Invest India will collaborate with the AYUSH Ministry to frame the work plan of the

Bureau and define its targets. It will also deploy expert resources to implement and execute the plans of the AYUSH Ministry.

10. Sanjeet, who won the Alexis Vastine tournament, is associated with which sports?

[A] F1 Racing

[B] Boxing ☒

[C] Weight Lifting

[D] Chess



- ✓ Indian boxer Sanjeet won gold in the Alexis Vastine international boxing tournament in Nantes in 91 kg category. World silver-medallist Amit Panghal also won gold in 52 kg category. Ashish Kumar also won gold in the 75 kg category opponent pulled out due to injury. Kavinder Singh Bisht won silver while India earned three bronze medals.
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1. On which date, the states of Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka were formed?

[A] November 1 ☒

[B] November 2

[C] November 3

[D] November 4



- ✓ On November 1, several Indian states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka were formed. The day is recognised as Statehood Day or State Formation Day. Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala were formed in 1956. Punjab and Haryana were formed in 1966.

2. Which Ministry has released the draft rules for the Industrial Relations Code, 2020?

[A] Ministry of Heavy Industries

[B] Ministry of Home Affairs

[C] Ministry of Commerce

[D] Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified draft rules for the Industrial Relations Code, 2020. This is expected to enhance the flexibility to employers to retrench workers. It also mandates that Labour Unions should give a prior notice before a strike. The Government has aimed to implement the labour codes from April 1, 2021.

3. Which country has hosted the BRICS Business Forum 2020?

[A] India

[B] Brazil

[C] Russia ☒

[D] China



- ✓ BRICS Business Forum, which is an important annual event of the BRICS Business Council was hosted by Russia from October 20 to 28, 2020. President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Russia is the current Chairman of the BRICS Business Council. BRICS Business Forum was held in via Video Conferencing under the title "BRICS Business Partnership: Common Vision for Sustainable Inclusive Development".

4. The Government has asked which organisation to tie up with rice mills for increasing supply of fortified rice?

[A] Food Corporation of India ☒

[B] Food and Agriculture Organization

[C] The Energy and Resources Institute

[D] World Food Programme



- ✓ The government has announced that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been asked to tie up with rice mills for increasing supply of fortified rice. The state-run organisation is asked to supply fortified rice through ration shops and other welfare schemes. Out of the 15 states identified for 'Central scheme on fortified rice and its distribution via public distribution system (PDS)', five states are implementing it in one district each.

5. Rutuja Bhosale, who was seen in news recently, is associated with which sports?

[A] Chess

[B] Tennis ☒

[C] Badminton

[D] Hockey



- ✓ Indian Tennis player Rutuja Bhosale won a singles title in the final of the \$15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. In the final, she won Anna Siskova of the Czech Republic 6–3, 7–5. The 24-year-old sportsperson is a former Asian junior champion and National women's champion.

6. As per the recent report released by the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), how many Indian cities will face water risks in the next few decades?

[A] Five

[B] Ten

[C] Twenty

[D] Thirty ☒



- ✓ As per the recent report released by the World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), 30 Indian cities will face increasing water risks in the next few decades. According to the WWF Water Risk Filter report, 30 Indian cities, including Jaipur, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Mumbai among others, will face acute water

risks. The report estimates that hundreds of millions of people in cities across the globe could face water risks.

7. Which organisation has launched MSME Credit Health Index, along with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Reserve Bank of India
- [C] Small Industries Development Bank of India
- [D] TransUnion CIBIL ☒



- ✓ **TransUnion CIBIL in association with Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched the MSME Credit Health Index. The index measures the growth and strength of the MSME sector in India. MSME Credit Health Index is built by TransUnion CIBIL using credit data furnished by lending institutions / banks.**

8. The Business Expectation Survey is conducted by which body?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] National Council for Applied Economic Research ☒
- [C] National Statistical Office
- [D] Confederation of India Industries



- ✓ **The Business Expectation Survey is conducted by National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER). As per the report of the survey, the Business Confidence Index (BCI) in India rose to 65.5 in the second quarter of FY 20 after recording a sharp drop to 46.4 in the first quarter. NCAER is a non-profit think tank of economics based at New Delhi. Nandan Nilekani is president of the governing body and Dr Shekhar Shah is current director general of NCAER.**

9. The Department of Posts has released what product to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Department of Science and Technology?

- [A] Commemorative Stamp
- [B] Commemorative Coin
- [C] Special Postal Cover ☒
- [D] New Currency Note



- ✓ **The Union Minister of Science and Technology Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Minister of State for Posts Sanjay Dhotre have released a Special Cover of Department of Posts. The special postal**

cover was released in New Delhi, in order to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Department of Science and Technology.

10. How much financial aid has been released by the Central Government to 15 states for air quality improvement?

[A] Rs. 1,000 Crore

[B] Rs. 2,000 Crore

[C] Rs. 2,200 Crore ☒

[D] Rs. 2,400 Crore



- ✓ Based on the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, the Central Government has released a financial aid of Rs.2200 crore to 15 states. The aid would be used to improve the air quality in these states by undertaking capacity building measures. This is the first instalment of the grant towards air quality improvement.
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1. Raja Krishnamoorthi, who was seen in news recently, has been re-elected to the Legislature of which country, for the third time?

[A] New Zealand

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] United Kingdom

[D] Singapore



- ✓ **Indian-origin Democratic congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi has been re-elected to the US House of Representatives for the third term in a row. The 47-year-old has said to have secured over 70 per cent of the total votes counted. His family was based in Tamil Nadu. The congressman was first elected to the House of Representatives in the year 2016.**

2. Luhri Stage-I Hydro Power Project, which was seen in news recently, is located in which state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Himachal Pradesh ☒

[C] Bihar

[D] Assam



- ✓ **The Union Cabinet has recently approved the proposal to invest Rs 1,810 crore for 210 MW Luhri Stage-1 hydro-power project. It is located on river Satluj in Shimla and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh. The project is expected to generate 758.20 million units of electricity annually. The project is being implemented by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd.**

3. In which city, the "Tourist Facilitation Centre" facility has been inaugurated under PRASHAD Scheme?

[A] Varanasi

[B] Mysore

[C] Guruvayur ☒

[D] Velankanni



- ✓ **Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel has recently inaugurated Tourist Facilitation Centre at Guruvayur, Kerala under PRASHAD Scheme, virtually. The Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism in 2014-15. It aims for the integrated development of those specified pilgrimage and heritage destinations.**

4. The Joint Task Force, that was seen in news recently, is associated with India and which country?

[A] United Kingdom

[B] UAE ☒

[C] Japan

[D] Australia



- ✓ The eighth meeting of the India–UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments was hosted by India in virtual format. The meeting was co–chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. The Joint Task Force was created in 2012 to boost the economic ties between the UAE and India.

5. TN Krishnan, who was seen in news recently, was related with which field?

[A] Politics

[B] Music ☒

[C] Sports

[D] Literature



- ✓ Legendary Carnatic Musician of India TN Krishnan has recently passed away in Chennai at the age of 92. The Musician was born in Kerala and shifted to Chennai in early 1940s. He was also a recipient of several awards, including the Padma Vibhushan and the Sangeetha Kalanidhi of Music Academy. He also served as teacher in Music College and School of Music and Fine Art at the University of Delhi.

6. Prasar Bharati has signed MoU with which Union Ministry to launch over 50 education TV channels?

[A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒

[B] Ministry of Communication

[C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

[D] Ministry of Science and Technology



- ✓ India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati has recently entered into an MoU with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The MoU, which aims to launch 51 direct-to-home (DTH) education TV channels, has been signed between Prasar Bharati and Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics under MEITY.

- ✓ This move aims to bring quality educational programmes to every household, including those in rural and remote areas. This Government initiative will go a long way in achieving Government's goal of providing education to all.

7. COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge, which was seen in news recently, is organised by MyGov in collaboration with organisation?

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



- ✓ COVID-19 Shri Shakti Challenge was organized by MyGov in collaboration with UN Women. It was seen in news because six women led start-ups have won the challenge. The challenge, which was launched in April 2020 aimed to encourage women led start-ups to come up with innovative solutions to fight against COVID19 or solve problems faced by women community.

8. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing a MoU with which country in the field of medical Product Regulation as well as ICT?

- [A] Russia
- [B] Israel
- [C] UAE
- [D] United Kingdom ☒



- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister has given its approval for signing a MoU between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), India and its counterpart in the United Kingdom, on cooperation in the field of medical Product Regulation. The Cabinet also approved to sign another MoU with the United Kingdom Government on cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

9. What is the theme of the 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference to be organised by MoHUA?

- [A] Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility ☒
- [B] Decoding Urban Mobility
- [C] Leveraging Urban Mobility
- [D] Innovation in Urban Mobility



- ✓ The 13th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference is to be organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on November 9, 2020 virtually. The day-long Conference will be organised on the theme of “Emerging Trends in Urban Mobility”.
- ✓ It aims to focus on innovative measures taken to address the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic and to provide accessible transport to all.

10. Which country has recently commenced operations of its first Nuclear Power Plant?

[A] Bangladesh

[B] Belgium

[C] Belarus ☒

[D] Sri Lanka



- ✓ Belarus has successfully commenced the electricity generation from its first nuclear plant namely “Ostrovets plant”. The power generation has commenced from its Unit 1 and the Unit 2 is expected to commence operations from the next year. Belarus, officially the Republic of Belarus is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe.

1. What is the name of the new indigenously built ship commissioned in the Indian Coast Guard?

[A] ICG Tat Rakshak

[B] ICG Shaurya

[C] ICG Yuva

[D] ICG C-452 ☒



- ✓ The new indigenously designed and built ship named ICG C-452 has been commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard. The ship was commissioned by Additional Director General (Western Seaboard) of Indian Coast Guard. The ship was designed and built by Larsen & Toubro, Surat in lines with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat".

2. India has approved a MoU with which country in the field of Astrophysics?

[A] Germany

[B] Holland

[C] Portugal

[D] Spain ☒



- ✓ The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister has approved for an MoU between Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru and its counterpart of Spain. The MoU aims to develop scientific and technical collaborations in astronomy field. The agreement is expected to enhance capacity building through increased scientific interaction and training between the two countries.

3. The Election Commission of which country has organised 'International Virtual Election Visitors Programme'?

[A] India ☒

[B] United States of America

[C] Japan

[D] Australia



- ✓ Election Commission of India is organizing a three-day International Virtual Election Visitors Programme. In the context of the ongoing Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections, the programme is being organised for Foreign Election Management Bodies and Organizations. Delegates from over 40 countries across the world are invited.

4. Which Indian state has issued warning against hunting of migratory birds, especially Amur falcons?

[A] Himachal Pradesh

[B] Tripura ☒

[C] West Bengal

[D] Odisha



- ✓ **Tripura has recently issued warning against hunting of migratory birds, especially Amur falcons, amidst the onset of winter. The Forest Department is set to issue order to inform that the migratory birds including the Amur falcons are covered under the Wildlife Protection Act enacted in 1972. The state of Nagaland had already issued an order to save the migratory birds.**

5. Which Indian city is set to host a virtual Tech Summit in the month of November 2020?

[A] Chennai

[B] Bengaluru ☒

[C] Hyderabad

[D] Goa



- ✓ **The 23rd edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) is to be held virtually between November 19 and 21, this year. The summit will be organised by the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Bio Technology and Science and Technology of the State Government of Karnataka. Several Technology Leaders are expected to participate in the summit.**

6. Food Price Index, which was seen in news recently, is released by which organisation?

[A] World Bank

[B] Food and Agriculture Organization ☒

[C] World Economic Forum

[D] International Monetary Fund



- ✓ **The Food Price Index, which was seen in news recently, is released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The United Nations Food agency has recently announced that the index reached 100.9 points in October, which is the highest since January this year. The index measures monthly changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar.**

7. Which organisation has launched 'Go Electric' campaign in Andhra Pradesh?

[A] Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency

[B] Bureau of Energy Efficiency ☒

[C] Bureau of Indian Standards

[D] Central Power Research Institute



- ✓ **The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has launched the 'Go Electric' campaign in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The state government has nominated the Non-conventional Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited (NREDCAP), as the state nodal agency to set up charging stations. The state government has also planned to launch 400 charging stations in the state.**

8. 'Char-chaporis', which were seen in news recently, is associated with which state?

[A] West Bengal

[B] Odisha

[C] Assam ☒

[D] Punjab



- ✓ **Char-chaporis are shifting riverine islands of the Brahmaputra river and they are primarily inhabited by the Muslims of Bengali-origin referred to as 'Miyas'. Several people of Assam were requesting the government to fast-track the establishment of Miya museum reflecting the culture and heritage of the people living in char-chaporis.**

9. Which international organisation has created two new services to facilitate cybercrime related communication?

[A] INTERPOL ☒

[B] Central Bureau of Investigation

[C] National Investigation Agency

[D] Intelligence Bureau



- ✓ **Two secure and flexible services have been created by the Interpol to facilitate cybercrime related communication among law enforcement agencies. One of them is the Cybercrime Knowledge Exchange workspace and the other is Cybercrime Collaborative Platform-Operation. The former handles general, non-police information and is open to all relevant users whereas the latter is restricted to select few agencies only.**

10. Which Ministry has launched the “Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge”?

[A] Ministry of Home Affairs

[B] Ministry of External Affairs

[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒

[D] Ministry of Defence



Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- ✓ **Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs launched three initiatives, namely, the Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge focusing on shaping cities for young children and their families; the Data Maturity Assessment Framework to evaluate data ecosystems of cities; and an online training programme for City Data Officers of 100 Smart Cities in an event.**
 - ✓ **The Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge, a 3–year initiative, will support cities to develop, pilot, and scale solutions that enhance the quality of life of young children, their caregivers and families in the public realm. The challenge is conducted with the support of the Bernard van Leer Foundation, Netherlands with technical support from WRI India.**
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1. Which state has awarded 25,000 land pattas to refugee population of the state?

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



- ✓ A number of welfare schemes for the refugee and the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) population have been announced by the state Government of West Bengal. One among them is providing land pattas to refugee colonies. The state has decided to give a total 1,25,000 land pattas to the refugees, of which 25,000 pattas were given by the Chief Minister recently.

2. What is "Pinaka Mk-1", that is seen in news recently?

- [A] Mars Rover
- [B] Geo Stationary Satellite
- [C] Missile System ☒
- [D] Regional Navigation System



- ✓ Enhanced PINAKA rocket, developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been successfully flight tested from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The design and development have been carried out by Pune based DRDO laboratories. Enhanced version of the Pinaka rocket would replace the existing Pinaka Mk-I rockets.

3. Which social media platform has received approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), to enter UPI market?

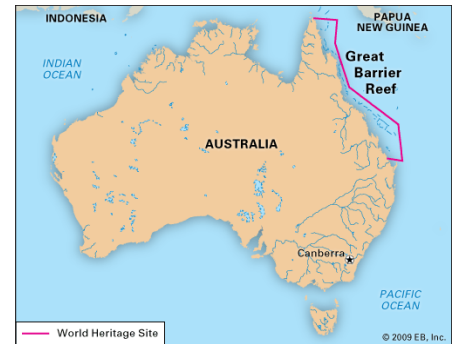
- [A] Telegram
- [B] WhatsApp ☒
- [C] WeChat
- [D] Facebook Messenger



- ✓ WhatsApp has received the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) approval to enter Unified Payment Interface (UPI) in phased manner. WhatsApp, owned by Facebook has over 400 million users in India. The UPI payments service is expected to be launched to 2 crore WhatsApp users initially.

4. In which country, a 500-meter-high coral reef has been discovered for the first time in 120 years?

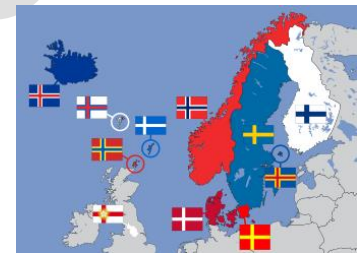
- [A] India
- [B] Australia ☒
- [C] Japan
- [D] Brazil



- ✓ As per the Schmidt Ocean Institute, its research vessel 'Falkor' has discovered a massive coral reef in Great Barrier Reef in Australia. The research vessel has been undertaking a 12-month exploration mission of the ocean surrounding Australia. The 500-meter-high reef has been discovered for the first time in 120 years. 'SuBastian', the underwater robot of the institute is deployed to explore the new reef.

5. How many countries are associated with the Nordic-Baltic co-operation framework?

- [A] Five
- [B] Eight ☒
- [C] Twelve
- [D] Fifteen



- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar recently virtually addressed the first India –Nordic –Baltic Conclave. The Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) co-operation framework includes eight countries namely Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden.

6. Which state has recently become a part of the “Padhna Likhna Abhiyan” programme?

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



- ✓ Kerala has recently become a part of the “Padhna Likhna Abhiyan” programme and is ready to receive the central funds for literacy programmes, after ten years. Padhna Likhna Abhiyan is the reading and writing campaign launched by the Central Government. IT aims to achieve the goal of complete literacy in the country by 2030.

7. Which country has successfully sent 13 satellites from a single rocket?

[A] United States of America

[B] China ☒

[C] Russia

[D] Israel



- ✓ **China has successfully sent 13 satellites from the single rocket named Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre. It includes ten satellites from Argentina. This launch was also the 351st by the Long March rocket series. China has also planned to launch ninety earth observation satellites.**

8. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of commission on Delhi air quality management?

[A] A K Sikri

[B] N K Singh

[C] M M Kuty ☒

[D] V K Paul



- ✓ **According to the recent order by the Personnel Ministry, former Chief Secretary of Delhi M M Kuty has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas. Several technical experts from IIT-Delhi, IMD and the Environment Ministry have also been appointed as the full-time members of the commission.**

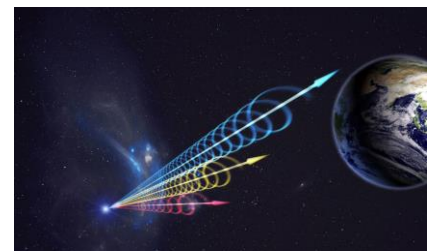
9. The Space Research organisation of which country has spotted Radio burst for the first time in Milky Way?

[A] United States of America ☒

[B] China

[C] Russia

[D] India



- ✓ **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has recently reported that it has recently observed a mix of X-ray and radio signals that were never observed before in the Milky Way. It also announced that the first fast radio burst (FRB) was also observed within the galaxy. The detection of the phenomenon called FRB was recently published in the journal 'Nature'.**

10. When is the 'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' observed?

[A] November 4

[B] November 6 ☒

[C] November 8

[D] November 10



- ✓ **'International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict' is observed every year on November 6. The UN General Assembly declared the observance of this day, in the year 2001. As per the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), at least 40 percent of all internal conflicts are linked to the exploitation of natural resources.**
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1. Which body has asked the Government of India to regulate use of disinfectants on human beings?

[A] National Human Rights Commission

[B] National Health Authority

[C] Supreme Court of India ☒

[D] Indian Medical Commission



- ✓ **The apex court of India, the Supreme Court has asked the Government of India to issue directions within a month regarding or regulating the use of disinfection on humans, in disinfection tunnels. The Supreme Court stated that though the Centre had issued advisory that spraying of disinfectant on human body is not recommended, no steps were not taken in this regard to prevent or regulate it.**

2. Which organisation has rolled out the Co-Lending Model (CLM) for priority sector lending?

[A] Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium

[B] Reserve Bank of India ☒

[C] NABARAD

[D] State Bank of India



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India has announced a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme for priority sector lending. Under the new scheme, Banks can enter into a prior agreement with NBFCs for co lending of Priority Sector Loans. The CLM is an improvement over the co-origination of loan scheme announced by the RBI in September 2018.**

3. Which international organisation has decided to hold a meeting on December 1, 2020 to commemorate victims of World War II?

[A] World Bank

[B] International Court of Justice

[C] UN General Assembly ☒

[D] UNESCO



- ✓ **The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has decided to hold a meeting on December 1, 2020 to commemorate all victims of World War II. The resolution in this regard was drafted by Russia and has been adopted based on a voting. Second World War, was a global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945. It involved the vast majority of the world's countries forming two opposing military alliances namely the Allies and the Axis.**

4. 'Satavadhanam', which was seen in news recently, is a programme related to which field?

[A] Sports

[B] Literature ☒

[C] Technology

[D] Sports



- ✓ The International 'Satavadhanam' program has been launched by the Vice President Venkiah in a virtual mode. Satavadhanam is a literary event that is organized by Dr. Medasani Mohan under the sponsorship of Sri Krishnadevaraya Satsang in Tirupati. It includes literary performance like solving tricky literary posers, improvising poems etc.

5. India has hosted the 5th Joint Working Group on Coal with which country?

[A] Maldives

[B] Australia

[C] Japan

[D] Indonesia ☒



- ✓ The 5th Joint Working Group on Coal between India and Indonesia was hosted by India, through video conference mode. It was co-chaired by Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal and its counterpart of Indonesia. During the meeting, India's Ministry of Coal made presentations on Indian Coal Policy reforms, Coking Coal Exploration and Commercial Mining which was followed by presentations by the Indonesian side.

6. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, who was seen in news recently, has been appointed in which position?

[A] Chief Election Commissioner

[B] Chief Information Commissioner ☒

[C] Chief Vigilance Commissioner

[D] Attorney General of India



- ✓ Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha has been recently appointed as the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) as per the statement from the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Prior to this appointment the post of CIC was held by Bimal Julka, who completed his term in August. President Ram Nath Kovind has also administered the oath of office to Uday Mahurkar, Heera Lal Samariya and Saroj Punhani as Information Commissioners.

7. Which state has launched an awareness campaign on burning of crop residues?

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



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh has launched an awareness campaign regarding the burning of Crop remains in many parts of the state. The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has asked the farmers of the state not to burn remains of their crops (known as Parali) but to make compost with it. Several volunteers are also involved in creating awareness about pollution.**

8. Who are the beneficiaries of 'One Rank One Pension' scheme, which was seen in news recently?

- [A] Teachers
- [B] Armed Forces Veterans ☒
- [C] Bureaucrats
- [D] Sportspersons



- ✓ **The One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme was launched to provide uniform pensions for Armed Forces Veterans, who are retiring in the same rank with the same length of service. The Prime Minister has recently highlighted that the One Rank One Pension scheme has completed five years since its implementation. The pension is provided irrespective of the time they retire.**

9. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is to issue forecast for the outbreak of which disease?

- [A] Malaria ☒
- [B] Dengue
- [C] COVID-19
- [D] Chikungunya



- ✓ **As per the recent statement from the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is set to issue forecast for malaria outbreaks from next monsoon. India has also planned to increase the high-performance computing (HPC) facility from the current capacity of 10 petaflops to 40 petaflops. India is at fourth place after the US, the UK and Japan in HPC, at present.**

10. A Storm named 'Eta' has recently caused massive landslides in which country?

[A] Guatemala ☒

[B] Brazil

[C] New Zealand

[D] Philippines



- ✓ Over 50 people have been killed by landslides in Guatemala after the Storm named 'Eta' caused torrential rain and winds. After the storm hit the Central American country, it was later downgraded to a tropical storm. A hillside in a single town of the country collapsed which buried several houses under mud. It also made landfall in the neighbouring country Nicaragua.
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1. Which state has won award from World Travel Mart London for exemplary activities during COVID-19?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala ☒

[C] Odisha

[D] Gujarat



- ✓ **Kerala Tourism has been awarded the prestigious 'Highly Commended' Award by World Travel Mart London. The state has been awarded for its remarkable activities aimed to promote Responsible Tourism (RT) during COVID-19. Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission received the award in the category of 'Meaningful Connections'.**

2. Tigray region, which was seen in news recently, is located in which country?

[A] South Africa

[B] Ethiopia ☒

[C] United States of America

[D] Italy



- ✓ **The Prime Minister of Ethiopia Abiy Ahmed has recently launched military operations in the region of Tigray, in the country. The Air Force of Ethiopia has recently bombed and destroyed military artillery in the northern Tigray region. The campaign has been launched against the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).**

3. Which Union Ministry has launched the Haj 2021 guidelines?

[A] Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[B] Ministry of Minority Affairs ☒

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Tourism



- ✓ **Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi announced the Haj 2021 guidelines to be followed during COVID-19 pandemic. The online application process for Haj 2021 has also been started and interested people can apply online, offline and through Haj Mobile App. Haj 2021 is scheduled during June-July in the year 2021.**

4. Which state has topped the National Water Awards 2019 under “Best State” category?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Odisha

[D] Gujarat



- ✓ **Tamil Nadu has won the first position under the ‘Best State’ category of National Water Awards (NWAs) 2019. The awards have been constituted by the Department of Water Resources, Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. Tamil Nadu is followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan as the best states under the normal category.**

5. Which team has bagged the first prize in Gov–Tech–Thon 2020 that concluded recently?

[A] Tech Teamz

[B] Tech for India

[C] Fit for Future ☒

[D] Nature for India



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- ✓ **The Gov Tech Thon 2020 is a virtual hackathon that was organized by IEEE, National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Oracle, under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The team from Robert Bosch Engineering and Business Solutions Private Limited named “Fit for Future” has bagged the first position in the hackathon for demonstrating prototype for automating vehicle fitness checks.**

6. What type of transportation would be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat?

[A] Sea Plane Service

[B] Dedicated Freight Service

[C] Ro–Pax Ferry Service ☒

[D] 8 Lane Express Highway



- ✓ **A Ro–Pax ferry service between Hazira and Ghogha in Gujarat is going to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India. The Ro–Pax Ferry Vessel named ‘Voyage Symphony’ would connect Hazira and Ghogha. It can carry 30 trucks on the main deck, 100 passenger cars on the upper deck and 500 passengers plus 34 crew on the passenger deck.**

7. Who has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)?

[A] Ajay Bhawe

[B] Vidisha Maitra ☒

[C] Anil Kumar Sharma

[D] Amitabh Kant



- ✓ **Vidisha Maitra, an Indian Diplomat has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). She won the election contesting for the only post in Asia-Pacific group, with 126 UN members supporting her candidature. She is a 2008 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.**

8. What is the name of the earth observation satellite to be launched by ISRO aboard PSLV-C49?

[A] Aryabhata 01

[B] EOS 01 ☒

[C] Cryosat

[D] Lunarsat



- ✓ **India's latest earth observation satellite named EOS-01 will be launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The satellite along with 9 other customer satellites would be carried to space by ISRO using its PSLV-C49 rocket. The rocket would be launched from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.**

9. What is the theme of 2020 edition of World Science Day for Peace and Development?

[A] Science for and with Society ☒

[B] Science for Global Understanding

[C] Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums

[D] Open Science, Leaving No One Behind



- ✓ **The World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed every year on 10th of November to highlight the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. The theme for 2020 is "Science for and with Society".**

10. Who is the Chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission?

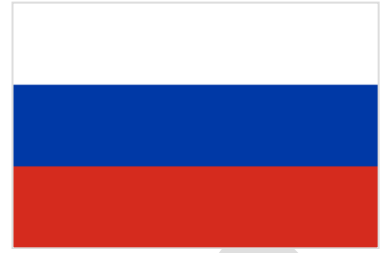
- [A] Ramesh Chand
- [B] Ajay Narayan Jha
- [C] N K Singh ☒
- [D] Ashok Lahiri



- ✓ **The Fifteenth Finance Commission led by the Chairman N K Singh has recently submitted its Report to President of India Ram Nath Kovind. Last year, the Commission submitted its report with recommendations for the year 2020–21 and it was accepted and tabled in the Parliament. Now, the Commission has submitted recommendations for the period 2021–22 to 2025–26.**
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1. 'Atal Innovation Mission) AIM–Sirius Innovation Programme' has been launched for the students of India and which country?

- [A] China
- [B] Russia ☒
- [C] Thailand
- [D] South Korea



- ✓ **Russia's SIRIUS and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has recently launched 'AIM–Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'. It is a 14–day virtual programme for Indian and Russian schoolchildren. It is also the first Indo–Russian bilateral youth innovation initiative, which envisages to develop technological solutions for both countries.**

2. Sarnath Light and Sound show has been inaugurated recently by the Prime Minister in which state?

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



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated several development projects in the city of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, via video conferencing. The development projects include Sarnath Light and Sound show, infrastructure facilities for protection and conservation of cows, Varanasi city smart lighting work among others.**

3. The model of anti–satellite missile system, that was seen in news, has been inaugurated in which city?

- [A] Kolkata
- [B] New Delhi ☒
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Panaji



- ✓ **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has recently inaugurated a model of the anti–satellite missile system. The model, which is seen as a symbol of national technological advancement, has been inaugurated at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) headquarters in New Delhi. In 2019, DRDO conducted an Anti–Satellite (A–SAT) missile test 'Mission Shakti'.**

4. Shusha, that was seen in news recently, is the city located in which country?

[A] Ethiopia

[B] United States of America

[C] Azerbaijan ☒

[D] New Zealand



- ✓ **Shusha is a strategically important cultural city located near the Nagorno-Karabakh region, a mountainous enclave regarded as part of Azerbaijan but populated and controlled by ethnic Armenians. The President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has recently announced that his country's forces had taken Shusha. It is also the second-largest city in the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave. Over 1,000 people have died in the fights around Nagorno-Karabakh.**

5. Who has recently held a policy consultation with Indian diaspora regarding India's Science Technology and Innovation Policy 2020?

[A] Narendra Modi

[B] Piyush Goyal

[C] Harsh Vardhan ☒

[D] Narendra Singh Tomar



- ✓ **The Union Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan held a consultation with the Indian diaspora. This interaction was aimed at enabling them to make valuable contributions in India's Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) 2020. This interaction with Indian diaspora is seen as first of its kind.**

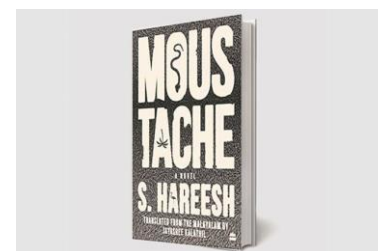
6. Which book has been selected for 2020 JCB Prize for Literature?

[A] Djinn Patrol on the Purple

[B] Chosen Spirits

[C] These, Our Bodies, Possessed by Light

[D] Moustache ☒



- ✓ **The Book named Moustache written by Malayalam writer S. Hareesh and translated to English by Jayasree Kalathil has been selected for the 2020 JCB Prize for Literature. The prize is worth Rs 25 lakh and is one of the most prestigious literary awards in India. The 2020 shortlist comprised five books, of which Moustache has been selected for the award.**

7. Which Ministry has given approval for creation for National Database of Unorganised Workers?

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



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Finance has given an approval for creation of the first ever national database of migrant labour called the National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW), which would be seeded with Aadhaar. This database would provide a platform for the government to implement specific programmes for such labourers**

8. Megascop, which was seen in news recently, has been launched by which organisation?

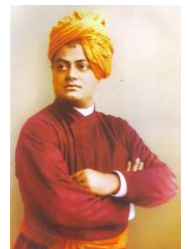
- [A] NITI Aayog
[B] IIT Alumni Council ☒
[C] Reserve Bank of India
[D] NABARD



- ✓ **The IIT Alumni Council has launched MegaScope, which includes data analysis, testing and genomics to diagnose infections accurately. It would also be used to prescribe personalised medicine. The MegaScope aims to improve accuracy of testing and predict the disease severity thereby enhancing treatment effectiveness.**

9. A life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda is to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister in which state / UT?

- [A] West Bengal
[B] Uttar Pradesh
[C] New Delhi ☒
[D] Meghalaya



- ✓ **Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi is set to unveil a life size statue of Swami Vivekananda. The statue is being unveiled at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus at New Delhi on November 12th. The statue would be unveiled by the Prime Minister in a virtual mode. The statue has been installed in JNU campus with the support of the JNU alumni.**

10. Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir has released Gold and silver coins in the name of which God?

- [A] Lord Shiva
- [B] Lord Maayon
- [C] Vaishno Devi ☒
- [D] Kotravai



- ✓ Gold and silver coins in the name of the Vaishno Devi shrine have been released by the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha. The coins have been released ahead of Diwali festival. The Vaishno Devi shrine board has decided to make the coin available in Jammu as well as in Delhi.
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1. Which Union Ministry would monitor Digital news portals, online films and content providers?

[A] Ministry of Communication

[B] Ministry of Home Affairs

[C] Ministry of Information and Broadcasting ☒

[D] Ministry of Culture



- ✓ **As per the recent announcement of the Central Government, digital or online Media, films and audio-visual programmes, news and current affairs content would be brought under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. At present, there is no law or autonomous body governing the digital content in the country. The President is said to have signed the order.**

2. Which sportsperson has clinched the ITTF Women's World Cup title?

[A] Manika Batra

[B] Chen Meng ☒

[C] Zhu Yuling

[D] Liu Shewin



- ✓ **World number one Table tennis player Chen Meng clinched the ITTF Women's World Cup title of this year. The 26-year old player beat Chinese compatriot Sun Yingsha to win her maiden ITTF Women's World Cup title in Weihai. She also became the first winner of the ITTF's #RESTART series.**

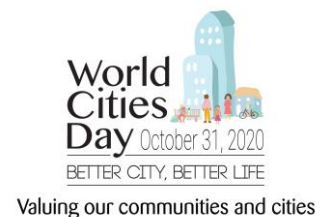
3. What is the theme of 2020 edition of World Cities Day?

[A] Designed to Live Together

[B] Valuing Our Communities and Cities ☒

[C] Changing the world

[D] Promoting a better urban future



- ✓ **The World Cities Day is observed on October.31 to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.**

4. What is the theme of 2020 edition of World Pneumonia Day?

[A] Healthy Lungs for All

[B] Every Breath Counts ☒

[C] Innovate to End Child Pneumonia

[D] Universal Access to Pneumonia Prevention and Care



- ✓ **The World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12th of November to promote interventions to protect against, prevent, and treat pneumonia and to highlight proven approaches and solutions in need of additional resources and attention. The 2020 theme is “Every Breath Counts”.**

5. ‘Internal Market Bill’, which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

[A] United States

[B] Russia

[C] Britain ☒

[D] India



- ✓ **The Internal Market Bill is designed to protect the trade between Britain’s four nations after the process of Brexit. Recently, the House of Lords voted against the clauses in the bill which would allow the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to breach Britain’s EU exit treaty. This is seen as a defeat to the ruling Conservative Party in the upper chamber.**

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to co-chair the India–ASEAN summit along with the head of which country?

[A] Singapore

[B] Thailand

[C] Vietnam ☒

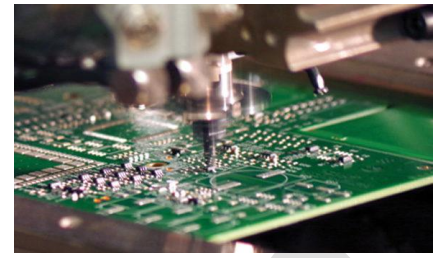
[D] Myanmar



- ✓ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will co-chair the virtual 17th India–ASEAN summit, along with the Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc. The leaders are expected to note the adoption of ASEAN–India Plan of Action (2021–2025). The Prime Minister attended the 16th ASEAN–India Summit in Bangkok in November last year.**

7. The Union Cabinet approved 'Production Linked Incentive' (PLI) scheme worth up to Rs 1.46 lakh crore for how many sectors?

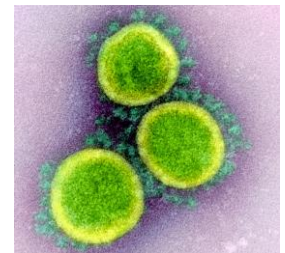
- [A] 5
- [B] 10 ☒
- [C] 15
- [D] 16



- ✓ The Union Cabinet has recently approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme worth up to Rs 1.46 lakh crore for 10 key sectors. This move is expected to boost India's manufacturing sector and exports. The ten sectors include white goods manufacturing, pharmaceutical, specialised steel, automobiles, telecom, textile, food products, solar photovoltaic and cell battery.

8. What is 'ORF3d', that was seen in the news recently?

- [A] COVID-19 Vaccine
- [B] Corona Virus Gene ☒
- [C] Missile
- [D] Satellite



- ✓ Researchers have recently discovered a new hidden gene in the novel coronavirus named ORF3d. The new overlapping gene is expected to contribute to the unique biology and pandemic potential. This may also lead to the development of new vaccines against the virus. The study has been published in the journal 'eLife'.

9. What is the theme of 2020 edition of World Diabetes Day?

- [A] Go Blue for Breakfast
- [B] Eyes on Diabetes
- [C] The Nurse and Diabetes ☒
- [D] Women and diabetes



- ✓ The World Diabetes Day is observed every year on November 14 to raise awareness among families to discover, prevent and manage diabetes. It is the primary global awareness campaign focusing on diabetes mellitus. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2020 is "The Nurse and Diabetes". On this day, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced a plan to protect the nations of the world from diabetes.

10. Typhoon 'Vamco' is expected to hit which country?

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



- ✓ Typhoon Vamco is expected to hit the eastern coasts of Philippines. Hence, the state authorities have ordered thousands of residents in eastern coastal communities to evacuate the area and move to safe shelters. This cyclone is the 21st tropical cyclone of this year in Philippines.
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1. What is the abbreviation of 'IBSA', that is seen in news recently?

- [A] India Brazil South Africa ☒
- [B] India Britain Saudi Arabia
- [C] India Belgium South America
- [D] India Bahrain South Australia



- ✓ **India–Brazil–South Africa (IBSA) report titled 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors' has been launched recently. The report has been launched by the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs Rahul Chhabra. The report has been prepared by the 2nd batch of Fellows under the IBSA Visiting Fellowship Program.**

2. 'Hunar Haat' is a flagship programme of which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Labor & Employment
- [C] Ministry of Minority Affairs ☒
- [D] Ministry of Women & Child Development



- ✓ **'Hunar Haat' is the flagship programme of the Minority Affairs Ministry aimed to create employment opportunities for artisans across India. After a gap of about seven months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hunar Haat is set to restart at Delhi Haat at Pitampura, New Delhi. The theme of this event is "Vocal for Local".**

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

- [A] Dubai
- [B] Kuala Lumpur ☒
- [C] Chennai
- [D] Bengaluru



- ✓ **Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia was named as the World Book Capital for the year 2020 by UNESCO. Every year, April 23 is celebrated as the World Book and Copyright Day across the world. UNESCO along with the international organizations associated with publishers, booksellers and libraries, select the World Book Capital for a year. This year, Kuala Lumpur has been named for 2020.**

4. Which economic measure of India grew positively by 0.2%, after 6-month contraction?

- [A] Index of Industrial Production ☒
- [B] Consumer Price Index
- [C] Wholesale Price Index
- [D] Producer Price Index



- ✓ **India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has grown by 0.2 percent in September on a year on year basis. After continuous contraction of six months, IIP has entered into the positive side of growth. During the month of August, a 7.36 percent contraction was recorded. Recovery in consumer goods, electricity and mining sectors was noted.**

5. Tinsukia, where Oil India made a natural gas discovery, is located in which state?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Jharkhand
- [C] Assam ☒
- [D] Bihar



- ✓ **India's second largest oil producer Oil India Ltd has recently made a natural gas discovery at a well drilled in Tinsukia, Assam. As per the statement issued by the organisation, the Dinjan-1 well in Tinsukia in upper Assam basin found 10 meters of hydrocarbon-bearing sands. This discovery will help them explore new areas for further oil and gas exploration in Assam.**

6. Which Union Ministry implements PM KUSUM scheme?

- [A] Ministry of Power
- [B] Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒
- [C] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- [D] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



- ✓ **Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evem Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme.**
- ✓ **Recently, the Ministry has amended the guidelines of the scheme as solar power plants can also be installed on pasture land and marshy land of farmers. Earlier, only barren, fallow and agricultural lands were used for installing solar plants.**

7. Which is the only corporatized major port of India?

[A] Kamarajar Port ☒

[B] V O Chidambaranar Port

[C] Cochin Port

[D] Paradip Port



KAMARAJAR PORT LIMITED
GSTIN: 33AAACE9013G2Z1

- ✓ **Kamarajar Port located in Ennore, on the Coromandel Coast is the only corporatized major port of India. It is also the first port in India which is a public company. The Port was seen in news recently, as it has handled the largest ever container vessel – MSC Faith. As per the company, the new generation terminal is equipped with latest gantry cranes and sufficient backup yard.**

8. Which Indian Minister addressed the “India: Drivers of Change” conference organised by Bank of America?

[A] Nirmala Sitharaman

[B] Piyush Goyal ☒

[C] Harsh Vardhan

[D] Amit Shah



- ✓ **Union minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal delivered the keynote address at Conference “India: Drivers of Change”. In the conference organized by the Bank of America, the Minister urged the global investors to invest in India. He also highlighted about the production-linked incentives provided for the manufacturing sector.**

9. On which date, the National Cancer Awareness Day was observed recently in India?

[A] November 7 ☒

[B] November 8

[C] November 9

[D] November 10



- ✓ **In India, the National Cancer Awareness Day is observed every year on 7th of November to remove all stops to lower the national cancer burden by generating awareness about early detection and avoiding leading cancer-causing lifestyles.**

10. On which date, the 2020 edition of World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed?

[A] November 5 ☒

[B] November 6

[C] November 7

[D] November 8



- ✓ **The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on November 5 to raise awareness about precautionary measures against tsunami and share innovative approaches to risk reduction. Tsunamis are rare events, but can be extremely deadly.**
 - ✓ **In the past 100 years, 58 tsunamis have claimed more than 260,000 lives, which is the highest number of deaths than in any other natural hazard.**
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1. Which state is to constitute Anti-electrocution cells to protect wild elephants?

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



- ✓ **The West Bengal government has planned to constitute anti-electrocution cells to protect wild elephants in the state. These multi-departmental cells will have members including those from the Forest Directorate, Electricity Department, District Administration and Police along with the Local Panchayat members. It was also decided to alter the high-tension lines and electric poles to avoid hurting the animals.**

2. Which state has launched Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme?

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



- ✓ **The Mukhya Mantri Rural Street Vendor Scheme has been launched by the state government of Madhya Pradesh, on the lines of Pradhan Mantri street vendor scheme. Recently, the Chief Minister transferred the interest-free loan of 10,000 rupees each into the accounts of rural street vendors. He also launched a roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh, with special focus on education and health.**

3. Which state assembly passed a resolution to include 'Sarna' as a separate religion in Census 2021?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Jharkhand ☒
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Bihar



- ✓ **The Jharkhand assembly has unanimously passed a resolution seeking to include Sarna as a separate religion in Census 2021. As per the Chief minister Hemant Soren, the resolution which was passed during a special one-day assembly session, will be sent to the Centre for approval. The followers of Sarna faith believe praying to nature with the principle of 'Jal, Jungle, Zameen'.**

4. Where is the 'National Rail and Transportation Institute' located?

- [A] Vadodara ☒
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Cochin
- [D] Bangalore



- ✓ **'National Rail and Transportation Institute' (NRTI) is the first and only transportation university of India, which is located in Vadodara, Gujarat. NRTI has recently launched seven new programmes including Undergraduate, MBA and MSc.**
- ✓ **The MSc programme is offered in partnership with the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom whereas the MBA programs focus at Transportation and Supply Chain Management.**

5. Which country has recently launched the world's first 6G communication satellite?

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



- ✓ **China has become the world's first country to have successfully launched the 6G communications test satellite. It was launched using Long March 6 rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in the Shanxi Province. The 6G technology is expected to be over 100 times faster than the 5G technology.**

6. Which organisation will organise the "Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra"?

- [A] IRCTC ☒
- [B] NHAI
- [C] Air India
- [D] Make My Trip



- ✓ **The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has decided to organise 'Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra'. It would be launched from Hyderabad and Secunderabad from December 12 to December 18. The theme of the yatra is "Show India to Indians". It would cover Sri Rangam (Ranganathaswamy temple), Brihadeeswara temple at Thanjavur, Rameswaram, Madurai Meenakshi Temple and Kanyakumari.**

7. What is the theme of the 2020 World Toilet Day?

[A] Follow the Flush

[B] Toilets and Nutrition

[C] Waste water

[D] Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change ☒



- ✓ **The World Toilet Day is observed every year on 19th of November to inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. The 2020 theme is "Sustainable Sanitation and Climate Change". The main aim of this day is to create awareness among the people about basic toilet facilities.**

8. On which date, the 2020 edition of Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated in India?

[A] November 12 ☒

[B] November 13

[C] November 14

[D] November 15



- ✓ **The Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed every year on November.12 to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947. He addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.**

9. On which date, the 2020 edition of National Press Day is celebrated in India?

[A] November 15

[B] November 16 ☒

[C] November 17

[D] November 18



- ✓ **The National Press Day is celebrated every year on 16th of November as symbolic of free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which the Press Council of India (PCI) started functioning as a moral watchdog.**

10. On which date, the 2020 edition of National Epilepsy Day is observed?

[A] November 15

[B] November 16

[C] November 17 ☒

[D] November 18



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- ✓ **In India, the National Epilepsy Day is observed every year on 17th of November to create awareness about epilepsy. Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'. The seizures are caused as a result of sudden, excessive electrical discharges in the neurons (brain cells). The condition can affect people at any age and each age group has unique concerns and problems.**

1. Which organisation developed Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM), which was seen in news recently?

- [A] DRDO ☒
- [B] HAL
- [C] Tesla
- [D] Larsen & Toubro



- ✓ The Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) was indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Recently, the missile was seen in the news, it was tested by the Chandipur Test range, Odisha. It registered a significant milestone as it achieved a direct hit on a pilotless target aircraft (PTA), during the test.

2. Which is the first Indian city to finalise project under Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC) scheme for migrant workers?

- [A] Patna
- [B] Surat ☒
- [C] Ahmedabad
- [D] Lucknow



- ✓ Surat became the first city to finalise a project under the Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC) scheme for migrant workers. The ARHC scheme was announced under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban (PMAY–U) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- ✓ Under the scheme, unoccupied government housing projects will be given to private firms, to renovate and operate as rental housing.

3. What is the theme of the 'National Ayurveda Day 2020'?

- [A] Ayurveda for COVID–19 ☒
- [B] Ayurveda for All
- [C] Ayurveda and Immunity
- [D] Ayurveda amidst Pandemic



- ✓ National Ayurveda Day is celebrated on the same day of Dhanwantri Jayanti since 2016. This year it was celebrated on November 13. National Ayurveda Day was celebrated across the country on the theme of 'Ayurveda for COVID–19'. The day is observed to spread awareness on the importance of Ayurveda in our daily lives.

4. Veteran journalist and writer Ravi Belagere, who passed away recently, belonged to which state?

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



- ✓ Veteran journalist and writer of Karnataka, Ravi Belagere has recently passed away at the age of 62. He was working for the popular Kannada tabloid Hai Bangalore.
- ✓ The writer has been honoured with many awards including the Karnataka Sahitya Academy award, Kannada Rajyotsava award and Karnataka Media Academy award among others. He also started school named 'Prarthana' in the state.

5. How many countries are the members of Group of 77 (G-77) coalition has?

- [A] 77
- [B] 99
- [C] 120
- [D] 134 ☒



- ✓ The Group of 77 (G-77) was established on 15 June 1964 by 77 developing countries. At present, the members of the coalition have increased to 134 countries. Recently, the 44th Annual Meeting of the G-77 Foreign Ministers was held recently. India's Permanent Representative to the UN T S Tirumurti attended the forum and reaffirmed India's commitment towards G77 bloc.

6. Which Indian city has entered the Guinness World Records for the 'largest display of oil lamps'?

- [A] Madurai
- [B] Ayodhya ☒
- [C] Varanasi
- [D] Kumbakonam



- ✓ City of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh has entered the Guinness World Records for the 'largest display of Oil Lamps'. During the 'Deepotsav' celebrations, over 5.8 lakh earthen lamps were lit on the banks of river Saryu on November 13. The lamps were kept lit for 45 minutes and retained Guinness World Record for the second year.

7. Which country chaired the BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting?

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



- ✓ **The 8th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Ministerial meeting was held virtually, which was organised by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Russia. Russia is the Chair of the 12th BRICS Summit. The Ministerial meeting unanimously adopted BRICS STI Declaration 2020. The Members applauded India's 'SERB-POWER' (Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research) scheme.**

8. When is the World Day of Remembrance for Road Accident Victims observed?

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



- ✓ **Every year the World Day of Remembrance for Road Accident Victims observed on 15th November, by the United Nations. The Day is seen as a tool to reduce road casualties. It draws attention to the devastation caused by road crashes and gives recognition to the road crash victims.**

9. Which Union Ministry has notified draft rules under the Code on Social Security?

- [A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 [B] Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒
 [C] Ministry of Social Justice
 [D] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently notified draft rules under the Code on Social Security, 2020.**
- ✓ **As per the new rules, the unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers can avail social security benefits by Aadhaar based registration including self-registration on the government portal. It also clarifies about payment of contribution by the aggregators.**

10. What is the theme of the 12th BRICS summit 2020?

- [A] Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth ☒
- [B] Stakeholders of Shared Future
- [C] Innovative Future and Integrated Growth
- [D] Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture



- ✓ **The 12th BRICS summit 2020 was held in a virtual mode recently. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the virtual summit, chaired by the Russian President Vladimir Putin.**
- ✓ **The theme of the summit is “Global stability, shared security and innovative growth”. Other agendas of the summit include intra-BRICS cooperation, mitigating the effect of Covid-19, counter-terrorism cooperation, among others.**
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1. Researchers of IIT Kharagpur have developed food packaging material using which material?

- [A] Plastic
- [B] Nano Composite
- [C] Cucumber Peels ☒
- [D] Banana Peels



- ✓ A team of researchers from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur have developed environment safe food packaging material using cucumber peels. According to them, cucumber peels have greater cellulose content and the nanocrystals derived from the peels makes it suitable for making bio-degradable food packaging material.

2. How many countries constitute the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)?

- [A] 5
- [B] 11
- [C] 17
- [D] 21 ☒

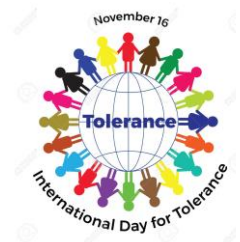


**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

- ✓ Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), an inter-governmental forum for 21 member nations is headquartered at Singapore. It is a free trade association among the Pacific Rim nations. Recently, the Ministers of all the 21 member countries have vowed for working together to support the economic recovery post the COVID-19 pandemic

3. When is the International Day of Tolerance observed by UNESCO?

- [A] November 16 ☒
- [B] November 17
- [C] November 18
- [D] November 19



- ✓ The International Day of Tolerance observed every year on November 16th. It aims to promote tolerance among cultures and people and make them understand that tolerance is an integral part of society. "The UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence" has been awarded to the NGO named Résolution Conflits (Centre for Resolution of Conflicts) in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

4. Which private bank has been placed under moratorium with a cap in deposit withdrawals, by the Reserve Bank of India?

[A] Lakshmi Vilas Bank ☒

[B] Karur Vysya Bank

[C] Ratnakar Bank

[D] Dhanalakshmi Bank



- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India has placed Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) under moratorium and has capped its deposit withdrawals. The RBI has also proposed to amalgamate the bank with DBS Bank India. This decision followed the steep deterioration of the financial position of LVB over the past three years. Due to the rise in bad loans and provisions, the bank has been witnessing heavy loans.**

5. Which organisation has launched 'Halo' initiative to counter the misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines?

[A] WHO

[B] UN ☒

[C] WEF

[D] World Bank



- ✓ **The United Nations (UN) has collaborated with the Vaccine Confidence Project at the University of London, to launch a new initiative named 'Halo'. It aims to tackle the issue of misinformation around COVID-19 vaccines.**
- ✓ **Over 100 scientists have come together to share authentic information on safety and effectiveness of vaccines via the social media. Over 22 scientists have joined Team Halo from India.**

6. High Commission of India has launched Special Edition wrist watches in which country?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Bangladesh ☒

[C] Nepal

[D] Myanmar



- ✓ **High Commission of India has launched Special Edition wrist watches to commemorate the Centenary year of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh is celebrating the birth centenary year of its founder president and Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur**

Rahman as Mujib Centenary year 'Mujib Borsho'. The wristwatches in the limited-edition series bear the image and the signature of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

7. Which country has approved the first self-testing kit to detect coronavirus?

[A] India

[B] United States of America ☒

[C] Russia

[D] China



- ✓ The US Food and Drug Administration has approved the first coronavirus diagnostic kit for self-testing at home. The Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit is a molecular single-use test. It is also the first test that can be fully self-administered and provide results in 30 minutes or less. It can be self-administered for those who are above 14 years old.

8. Which state government is set to have "Cow Cabinet" for protection of cows in the state?

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh ☒

[C] Bihar

[D] Gujarat



- ✓ The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has recently announced that a Cow cabinet will be formed for the protection of cows in the state. The state cabinet will also include Animal Husbandry, Forest, Panchayat and Rural Development, Revenue, Home and Farmers Welfare Department. The first meeting of the cabinet is to be held on November 22.

9. The World Fisheries Day is observed on which date?

[A] November 21 ☒

[B] November 22

[C] November 23

[D] November 24



- ✓ The World Fisheries Day is observed every year on 21st of November throughout the world by fishing communities. This day is celebrated through rallies, workshops, public meetings, cultural programs, dramas, exhibition, music show, and demonstrations to highlight the importance of maintaining the world's fisheries.

10. Union Culture Minister has handed over bronze idols retrieved from London to which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Rajasthan



- ✓ Union Minister of Culture Prahlad Singh Patel recently handed over the bronze idols of Lord Rama, Lakshmana and Goddess Sita to Idol Wing of Tamil Nadu Government. These Bronze idols were handed over to High Commission of India in London by the London Metropolitan Police, in September 2020. These idols belong to a temple in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu, from where they were stolen in 1978.
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1. The only known white giraffe, which was seen in news, is found in which country?

- [A] Brazil
- [B] Peru
- [C] Kenya ☒
- [D] Australia



- ✓ The only known white giraffe, which was seen in the news, is found in Kenya. The giraffe has been fitted with a GPS tracking device to help protect it from poachers. Leucism, a genetic trait causes the white color in animals.
- ✓ The single male giraffe is in a dangerous state at the risk of poaching. The GPS tracking device, which is attached to one of the giraffe's horns, will alert wildlife rangers about its location.

2. Which country has pledged to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030?

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



- ✓ United Kingdom has recently pledged to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2030. This deadline is five years earlier than previously pledged by Britain. Earlier, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced "Green revolution", to cut emissions to net-zero by 2050. Last year, Britain became the first G7 country to set a net-zero emission target by 2050.

3. Hindon Airport, which was seen in news recently, is located in which state?

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



- ✓ The first direct flight operations from Kalaburagi, Karnataka to Hindon Airport, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh were flagged off under the RCS-UDAN scheme.
- ✓ Under the 'Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik' scheme, 295 routes and 53 airports including 5 heliports and 2 Water Aerodromes have been operationalized till date. Star Air airline was awarded this airline route last year.

4. Vijayanagara has been created as the 31st district of which Indian state?

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



- ✓ The Karnataka Cabinet has recently approved the formation of Vijayanagara district as the 31st district of the State. The new district would be carved out from the existing Ballari district. It is named after the Vijayanagara empire, which ruled from this region.

5. Which regional organisation has adopted a new counter-terrorism strategy?

- [A] SAARC
- [B] ASEAN
- [C] BRICS ☒
- [D] G-77



- ✓ The regional organisation comprising of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, BRICS has recently adopted a new counter-terrorism strategy. During the virtual annual summit of BRICS held recently, the BRICS countries reaffirmed their commitment to counter international terrorism and its financing. Russia hosted the virtual summit.

6. World Health Organisation has launched global strategy to eradicate which disease by 2050?

- [A] Tuberculosis
- [B] Cervical cancer ☒
- [C] Measles
- [D] Polio



- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently launched a global strategy to eradicate cervical cancer by 2050. The strategy aims to reduce over 40% of new cases and 5 million related deaths by 2050 through vaccination, screening and treatment.
- ✓ The annual number of new cases of cervical cancer is expected to increase from 5.7 lakh to 7 lakhs between 2018 and 2030, without additional action.

7. Which Union Minister of India is to be honoured with Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award?

[A] Nirmala Sitharaman

[B] Ramesh Pokriyal 'Nishank' ☒

[C] Piyush Goyal

[D] Harsh Vardhan



- ✓ **Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' will be conferred with the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award.**
- ✓ **The Minister had earlier received various awards for governance and literature. He holds an honorary doctoral degree in the field of literature and has also penned over 75 books. Vatayan International Awards are presented to poets & artists by the Vatayan-UK organization in London.**

8. Operation 'Calypso', which was seen in news recently, is associated with which field?

[A] Drug Smuggling ☒

[B] Money Laundering

[C] Child Trafficking

[D] Tax Evasion



- ✓ **The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has recently cracked an international drug smuggling racket under the operation codenamed as 'Calypso'. It was carried out in Mumbai and Udaipur, Rajasthan for three days. More than half a kg of cocaine couriered from Trinidad & Tobago to Mumbai was seized by DRI. Four persons involved in the drug smuggling were also arrested.**

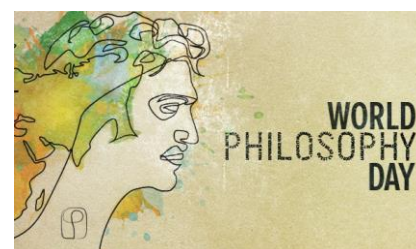
9. When is World Philosophy Day observed by UNESCO every year?

[A] 3rd Thursday of November ☒

[B] 3rd Thursday of October

[C] 3rd Saturday of November

[D] 3rd Saturday of October



- ✓ **World Philosophy Day was introduced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO in 2002. The UNESCO General Conference proclaimed that World Philosophy Day would be celebrated on every third Thursday of November, in 2005. This year, the observance calls all countries to focus on the philosophical reflections of the current pandemic.**

10. What is the name of the challenge launched to prevent hazardous cleaning of Sewers and Septic Tanks?

[A] Safaimitra Suraksha ☒

[B] Pradhan Mantri Safaimitra

[C] Safe Safaimitra

[D] Swachh Bharat Safaimitra



- ✓ Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri has recently launched the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, to ensure no life of any sewer or septic tank cleaner is lost due to 'hazardous' cleaning. The campaign is launched on the occasion of World Toilet Day, in 243 cities across the country. In the virtual event, representative of the 243 cities pledged to mechanize all sewer and septic tank cleaning operations by 30th April 2021.
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1. Which Union Ministry implements the PM–FME Scheme, which was seen in the news recently?

[A] Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

[B] Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒

[C] Ministry of Agriculture

[D] Ministry of Heavy Industries



- ✓ **The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PM–FME) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme, launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, under Food Processing Ministry. Recently, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the capacity building component of the scheme.**
- ✓ **With an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore over a period of five years it aims to formalise micro–enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry.**

2. Which Union Ministry launched 'Development of Wind Parks/Wind–Solar Hybrid Park'?

[A] Ministry of New & Renewable Energy ☒

[B] Ministry of Power

[C] Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

[D] Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



- ✓ **The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has proposed the scheme of 'Development of Wind Parks/Wind–Solar Hybrid Park'. The Ministry has also sought feedbacks for developing wind and wind–solar hybrid parks in the country. The scheme with proper infrastructure including evacuation facilities in place has been proposed, to speed up installation of wind power projects.**

3. Which Union Ministry of India has launched a portal for Land management system (LMS), for the first time?

[A] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

[B] Ministry of Defence ☒

[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[D] Ministry of Home Affairs



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MINISTRY OF
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- ✓ **Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has launched a website in the presence of senior defense officials, the first of which has been implemented by the Ministry of Defense to improve the overall management of defense lands.**

4. Which financial services company has partnered with USAID to launch 'Project Kirana' for women entrepreneurs in India?

[A] VISA

[B] Mastercard ☒

[C] American Express

[D] Rupay



- ✓ Under Project Kirana, a two-year programme is to be rolled out in selected cities such as Kanpur, Lucknow and Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh. The project will work to increase revenue, digital payments and expand financial inclusion. The project aims to build digital literacy and financial literacy of the women in the state. It will improve business management skills of women. It is estimated that the GDP of the country will grow between 12% and 25% in the next five years by bringing in more women.

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched RuPay Card phase-2 in which neighbouring country?

[A] Sri Lanka

[B] Bhutan ☒

[C] Myanmar

[D] Bangladesh



- ✓ A virtual ceremony for the joint launch of RuPay card Phase-II by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonchhen Dr. Lotay Tshering held on 20 November 2020. The implementation of Phase-I of RuPay cards in Bhutan has enabled visitors from India to access ATMs and Point of Sale (PoS) terminals across Bhutan.
- ✓ Phase-II will now allow Bhutanese card holders to access RuPay network in India. India and Bhutan share a special partnership, anchored in mutual understanding and respect, reinforced by a shared cultural heritage and strong people to people links.

6. What is the name of the festival, celebrated across Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh in November, dedicated to Sun God?

[A] Chhath Pooja ☒

[B] Dussehra

[C] Karva Chauth

[D] Kaarthikai Deepam



- ✓ The festival named 'Chhath Puja' dedicated to Sun God, is celebrated across Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh in November, dedicated to Sun God. Devotees from across the country observe fast, offer prayers to the Sun God. It is one of the biggest festivals celebrated in the states and in some parts of the neighbouring country, Nepal.

7. Tungabhadra Pushkaralu, which was seen in news recently, is celebrated in which state/UT?

[A] Andhra Pradesh ☒

[B] Telangana

[C] Karnataka

[D] Kerala



- ✓ The Tungabhadra Pushkaralu is a 12-day festival celebrated in the state of Andhra Pradesh, to honour the Tungabhadra river. It commenced on November 20, this year.
- ✓ Tungabhadra river starts from the state of Karnataka and continues to flow through two neighbouring states – Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. 12 major rivers across the country are worshipped by a festival named 'Pushkaralu or Pushkaram'.

8. The trilateral naval exercise 'SITEMEX' has started among India and which countries?

[A] Bangladesh & Myanmar

[B] Singapore & Thailand ☒

[C] Australia & Japan

[D] China & Philippines



- ✓ The trilateral exercise called 'SITEMEX-20' between the navies of India, Singapore and Thailand was recently completed. The exercise took place in the Andaman Sea. The Indian Navy-owned submarine INS Kamorta and the missile carrier Karmuk took part in the exercise.
- ✓ The first SITEMEX training took place in Port Blair last year. The exercise is aimed at strengthening mutual trust between the navies of Singapore and Thailand, building common understanding and adopting the best practices needed to improve maritime security. This year's exercise was led by the Singapore Navy.

9. The 'Indo–Thai CORPAT' is the exercise involving which armed force of India and Thailand?

[A] Army

[B] Navy ☒

[C] Air Force

[D] Coast Guard



- ✓ The 30th edition of India–Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo–Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is conducted from 18 – 20 November 2020. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette and His Majesty's Thailand Ship (HTMS) Kraburi, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate along with Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both the navies are participating in the CORPAT.
- ✓ As part of Government of India's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region), the Indian Navy has been involved in assisting countries in the Indian Ocean Region with EEZ Surveillance, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and other capacity building and capability-enhancement activities, on their request. To reinforce maritime links, the two navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line twice a year since 2005, with the aim of keeping this vital part of the Indian Ocean safe and secure for commercial shipping and international trade.

10. Which district has been selected for the 'Best Marine District' award by the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying?

- [A] Krishna ☒
- [B] Cuddalore
- [C] Thoothukudi
- [D] Kanyakumari



- ✓ For the first time in Fisheries Sector the Government of India will award best performing States for 2019–20 namely, Odisha (amongst Marine states), Uttar Pradesh (amongst Inland states) and Assam (amongst Hilly and NE states).
- ✓ The Government of India will also award best Organisations for 2019–20 [Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd. (for Marine); Telangana State Fishermen Cooperative societies Federation Ltd (for Inland), and Assam Apex Cooperative Fish Marketing and Processing Federation Ltd. (for Hilly region)]; Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh as best Marine District; Kalahandi, Odisha as best Inland District; Nagaon, Assam as Best Hilly and NE District.

1. What is the new-born mortality rate of India, as per the Sample Registration System (SRS), 2018?

- [A] 15 per 1,000 live births
- [B] 18 per 1,000 live births
- [C] 20 per 1,000 live births
- [D] 23 per 1,000 live births ☒



- ✓ **National New-born Week** was observed by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from Nov.15-21. This week is observed to emphasize the importance given to the health of young children and to take note of the fact that this is also one of the top priorities of the welfare sector. The theme of this year's (2020) National New-born week is "Quality, Equity, Dignity for every newborn at every health facility and everywhere".

2. Micro Irrigation Fund, which was seen in the news recently, is created with which organisation?

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



- ✓ **Micro Irrigation Fund** with a corpus of Rs. 5000 crores created with NABARD was operationalised in 2019-20. The objective of the Fund is to facilitate the States in availing an interest subvented loan for expanding coverage of Micro Irrigation by taking up special and innovative projects and also for incentivising micro irrigation beyond the provisions available under PMKSY-Per Drop More Crop to encourage farmers to install micro irrigation systems.
- ✓ **Steering Committee of MIF** has approved projects for loan of Rs. 3971.31 crore comprising Tamil Nadu, Rs. 616.13 for Tamil Nadu.

3. Which organisation has given nod for Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) to be used for navigation in the Indian Ocean Region?

- [A] International Maritime Organization ☒
- [B] United Nations
- [C] International Telecommunication Union
- [D] World Tourism Organisation



- ✓ The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) has been recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) as a part of the World-Wide Radio Navigation System (WWRNS) for operation in the Indian Ocean Region.
- ✓ India has become the fourth country in the world to have its independent regional navigation satellite system recognised by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The other three countries that have its navigation systems recognised by the IMO are the US, Russia and China.

4. What is the theme of the 15th G20 Summit of the year 2020?

[A] Realising the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All ☒

[B] Extraordinary times; Extraordinary Steps

[C] Pandemic preparedness

[D] Sustainable Growth and Climate Resilience



- ✓ Prime Minister Modi attends the 15th G20 Summit convened by Saudi Arabia. The summit, which was attended by leaders of 19 member states, the European Union and other invited countries and multinational organizations, was held on video due to the COVID-19 infection. The theme of the conference was “Realizing the Opportunities of the 21st Century for All”.

5. Seismic survey campaign is launched by which Indian Company?

[A] Oil India Ltd ☒

[B] ONGC

[C] BHEL

[D] GAIL



ऑयल इंडिया लिमिटेड
Oil India Limited

- ✓ Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the Oil India Ltd's (OIL) seismic survey campaign worth Rs 220 crore. He said at the time, that oil and gas produced from the Mahanadi basin would play a key role in the socio-economic development of Odisha.

6. Which state has enacted emergency law against online gambling?

[A] Tamil Nadu ☒

[B] Kerala

[C] Andhra Pradesh

[D] Karnataka



- ✓ Governor Banwarilal Purohit has approved an ordinance banning online games such as online gambling in Tamil Nadu. The law provides for a fine of Rs 5,000 and imprisonment for six months for violating the ban.

7. Which State Government issued a notification to rename the Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station after a freedom fighter?

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



- ✓ The Government of Karnataka issued a notification to rename the Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station, after Mahadevappa Mailara, a freedom fighter from Haveri district, Karnataka. Following the State Government's request to rename, The Ministry of Home affairs issued the no objection for the name change of the Haveri Railway station as Mahadevappa Mailara Railway Station.

8. Where did PM Narendra Modi launch "Har Ghar Nal Yojna" worth Rs 5,555.38 crore for drinking water projects?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Har Ghar Nal Yojna" (tap water to every household) worth Rs 5,555.38 crore for drinking water projects in Mirzapur and Sonbhadra districts in Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh. In this regard, Rs 3212.18 crore will be spent in Sonbhadra and Rs 2343.20 crore will be utilized in Mirzapur. This will benefit 41,41,438 families in both the districts by ensuring water supply through pipelines to 2,995 villages. The scheme will be completed within 24 months.

9. Which State received maximum FDI According to the report titled "FDI in India: Now, Next and Beyond" by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

- [A] Maharashtra ☒ [B] Telangana
[C] Karnataka [D] Kerala



- ✓ In accordance with the report titled "FDI in India: Now, Next and Beyond" by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY), India may attract foreign direct investment (FDI) of \$120-160 billion per year by 2025. States-wise Maharashtra remains the most attractive destination (28%), followed by Karnataka (19%), Delhi (16%) and Gujarat (10%). These four alone received 75% of the FDI between October 2019 and June 2020.

10. Which Indian web television series has won the award under the 'drama series' category at the 48th International Emmy Awards 2020?

- [A] Breathe
- [B] Mission Over Mars
- [C] Special Ops
- [D] Delhi Crime ☒



- ✓ The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced the winners of the 48th International Emmy Awards 2020 during a live ceremony hosted by actor Richard Kind in New York City, USA. Netflix's India Original series 'Delhi Crime' written and directed by Richie Mehta won the award under the 'drama series' category. Delhi Crime wins the 1st Emmy for a program from India.
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1. CEFPPC, a scheme that was seen in the news, is associated with which Union Ministry?

[A] Ministry of Food Processing Industries ☒

[B] Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

[C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

[D] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports



- ✓ **The Union Government has recently approved 28 Food Processing Projects worth more than 320 crore rupees. They are supported with a grant of over Rs 107 crore by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. They are approved under the Scheme for Creation and Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (CEFPPC). The aim of the scheme is to create processing and preservation capacities and expansion of existing food processing units.**

2. What is the theme of the National Pharmacy Week 2020?

[A] Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals ☒

[B] COVID-19 Warriors

[C] Responsible Pharmacy

[D] Ethical Pharmacy



- ✓ **The 59th National Pharmacy Week (NPW) was celebrated throughout the country from November 16–22, 2020. The theme of the NPW 2020 is "Pharmacists: Frontline Health Professionals. The Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) organises NPW during the third week of November every year.**
- ✓ **The main aim to this week is to make all stakeholders aware of the presence of pharmacists in the society and to know the role played by registered pharmacists with respect to medicines, their usage, handling and dispensing.**

3. Government of India issued orders to block 43 mobile apps (total 220 Chinese apps till date) under which Ministry?

[A] Ministry of External Affairs

[B] Ministry of Home Affairs

[C] Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

[D] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology ☒



- ✓ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India today issued an order under section 69A of the Information Technology Act blocking access to 43 mobile apps.**

- ✓ This action was taken based on the inputs regarding these apps for engaging in activities which are prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has issued the order based on the comprehensive reports received from Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Center, Ministry of Home Affairs. Earlier on June, 2020 the Govt., of India had blocked access to 59 mobile apps and on Sep, 2020 118 more apps were banned under section 69A of the Information Technology Act.

4. What was the 2020 theme for the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women observed on November 25?

- [A] Orange the World: HearMeToo
- [B] Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape
- [C] Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect! ☒
- [D] Orange the World: Men Against the Rape & Discrimination



- ✓ United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is annually observed around the world on November 25 to raise awareness about the fact that women globally are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence.
- ✓ Theme of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2020 – “Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!”

5. ‘Chang’e–5 probe’, which was seen in the news recently, is a lunar mission launched by which country?

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



- ✓ China recently launched the Change–5 Lunar Mission. The mission is the first probe in four decades to bring back rock samples from the moon from its previously unexplored portions. Change–5 is the first probe to land on the far side of the moon. As the rotation and revolution time period of the moon is same, only one side of the moon is constantly visible to the earth. The other side of the moon till date remains unexplored and is called the far side of the moon.

6. The International version of which government application has been launched by the Union IT Minister?

- [A] UMANG ☒
- [B] FAME
- [C] Swachh Bharat
- [D] m-AWAS



- ✓ The Union Information Technology Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the International version of the UMANG application. UMANG is Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance. It was launched in UK, US, Australia, Canada, Netherlands, UAE, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand. The International version was launched on the completion of three years of UMANG. It was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.

7. The martyrdom day of which Sikh Guru is observed in the month of November, as 'Shaheed Diwas'?

- [A] Guru Tegh Bahadur ☒
- [B] Guru Hargobind
- [C] Guru Gobind Singh
- [D] Guru Ram Das



- ✓ The Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur is observed across the country as Shaheed Diwas every year on November 24. In the year 1675, Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth of the ten Gurus of the Sikhism was executed. He was the youngest son of Guru Hargobind. He had also contributed many hymns to the Guru Granth Sahib.

8. ATAL Faculty Development Programmes, which were launched by the Education Minister, are organised by which institution?

- [A] AICTE ☒
- [B] UGC
- [C] NASSCOM
- [D] NCTE



- ✓ The Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' inaugurated 46 online AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programmes (FDP). It was launched to train the teachers in higher education institutions association with AICTE (All India Council of Technical Education).

- ✓ The main objective of the academy is to provide quality technical education all over India. It promotes research and entrepreneurship.

9. Where is the headquarters of the Airports Authority of India located?

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



- ✓ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Civil Aviation. It was founded in 1995 and is headquartered in New Delhi. Airports Authority of India (AAI) commenced Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020 from 23rd – 27th November, 2020. It is being observed at all airports and Airport Navigation Service locations managed by AAI across India.

10. 'RE-INVEST 2020', an investing meet which was seen in the news recently, is organised by which Union Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- [B] Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ☒
- [C] Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Corporate Affairs



- ✓ RE-INVEST (Renewable Energy Investors Meet & Expo) is organised by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), to promote investment in renewable energy. The 3rd edition of the Meet is scheduled to be held from Nov.26–28, 2020 with the theme of "Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition". Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the virtual meeting. The first two editions were held in 2015 and 2018.

1. What is the name of the training modules launched for primary cooperative societies, by National Cooperative Development Corporation?

[A] Sahakar Pragya ☒

[B] NCDC Sahakar

[C] Coop Educate

[D] PACS Skillcare



- ✓ Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched 'Sahakar Pragya', the 45 new training modules developed by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). The modules will impart training to primary cooperative societies in rural areas of the country. The National Cooperative Development Corporation is a statutory Corporation, under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

2. Which state has passed ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage?

[A] Uttar Pradesh ☒

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Gujarat

[D] Assam



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government has passed an ordinance to ban unlawful religious conversions for marriage. As per the ordinance, unlawful conversion for the sake of getting married through force, deceit, undue pressure will be considered a non-bailable offence and can lead to imprisonment of a maximum of 10 years and penalty of Rs. 50,000.

3. The 10th edition of the National Science film festival is inaugurated in which state?

[A] West Bengal

[B] Assam

[C] Tripura ☒

[D] Uttarakhand



- ✓ The 10th edition of the National Science film festival has been inaugurated in the state of Tripura. The festival will be held in virtual mode. Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous agency under the Department of Science and Technology, has been organizing this festival. This year, Vigyan Prasar is collaborating with the Tripura State Council of Science and Technology. As many as 372 films in different languages have been received.

4. As per a recent survey conducted by CII and Ernst & Young, which country is the top destination of investors?

- [A] China
- [B] India ☒
- [C] USA
- [D] Mauritius



- ✓ As per a recent survey conducted by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Ernst & Young, Multi-national Companies regard India as their first option, in terms of investments across the globe. Out of the total key decision makers of those MNCs, 82 per cent of them said that they have plans to expand their business in the next 2 to 3 years. After India, the second most favourable place is North America followed by the rest of Asia-Pacific.

5. Which Indian state has launched an exclusive WhatsApp number to help women in distress?

- [A] Assam
- [B] Goa ☒
- [C] Kerala
- [D] Telangana



- ✓ The Chief Minister of Goa has launched an exclusive WhatsApp helpline number, to help women in distress in the state. The dedicated WhatsApp number 7875756177 will be functional round the clock at the State Police Control Room, Panaji.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Defence and AYUSH Shripad Naik handed over a medically well-equipped ambulance to Chief Minister for the use of Goa Police.

6. Ajay Lodha, who recently passed away, was associated with which profession?

- [A] Writer ☒
- [B] Physician
- [C] Politician
- [D] Scientist



- ✓ Veteran Indian-American physician Ajay Lodha has passed away due to complications from Covid-19, at the age of 58, in the United States. He is the former President of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI).

- ✓ The physician has received several honours including the Ellis Island Medal of Honour in 2016. He was known for his contribution to the diaspora in the U.S, especially the Rajasthani community.

7. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed MoU with which southern state to develop MSME ecosystem?

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



- ✓ A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with the Tamil Nadu government to develop the ecosystem for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state. Under the MoU, SIDBI will deploy a project management unit in the government of Tamil Nadu. It will undertake the process of designing the training and capacity-building programmes to be taken up by the state government in areas.

8. Which country lifted 93 million people out of poverty since 2013 and has announced eradication of extreme poverty in its country?

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



- ✓ China has removed the last remaining counties (regions) from a list of 832 extremely poor regions, drawn up in the year 2014. China also announced that it has lifted 93 million people out of poverty since 2013. China sets its own national standard of extreme poverty, based on a per capita income threshold of 4,000 yuan per year, or around USD 1.52 per day, and other social factors.

9. 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' has been implemented in which Indian state?

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



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Har Ghar Nal Yojana' in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The scheme aims to provide piped water supply to over 4.1 million people in the two districts of

Sonbhadra and Mirzapur. The outlay of the project is Rs 5,555 crore. The scheme will also benefit over 3,000 villages to access piped water supply.

10. What is the name of the heavy weight torpedo, flagged off by DRDO and was delivered to the Indian Navy?

[A] BrahMos

[B] Varunastra ☒

[C] Akash

[D] Dhanush



- ✓ The Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently flagged off the first heavy weight torpedo, Varunastra. The torpedo was delivered to the Indian Navy at a ceremony held at Bharat Dynamics Limited, Visakhapatnam Unit. It has been designed and developed by Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
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1. Which Union Ministry has launched a portal for transgender persons to apply gender identity certificate?

[A] Ministry of Women and Child Development

[B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ☒

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has recently launched a portal that will enable transgender persons to apply online for certification of their self-perceived gender identity. Transgender persons can upload declaration of their gender identity, which will be the basis for their identity certificates to be issued by the district magistrate. The Minister opened 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in Gujarat.

2. Which Film is India's official entry for the Academy Awards?

[A] The Disciple

[B] Shakuntala Devi

[C] Jallikattu ☒

[D] Chhapaak



- ✓ Malayalam film Jallikattu, directed by Lijo Jose Pellissery, has been selected as India's official entry for the 93rd Academy Awards, 2021. It is also the third Malayalam film to be shortlisted for the Oscar Award. This film is based on writer S. Hareesh's acclaimed story titled 'Maoist'. As of now, only three Indian films Lagaan, Mother India and Salaam Bombay! have won the coveted award.

3. As per the recent notification from Department of Telecom, calls from landline to mobile should be prefixed with which number, from January 2021?

[A] 9

[B] 2

[C] 3

[D] 0 ☒

0

- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications has taken a new decision accepting the recommendation of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority to provide adequate number of resources for telephone and mobile services. Accordingly, '0' should be pressed during calls made from landline

phone to mobile from Jan.15, 2021. Before dialing the mobile number to be contacted, press 'Zero' on the landline phone and then call.

4. Which is the third University in India to have a commemorative coin of Rs 100 issued on its centenary year?

- [A] University of Lucknow ☒
- [B] University of Madras
- [C] University of Kolkata
- [D] Jawaharlal Nehru University



- ✓ **University of Lucknow, a public University in Uttar Pradesh, became the third University in India to have a commemorative coin of Rs 100 issued on its centenary year. Prior to this, only Mysore University and Banaras Hindu University had received the honour.**
- ✓ **Prime Minister attended the celebration of Centennial Foundation Day of the University virtually and released special stamp and Rs 100 coin.**

5. Which organisation was awarded the Platinum Partner Award in the newly instituted UMANG Awards?

- [A] ESIC
- [B] EPFO ☒
- [C] LIC
- [D] GIC



- ✓ **UMANG App has completed three years since its launch. On the occasion, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the newly instituted UMANG Awards. The awards will be presented for Departments of Centre and States, based on average transactions in the past six months.**
- ✓ **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has been conferred with Platinum Partner Award for registering more than 25 lakh transactions on UMANG App.**

6. Which Indian state has approved the Ganga Expressway project?

- [A] Uttarakhand
- [B] Uttar Pradesh ☒
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Jharkhand



- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government has approved the 594-km Ganga Expressway project worth Rs 36,402 crore. The project will have Expressway running along the river Ganga from Haridwar to Allahabad. The state Cabinet also approved a district-wise alignment of the Expressway. The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority will implement the project.

7. 'Fit India School Week' is celebrated in a week of which month?

[A] September

[B] October

[C] November

[D] December ☒



- ✓ The 'Fit India School' week program was launched in November last year, to inculcate the awareness of physical activity and sports to school children. The schools, after registering themselves on the 'Fit India' website, will select a week in the month of December. It will then make the children follow the activities listed by the Sports Ministry for the program. Last year, over 15000 schools participated in the program.

8. Which new type of Farmer Produce Organisation (FPO) of NAFED has been inaugurated by the Agricultural Minister?

[A] Bamboo FPO

[B] Honey FPO ☒

[C] Silk FPO

[D] Rubber FPO



- ✓ The Honey FPO Programme of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) has been inaugurated by Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar. Beekeeping will be promoted as an occupation for unemployed women and tribal populations, through these Honey FPOs. A new Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of new 10,000 FPOs was launched and 2200 FPO clusters for 2020-21 are already allocated.

9. Where has the largest Solar Power Project at a highest altitude named as "Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW" been established?

[A] Jammu & Kashmir

[B] Ladakh ☒

[C] Rajasthan

[D] Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ **Leh, in the Union Territory of Ladakh gets the largest Solar Power Project at a highest altitude. The project has been established at the Leh Indian Air Force (IAF) Station. The Rs.122 crores worth Project named "Provision of Solar Photo Voltaic Powerplant 1.5 MW" was conceptualised under the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government of India.**

10. Ayodhya Airort in Uttar Pradesh is set to be renamed as _____?

[A] Purushottam Sri Ram Airport

[B] Sri Ram Airport

[C] Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport ☒

[D] Ayodhya Naresh Sri Ram Airport



- ✓ **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, cleared the proposal to rename the Ayodhya airport as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.**
 - ✓ **The proposal for the same will be sent to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt of India after it is passed by the state Assembly.**
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