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1. **Who has been recently selected by the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) as the Chairman and MD of the Delhi-based Oriental Insurance Company (OIC)?**
  - (A) SN Rajeswari
  - (B) Bhanu Pratap Sharma
  - (C) Debasish Panda
  - (D) Vedika Bhandarkar
  - ❖ **SN Rajeswari**, General Manager, New India Assurance (NIA), has been selected by the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) as the Chairman and MD of the Delhi-based Oriental Insurance Company (OIC).
  - ❖ For the first time, the interviews for selecting a CMD were done through **video conferencing**, with the nation under lockdown to check the spread of Covid-19.
  
2. **International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed on-**
  - (A) March 29
  - (B) June 21
  - (C) August 15
  - (D) May 29
  - ❖ International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed on **May 29**.
  - ❖ **Theme** for 2020: **Women in Peacekeeping**.
  - ❖ On this occasion, **Major Suman Gawani** and Indian Army officer and woman peacekeeper became first Indian to get **UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award**.
  - ❖ UN Peacekeeping is an instrument developed by the UN as a way to help countries torn by conflict to create the conditions for lasting peace.
  - ❖ **First UN peacekeeping mission was established in May 1948**, to monitor Armistice Agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbours.
  
3. **An artificial intelligence (AI) based chatbot; Pai is recently launched by-**
  - (A) National Payments Corporation of India
  - (B) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
  - (C) National Internet Exchange of India
  - (D) NASSCOM
  - ❖ **National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI)** recently launched PAI. Pai is an artificial intelligence (AI) based chatbot, to create awareness around NPCI's products like FASTag, RuPay, UPI, AePS on a real time basis. **It was developed by Bengaluru based startup CoRover Private Limited**
  - ❖ NPCI is umbrella organisation for **operating retail payments and settlement systems in India**. It is an initiative of RBI and Indian Banks' Association under Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
  
4. **Rozgar Setu scheme is related to-**
  - (A) Madhya Pradesh
  - (B) Uttar Pradesh
  - (C) Bihar
  - (D) Kerala
  - ❖ Rozgar Setu scheme is launched by **Madhya Pradesh** for employing skilled workers who have returned.
  - ❖ This seeks to bring skilled labor on single platform, and will connect them with those needing them.
  - ❖ **State is first to devise such a work plan**, surveying skilled workers who were employed at industries elsewhere.
  
5. **Which one among the following countries is not part of BRICS?**
  - (A) Brazil
  - (B) Russia
  - (C) India
  - (D) Saudi Arabia
  - ❖ The meeting of the Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS countries, namely **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa** was held recently.
  - ❖ The meeting was hosted by the Federal Tax Service of Russia, which currently holds the BRICS Presidency, to discuss the response of BRICS Tax Authorities to the COVID-19 pandemic and to explore potential areas of cooperation in tax matters.
  - ❖ Together, **BRICS accounts for about 40% of the world's population and about 30% of the GDP** (Gross Domestic Product), making it a critical economic engine.



**6. First phase of the Army Commanders' Conference, recently concluded in**

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Jodhpur
- (C) Dehradun
- (D) Ambala

- ❖ First phase of the Army Commanders' Conference concluded in **New Delhi**. Over last three days, Army's apex leadership deliberated upon various aspects related to existing and developing security challenges.
- ❖ The Board of Governor meetings of the Army Welfare Housing Origination (AWHO) and Army Welfare Education Society (AWES) were also organised during the event. **The second phase of the conference will be held from 24th to 27 June.**

**7. K-FON project is recently in news, is related to-**

- (A) Karnataka
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Tamil Nadu

- ❖ The **Kerala government** has announced that its ambitious Kerala Fibre Optic Network (K-FON) project, envisaged **to provide free internet access to the poor**, would be rolled out by December this year.
- ❖ Kerala is the **first state to declare the internet as a fundamental right** of the citizen. As part of this, the K-FON project was launched to provide quality internet free of cost to the poor and at affordable rates to others.
- ❖ **No other state in India has implemented such a scheme.** The project is being implemented by Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited and Kerala State Electricity Board.
- ❖ K-Fon will be a major support for the government's efforts to develop Kerala as the world's leading industrial, educational and tourism destination.

**8. World No Tobacco Day is observed around the world every year on-**

- (A) 31 May
- (B) 21 May
- (C) 1 June
- (D) 13 June

- ❖ World No Tobacco Day is observed around the world every year on **31 May**. The theme for the World No Tobacco Day 2020 is **#TobaccoExposed**.
- ❖ This day tries to educate people about the harmful effect of tobacco consumption and the urgent need to quit it.

**9. Which state government has recently announced to maintain a 'State Health Register', first-of-its-kind?**

- (A) Kerala
- (B) Uttar Pradesh
- (C) Karnataka
- (D) Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ **Karnataka government** on May 27, 2020 announced that it will be launching a new project to maintain a 'State Health Register' comprising the database of all its citizens.
- ❖ The health register, **first-of-its-kind**, will be a robust and standardized health repository of all the citizens of the state.
- ❖ Under the project, the state government will undertake the **survey of all 6.5 crore people in the state.**
- ❖ The Karnataka State Health Register is a futuristic project which has been undertaken keeping the interest of the citizens as the top priority. **The project will include 50 percent partnership by private hospitals.**

**10. World Hunger Day is observed on-**

- (A) May 28
- (B) May 30
- (C) March 2
- (D) June 6

- ❖ World Hunger Day is observed on **May 28**. Since 2011, the aim of this initiative has been to not only spread awareness about the malaise of chronic hunger but also to solve hunger and poverty through sustainable undertakings.



11. The famous book "The Ickabog" is written by-

- (A) J.K. Rowling (B) Emma Watson  
(C) Stephen King (D) Tom Felton

- ❖ **JK Rowling** is to publish a new children's book **The Ickabog**, which is set in an imaginary land unrelated to any of Rowling's other works.
- ❖ **J.K. Rowling** is the author of the much-loved series of seven **Harry Potter novels**, originally published between 1997 and 2007.

12. International Everest Day is observed annually on-

- (A) May 29 (B) June 13  
(C) March 2 (D) July 27

- ❖ International Everest Day is observed annually on **May 29**.
- ❖ **Sherpa Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary** belonging to Nepal and New Zealand respectively had climbed the Mount Everest on May 29, 1953. The duo were the **first human** beings to have scaled the Everest whose height is officially recognised as 29,029 feet. In order to mark their achievement, International Everest Day is observed annually.
- ❖ International Everest Day was **first celebrated in 2008**, the year in which Edmund passed away.

13. Covid -19 Indian National Supermodel is related to-

- (A) Department of science and technology  
(B) AIIMS, Delhi  
(C) ICMR  
(D) Department of Biotechnology

- ❖ The Indian government's **department of science and technology (DST)** has begun work on the creation of a Covid -19 Indian National Supermodel which will forecast the coronavirus spread and also monitor the future transmission of infection with the aim to assist governments in decisions involving readiness of the national health systems and other mitigation measures.
- ❖ **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) and IISc, Bangalore** have been tasked to co-ordinate and work with all Covid-19 modeling projects and programs in the country.

14. Recently, a novel fungus strain **Fusarium wilt TR4** is in news in context of plantation of-

- (A) Rose  
(B) Banana  
(C) Sugarcane  
(D) Rice

- ❖ Dubbed as '**Banana COVID**', it is novel fungus strain that has devastated banana plantations across globe this year.
- ❖ It cripples plantations by first attacking the leaves, which turn yellow from their trailing edges before wilting away.
- ❖ It was **first identified in Taiwan**, and has spread from Asia to Middle East, Africa and Latin America. **India, world's largest producer of bananas**, is emerging as one of the hotspots.
- ❖ **Ecuador**, the largest exporter of Banana is currently the epicentre.
- ❖ According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, TR4 is one of the "**the most destructive of all plant diseases**".
- ❖ Fusarium Wilt of Banana is popularly known as **Panama disease**. It is a **lethal fungal disease** caused by the soil borne fungus **Fusarium oxysporum**.

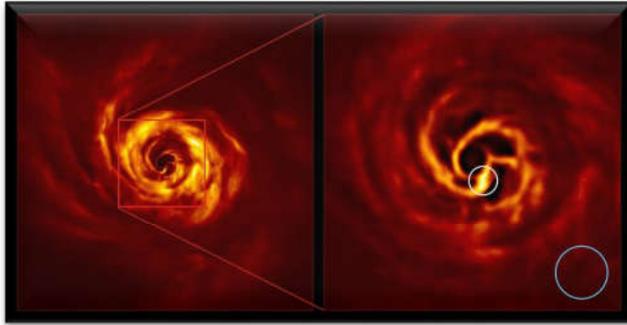
15. For the first time in human history, astronomers were witness to the birth of a new planet. The spiral formation captured by the

- (A) Very Large Telescope  
(B) Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory  
(C) Hubble Space Telescope  
(D) James Webb Space Telescope

- ❖ For the first time in human history, astronomers were witness to the birth of a new planet. **The European Southern Observatory (ESO)** released an image of a fiery-looking orange mass of gas that shows the cosmic matter of the universe at a gravitational tipping point — which it believes to "telltale" signs of a star system being born.
- ❖ The planet is forming around a young star called **AB Aurigae** around 520 light-years from Earth. The spiral formation captured by the **Very Large Telescope (VLT)** signals the presence of a baby planet.



- ❖ The distance between AB Aurigae and the new planet is approximately the same as the distance between Neptune and the Sun — around 4.5 billion kilometres.



16. Purandara Dasa belonged to the -

- (A) Haridasa tradition
- (B) Shaiva Tradition
- (C) Natha tradition
- (D) Shakti Tradition

- ❖ He was poet and singer and hailed as **father figure of Carnatic music**. Purandara Dasa belonged to the **Haridasa tradition (Vaishnava tradition)** during the Vijayanagar rule. He was a great devotee of **Lord Krishna**, a poet and a musician.
- ❖ His original name was Srinivasa Nayaka. He took Hari Dasa Deeksha (oath) and got "**Purandara Vittala**" pen name.
- ❖ Recently, Karnataka formed a committee to solve the mystery regarding birthplace whether he is from Araga of Thirthahalli Taluk of Shimoga district, or Purandara garh of Puneas believed earlier.

17. Which one among the following is the nearest-known star to the Sun?

- (A) Proxima Centauri
- (B) TRAPPIST-1
- (C) Sirius
- (D) Gliese 710

- ❖ Scientists have confirmed the existence of an Earth-sized planet around the closest star to our solar system, **Proxima Centauri**. The planet named **Proxima b** has a mass equivalent of 1.17 earths and orbits its star every 11.2 days. It is located in the habitable zone of the star.

- ❖ **Proxima b was first detected four years ago**, when scientists measured a low disturbance in the star's speed, suggesting the presence of a companion cosmic body. The star Proxima Centauri is 4.2 light-years from the sun. Proxima b possibly has surface temperatures similar to that of the earth, raising hopes that the planet could harbour life. However, there is time before it can be established whether or not the planet can host life.

- ❖ Proxima Centauri is a small, low-mass star located **4.244 light-years away from the Sun** in the southern constellation of Centaurus. Its Latin name means the "**nearest [star] of Centaurus**". **This object was discovered in 1915 by Robert Innes** and is the nearest-known star to the Sun.

18. Which Article of the constitution empowers the Rajya Sabha to create all India services and also to abolish any existing all India services or any other institutions?

- (A) Article 132
- (B) Article 213
- (C) Article 312
- (D) Article 321

- ❖ The government is in the process of finalising a bill to establish an all-India judicial service to recruit officers for subordinate courts through an entrance test. Those who clear the pan-India test would be appointed by high courts and the state governments.

- ❖ **Provision of AIJS was included in Article 312** through 42nd amendment in 1976 on **Swaran Singh Committee's** recommendations. Idea of creating an AIJS was first introduced by Law Commission in 1958.

- ❖ It aims at creating a **centralized cadre of District Judges** who will be recruited centrally through an all-India examination and allocated to each State along the lines of the All India Services (AIS).

- ❖ **Currently, the appointments of District Judges and Subordinate Judiciary are done by the respective State governments.**



19. **Hoggar Mountains national park is located in which country?**

- (A) Algeria (B) Brazil  
(C) Italy (D) Australia

- ❖ Naturalists in **Algeria** have filmed a **Saharan cheetah**, a subspecies listed as **critically endangered** on the IUCN Red List, for the first time in a decade.
- ❖ The animal was spotted in the Hoggar Mountains national park in the vast country's desert south
- ❖ The Saharan cheetah is quite different in appearance from the other African cheetahs. **Its coat is shorter and paler in colour.**

20. **Down's Syndrome is associated with-**

- (A) extra copy of chromosome-21  
(B) extra copy of X-chromosome  
(C) absence of one X chromosome  
(D) extra copy of chromosome-45

- ❖ The Bombay High Court has rejected a petition filed by a 33-year-old woman from Dahisar, 24 weeks pregnant with twins, to allow her to terminate one of the fetuses diagnosed with Down Syndrome.
- ❖ The cause of this genetic disorder is the presence of an **additional copy of the chromosome number 21 (trisomy of 21).**
- ❖ This disorder was **first described by Langdon Down (1866).**
- ❖ The affected individual is short statured with small round head, furrowed tongue and partially open mouth. Palm is broad with characteristic palm crease. Physical, psychomotor and mental development is retarded.

21. **Name the first and largest energy exchange in India?**

- (A) Central Electricity Regulatory exchange  
(B) Renewable Energy Regulatory exchange  
(C) Indian Energy Exchange Limited  
(D) None of the above

- ❖ **INDIAN ENERGY EXCHANGE LIMITED (IEX)** is the **first and largest energy exchange in India** providing a nationwide, automated trading platform for physical delivery of electricity, Renewable Energy Certificates and Energy Saving Certificates. The exchange platform enables efficient price discovery and

increases the accessibility and transparency of the power market in India while also enhancing the speed and efficiency of trade execution.

- ❖ Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) recently introduced **real-time trading of electricity Mechanism.** Under this, auctions will be held **48 times a day, once every half an hour.**
- ❖ **Benefits:** allows electricity producers to sell surplus energy, consumers to buy in case of shortage, better utilization of renewable energy (which is prone to fluctuations), enhance overall grid security etc.

22. **World Dugong Day is observed on-**

- (A) 28 May  
(B) 1 June  
(C) 31 May  
(D) 3 June

- ❖ World Dugong Day is Observed on **May 28th**, with theme "Save dugong, save livelihood".

**Dugong**

- ❖ Dugong (commonly known as **sea cow**) is **world's only vegetarian marine mammal.**
- ❖ **Found in:** warm coastal waters from East Africa to Australia, including Red Sea, **Indian Ocean**, and Pacific.
- ❖ **Threats:** destruction and modification of habitat, pollution, rampant illegal fishing activities, vessel strikes, unsustainable hunting or poaching and unplanned tourism.
- ❖ **IUCN status:** Vulnerable

23. **The term "Uighurs" sometimes visible in newspapers in context of -**

- (A) Saudi Arabia  
(B) North Korea  
(C) Pakistan  
(D) China

- ❖ Recently, **US approved Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020** which calls for sanctions on Chinese officials deemed responsible for the oppression of Uighur Muslims. **Uighurs are a predominantly Muslim, Turkic ethnicity who live in China's Xinjiang Province.** They are culturally and ethnically close to Central Asian nations.
- ❖ China is accused of curtailing Uighurs' religious, commercial and cultural rights and intensifying crackdown on separatists.



**24. The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the-**

- (A) Lok Sabha Speaker
- (B) Prime Minister
- (C) President
- (D) Election Commission

- ❖ **The Lok Sabha Speaker has nominated 15 MPs** from Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh as “associate members” of the Delimitation Commission to assist the panel in redrawing parliamentary and assembly constituencies of the northeastern states and the union territory.
- ❖ The 15 MPs include two Union ministers — Kiren Rijiju and Jitendra Singh.

**THE DELIMITATION COMMISSION**

- ❖ **DELIMITATION** is process of fixing boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a state having legislative body.
  - Under Article 82, Parliament enacts a Delimitation Act after every Census establishing a DC.
  - Under Article 170, States get divided into territorial constituencies.
- ❖ DC have been constituted 4 times in 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002.

• **Composition:** three members for each (respective) state/UT:  
 > a serving or retired judge of SC as chairperson,  
 > Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) or Election Commissioner nominated by CEC.  
 > State Election Commissioner of concerned state/UT.

- ❖ The Delimitation Commission is appointed by the President of India and works in collaboration with the Election Commission of India.
- ❖ It is appointed for the purpose of drawing up the boundaries of constituencies all over the country.

**25. Which of the following statements about “Invest India” is/are correct?**

1. It is a joint venture (not for profit) company.
2. It is the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (A) 1 only
- (B) 2 only
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2

- ❖ Recently, Invest India held a virtual panel discussion for global investors with focus on emerging trends and opportunities in electronics system design and manufacturing sector.
- ❖ Invest India is **the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency** that helps investors looking for investment opportunities and options in India.
- ❖ It was set up in **2009, as a non-profit venture** under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

**26. Project Ahana is related to-**

- (A) TB
- (B) AIDS
- (C) COVID-19
- (D) Malaria

- ❖ **Project Ahana is Plan India's (an NGO) national programme working towards an AIDS free generation.**
- ❖ **Partners:** National AIDS Control Organisation; Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).
- ❖ Its focus is on preventing parent-to-child transmission among women in most vulnerable and marginalised communities.

**27. Amery Ice Shelf (AIS) is located in-**

- (A) Russia
- (B) Nepal
- (C) India
- (D) Antarctica

- ❖ As per National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), there would be a **24% increase in expansion of AIS boundaries in Antarctica by 2021.**
- ❖ AIS is **one of the largest glacier drainage basins in world**, located on east coast of Antarctica. AIS dynamics and mass balance help in understanding changes in global climate scenario.
- ❖ **NCPOR, located in Goa** is India's premier R&D institution responsible for research activities in polar and Southern Ocean realms.

**28. Mahesh Navami is the biggest festival of the**

- (A) Maheshwari community
- (B) Kashmiri Pandit community
- (C) Jain community
- (D) Parsi Community



- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings on Mahesh Navmi.
- ❖ Mahesh Navami is the **biggest festival of the Maheshwari community**. According to the Hindu calendar, every year, the **Navami of the Shukla Paksha of the month of Jyeshtha** is celebrated with the celebration of "Mahesh Navami". This festival is mainly dedicated to the **worship of Lord Mahesha and the Goddess Parvati**.
- ❖ According to traditional belief, the lineage of the Maheshwari origin was done on Jyeshtha Shukla Navami of Yudhishtir Samvat 9, Since then, Maheshwari community has celebrated Jyeshtha Shukla Navami every year with the name of "Mahesh Navami" as the day of origin of the community.

**29. Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences is located at-**

- (A) Mumbai (B) Chennai  
(C) Bengaluru (D) New Delhi

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences based in **Bengaluru** via video conference.
- ❖ Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, centered in Bangalore, India, is a public, affiliating university **set up in 1996** by the government of Karnataka, India, for the regulation and promotion of higher education in health sciences throughout the state of Karnataka.

**30. Recently Centre has announced a 1500 crore Mudra Shishu loan for-**

- (A) Small business and cottage industries  
(B) Aviation Industry  
(C) Defense Procurement Industry  
(D) None of the above
- ❖ A 1500 crore interest subvention for **small business and cottage industries** has been announced under Mudra Shishu loan. Under this scheme, **one lakh beneficiaries can avail interest benefit of 2 per cent for a year**.

- ❖ A Rs 5000 crore package was announced for the roadside hawkers. Under this, 50 lakh street vendors can avail loan upto Rs 10,000. **Street vendors** can contact any nationalised bank to avail the benefit.
- ❖ Micro-Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) loan is one of the key measures that the Government of India has initiated to promote **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** nationwide.

**MUDRA**

- ❖ MUDRA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** that is responsible for developing and refinancing all SME units by helping them with the necessary finance and related support. Mudra Loan Scheme, under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is an initiative by Government of India that offers loan schemes under three main categories named as **Shishu, Kishor, and Tarun**.



**31. Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- (A) Arunachal Pradesh  
(B) Tripura  
(C) Assam  
(D) Sikkim

- ❖ Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary is located in **Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts of Assam**. It also known as **Jeypore Rainforest** and is a part of Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve. Recently, National Board for Wild Life has **recommended coal mining in a part of elephant reserve**.
- ❖ **Dehing is a river that flows through this forest and Patkai is hill at the foot of which sanctuary lies.**



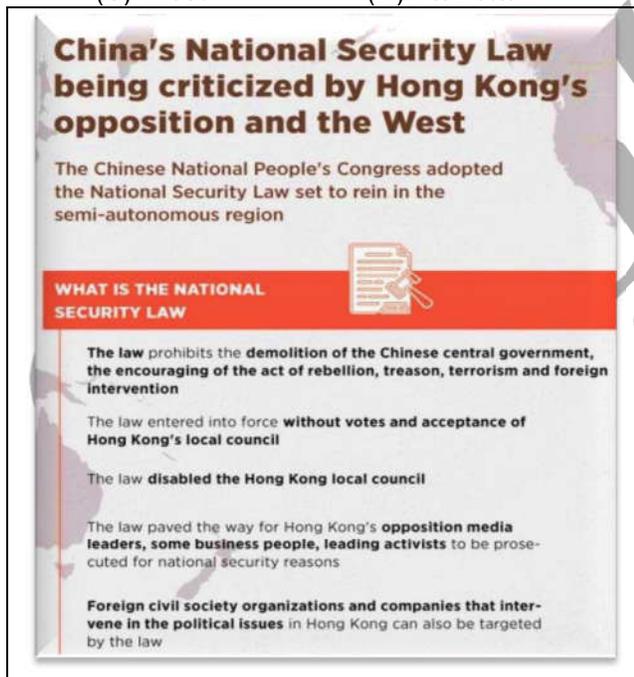
32. **Perspective Aviation Complex for Long-Range Aviation (PAK DA) program is related to which country?**

- (A) Israel (B) France  
(C) Spain (D) Russia

- ❖ **Russia** has commenced construction of its **first strategic stealth bomber** within the Perspective Aviation Complex for Long-Range Aviation (PAK DA) program, also known as "**Product 80**" and "**Courier**"
- ❖ When completed and operational, the new plane will be able to carry an array of advanced missiles and bombs, including hypersonic weapons
- ❖ **China is also developing its own stealth bomber - the Xian H-20.**
- ❖ Russia has already developed its own stealth fighter, the Sukhoi-57.

33. **"Draft national security laws" is recently in news in context of-**

- (A) Hong Kong (B) Taiwan  
(C) Tibet (D) Pakistan



34. **Recently, Puntius Sanctus is in news. What is it?**

- (A) A new species of freshwater fish  
(B) A new species of Monkey  
(C) A new species of Bat  
(D) A new species of Snake

- ❖ Recently, Puntius Sanctus, a **new freshwater fish, has been found in Velankanni, Tamil Nadu.** It is a silver-hued fish. The species is small in size and grows to a length of 7 cm.
- ❖ The fish has been identified and named by the Department of Zoology, BJM Government College in Kollam. Sanctus means holy (pilgrim town) in Latin.
- ❖ **Species of Puntius are known from India mainly from the drainages of the Western and Eastern Ghats, as well as the Eastern Himalayas.**

35. **"Operation Warp Speed" is recently in news in context of affairs of which country?**

- (A) China (B) USA  
(C) Japan (D) Russia

- ❖ Operation Warp Speed is a **public-private partnership, launched by U.S., to facilitate and accelerate development of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.**
- ❖ It is currently focusing on 14 vaccine candidates that were judged to be most promising from an initial list of over 100.

36. **India's national Artificial Intelligence Portal is developed by-**

- (A) Ministry of Law and Justice  
(B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

- ❖ On the occasion of the first anniversary of the second tenure of the government, the Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Law and Justice and Communications **Ravi Shankar Prasad launched India's national Artificial Intelligence Portal called [www.ai.gov.in](http://www.ai.gov.in)**
- ❖ This portal has been **jointly developed by the Ministry of Electronics and IT and IT Industry. National e-Governance Division of Ministry of Electronics and IT and NASSCOM** from the IT industry will jointly run this portal. This portal shall work as a one stop digital platform for AI related developments in India, sharing of resources such as articles, startups, investment funds in AI, resources, companies and educational institutions related to AI in India.



### Responsible AI for Youth

- ❖ Ravi Shankar Prasad, also launched a National Program for the youth, **“Responsible AI for Youth”**.
- ❖ The Program has been created and launched by the National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics & IT in collaboration with Intel India, with support from **Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L)**, Ministry of Human Resource Development. DoSE&L will help reach-out to State Education Departments to nominate teachers as per eligibility criteria.
- ❖ **“Responsible AI for Youth” will empower the youth to become AI ready and help reduce the skill gap**, while enabling youth to create meaningful social impact solutions.
- ❖ The Program is designed to reach out to students from **Government schools pan India and provide** them with an opportunity to become part of the skilled workforce in an inclusive manner.

### 37. Ithai barrage, which is recently in news, is located in which state?

- (A) Assam (B) Manipur  
(C) Mizoram (D) Tripura

- ❖ **Manipur** urged Centre to consider decommissioning Ithai barrage. It was constructed in 1983 at confluence of **Imphal River and Tuitha River**, south of Loktak Lake, as part of Loktak Hydroelectric project.
- ❖ It was to act as an **artificial reservoir to maintain sufficient water volume in loktak lake**. Overtime, it has affected hydrology of lake and harmed ecology and economy of region.

### Loktak Lake

- ❖ Loktak Lake is largest freshwater lake in North -East.
- ❖ It is known for floating islands called Phumdis.

### 38. Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport is located in which state?

- (A) Punjab  
(B) Manipur  
(C) Tripura  
(D) Assam

- ❖ In **Tripura**, the Maharaja Bir Bikram (MBB) Airport has resumed its first domestic flight service with Indigo Airlines Flight from Kolkata to Agartala after a gap of nearly two months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 39. The term ‘Herbal Road’ is recently in news in context of which state?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Assam  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Bihar

- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** government will develop **800 km roads as Herbal roads** in state. These roads will have medicinal and herbal trees along with land on their both sides.
- ❖ It will have trees like Peepal, Neem, Sehjan along with other herb varieties like brahmi, ashvagandha and jatropa.
- ❖ It will help in **providing raw material for medicines and will also help in curbing land erosion**.

### 40. Which one among the following states became the 25th State of the Union of India on 30th May, 1987?

- (A) Jharkhand (B) Goa  
(C) Sikkim (D) Mizoram

- ❖ On May 30 **Goa** celebrates its Statehood Day. On this day, in 1987, Goa ceased to be a Union Territory and became the **25th State** of the Union of India.
- ❖ In 1961, Indian Government launched **Operation Vijay** and annexed Daman and Diu, islands and Goa with the Indian mainland from Portuguese.

### 41. Yogesh Gaur, who passed away recently, was a-

- (A) Lyricist (B) Politician  
(C) Painter (D) Scientist

- ❖ **Veteran lyricist Yogesh Gaur**, known for his famous songs like **'Kahin Door Jab Din Dhal Jaaye'** and **'Zindagi Kaisi Hai Paheli'** in **'Anand'**, passed away.

- ❖ Yogesh was a prominent lyricist in '70s Hindi cinema and gave some of his best songs in the middle-of-the-road films of Hrishikesh Mukherjee and Basu Chatterjee.



- ❖ Some of his evergreen hits are 'Badi Sooni Sooni Hai', 'Maine Kaha Phoolon Se' from Mukherjee's 'Mili'; 'Rajinigandha Phool Tumhare', 'Kai Baar Yunhi Dekha Hai' from 'Rajinigandha' and 'Na Jaane Kyon Hota Hia Yeh Zindagi Ke Saath' and 'Jaaneman Jaaneman Tere Do Nayan' from 'Chhoti Si Baat'.

**42. COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) is launched by-**

- (A) WHO
- (B) ICMR
- (C) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- (D) Food and Agriculture Organization

- ❖ **COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) Initiative** is aimed at making vaccines, tests, treatments and other health technologies to fight COVID-19 accessible to all.

- ❖ It will be voluntary and based on social solidarity. It will provide a one-stop shop for scientific knowledge, data and intellectual property to be shared equitably by global community.

- ❖ It is **launched by WHO and Costa Rica**. 30 countries and multiple international partners and institutions have signed up to support C-TAP. **As of now, India is not a part of this initiative.**

**43. SpaceX, the commercial space company founded by-**

- (A) Jeff Bezos
- (B) Elon Musk
- (C) Bill Gates
- (D) Warren Buffett

- ❖ **SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft successfully** took off from Kennedy Space Center for the International Space Station (ISS), with two NASA astronauts **Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley**. The spacecraft is the first to take the American astronauts to orbit from American soil in nearly a decade. **The mission marks the first launch of a rocket owned by SpaceX, the commercial space company founded by Elon Musk.**

- ❖ NASA has assigned Hurley and Behnken--two of its most experienced astronauts. Behnken is the joint operations commander for the **Demo-2 mission**, responsible for activities such as rendezvous, docking and undocking, as well as activities while the spacecraft is docked to the space station.

**44. What is "Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)", sometimes seen in the news?**

- (A) An Israeli radar system
- (B) India's indigenous anti-missile programme
- (C) An American anti-missile system
- (D) A defence collaboration between Japan and South Korea

- ❖ China has raised objections to presence of **US THAAD missile defence system in South Korea.**

- ❖ THAAD is transportable, ground-based missile defense system.

- ❖ It is stationed in South Korea, as countermeasure against potential attacks by North Korea.

- ❖ China believes that US influence in the region may interfere with its long-term military, diplomatic and economic interests in the region.

**45. PM SVANIDHI scheme is associated with-**

- (A) Migrants
- (B) NRI's returned to India
- (C) Street vendors
- (D) Corona Warriors

- ❖ Union Government recently launched PM SVANIDHI - **Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi - a special micro-credit facility scheme for providing affordable loan to street vendors.**

- ❖ **Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** launched the scheme in pursuance of the announcement made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last month.

- ❖ The duration of the scheme is till March 2022.

- ❖ Under the scheme, each of these streets vendors will be given a **credit loan of Rs 10,000**, which they can return as monthly installments within a year.



- ❖ Those who repay their loans on time will get **7 percent annual interest** as subsidy which will be transferred in their bank accounts. **There is no provision for penalty under this.**
- ❖ If the vendor will repays the instalments in time or earlier, they will develop his credible credit score that makes him **eligible for higher amount of term loan to 20 thousand rupees** and so on.
- ❖ The lending institutions under the Scheme include Scheduled Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks, Small Finance Banks, Cooperative Banks, NBFCs, Micro Finance institutions and Self Help Group banks.

**46. Wajid Khan, who passed away recently, was a famous-**

- (A) Music composer
  - (B) Politician
  - (C) Writer
  - (D) Cricketer
- ❖ Music composer, director and singer Wajid Khan died due to Covid-19. Wajid Khan, of the **famous Sajid-Wajid music composer** duo, composed most of the songs of actor Salman Khan's movies.
  - ❖ The music composer duo made their Bollywood debut with Salman's 1998 movie 'Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya', and went on to work on actor's various films including 'Garv', 'Tere Naam', 'Tumko Na Bhool Payenge', 'Partner' and the **popular 'Dabangg' franchise.**

**47. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently launched the technology platform CHAMPIONS. This platform is aimed at-**

- (A) To help the MSMEs
  - (B) To help the Migrants
  - (C) To help the Street vendors
  - (D) To help the Corona Warriors
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched technology-based solution named as **CHAMPIONS for MSME sector**, in New Delhi.

- ❖ The platform CHAMPIONS which stands for **Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength** is aimed to provide one stop solution to all the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country.

❖ **objectives of CHAMPIONS:**

- **Grievance Redressal:** To resolve the problems of MSMEs including those of finance, raw materials, labor, regulatory permissions etc particularly in the Covid created difficult situation;
- **To help them capture new opportunities:** including manufacturing of medical equipments and accessories like PPEs, masks, etc and supply them in National and International markets;
- **To identify and encourage the sparks:** i.e. the potential MSMEs who are able to withstand the current situation and can become national and international champions.
- ❖ As part of the system a network of control rooms is created in a **Hub & Spoke Model**. The Hub is situated in New Delhi in the Secretary MSME's office.

**48. Which state has recently become first state in the country to prepare one lakh beds for COVID-19 patients?**

- (A) Madhya Pradesh
- (B) Andhra Pradesh
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ **Uttar Pradesh** has become first state in the country to prepare one lakh beds for COVID-19 patients, with each of the 75 districts having dedicated beds for patients in the respective facilities.
- ❖ The beds in the hospitals are classified into **three categories-Level 1, level 2 and level 3.** While level one and two beds are for patients exhibiting mild symptoms, level three beds are meant for graver infections.



49. **Disinfection unit named Ultra Swachh is recently developed by-**

- (A) ICMR (B) CSIR  
(C) DRDO (D) ISRO

❖ **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** has developed a disinfection unit named Ultra Swachh to disinfect a wide range of materials, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), electronics items, fabrics and others.

❖ Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences, the Delhi-based laboratory of DRDO has developed this product with industry partner Gel Craft Health care Private Ltd. The system uses an advanced oxidative process comprising of multiple barrier disruption approach using **Ozonated Space Technology for disinfection.**

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❖ The system is double layered with specialised Ozone sealant technology assuring trapping of ozone for the necessary disinfection cycle. It also has catalytic converter to ensure environment friendly exhaust i.e. only oxygen and water.

❖ The system operates on **15 Ampere, 220 Volts, 50 Hertz power supply.**

❖ **Ultra Swachh** comes in two variants namely Ozonated Space and Trinetra Technology. Trinetra technology is the combination of Ozonated space and radical dispenser. Treatment is optimized with automation for quick disinfection cycle.

50. **Which State Government recently launched an online portal Skill Register?**

- (A) Himachal Pradesh  
(B) Punjab  
(C) Madhya Pradesh  
(D) Andhra Pradesh

❖ In **Himachal Pradesh**, the State Government launched an online portal Skill Register to create a sound database of migrants, who

have recently entered the state during the lockdown in the wake of the Corona pandemic. Skill Register would provide industries in getting information regarding skilled manpower.

❖ In order to utilize the services of skilled migrants who recently returned to the state the IT Department has created an online portal Skill Register. **Registration would be based on the unique mobile number and Aadhaar number.**

51. **World Milk Day is observed on-**

- (A) 13 July (B) 2 August  
(C) 17 March (D) 1 June

❖ World Milk Day is an international day established by the **Food and Agriculture Organization** of the United Nations to recognize the importance of milk as a global food. It has been observed on **June 1 each year since 2001.**

❖ The **theme** for **World Milk day 2020** is 'the 20th Anniversary of **World Milk Day**'.

❖ **India has become the largest producer of milk** in the world with over 150 million tonnes of production in the last few years.

52. **Manika Batra is related to which sport?**

- (A) Hockey  
(B) Chess  
(C) Table tennis  
(D) Badminton

❖ In **table tennis, Manika Batra is recommended for Khel Ratna.** She became the toast of the nation when she won four medals, including **two gold, at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.**

❖ Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal is in the race for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna after being nominated by Hockey India. If selected, Rani will be the first woman hockey player, and third from the sport, to get the prestigious award. **The last hockey player to win the prestigious honour was Sardar Singh in 2017.**

53. Who has recently assumed charge as Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals?

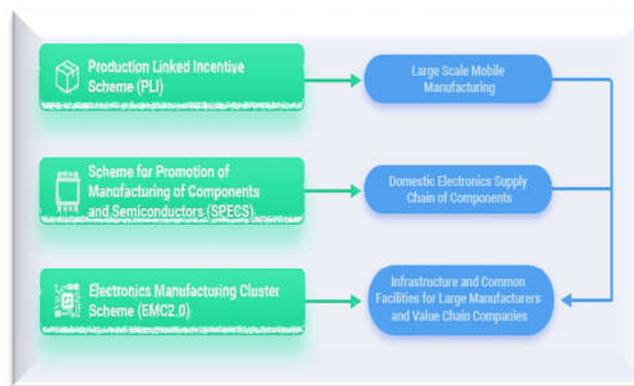
- (A) R K Chaturvedi
- (B) P. Raghavendra Rao
- (C) Pradip Kumar Tripathi
- (D) Narayan Shukla

- ❖ **Shri R K Chaturvedi**, a 1987-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has assumed charge as Secretary in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India. Before being appointed as Secretary, he was serving as an Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor in the Ministry of Culture. He has worked as Chairman of CBSE and as DG in the National Skill Development Authority-NSDA.
- ❖ Shri Chaturvedi has replaced Shri P. Raghavendra Rao who superannuated on 31st May, 2020.

54. Telecom and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad recently launched three incentive schemes to boost large-scale manufacturing of electronics in the country. Which among the following is/are part of it?

- (A) Production Linked Incentive
- (B) Component Manufacturing Scheme
- (C) Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters
- (D) All of the above

- ❖ Telecom and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched three incentive schemes with a total outlay of about ₹48,000 crore to boost large-scale manufacturing of electronics in the country.
- ❖ The three schemes — **Production Linked Incentive (outlay of nearly ₹41,000 crore)**, **Component Manufacturing Scheme (about ₹3,300 crore)** and **Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (about ₹3,800 crore)** — were approved by the Union Cabinet in March this year, however, the government began inviting the applications under these schemes.



55. Who has recently assumed charge as Secretary of Ministry of Steel?

- (A) R K Chaturvedi
- (B) P. Raghavendra Rao
- (C) Pradip Kumar Tripathi
- (D) Narayan Shukla

- ❖ **Shri Pradip Kumar Tripathi**, IAS (J&K:1987) has taken over as Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India. Prior to this, Shri Tripathi had been posted as Special Secretary and Establishment officer in Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

56. Who was the first Indian woman medallist at the Olympics?

- (A) Karnam Malleswari
- (B) PT Usha
- (C) Anju Bobby George
- (D) Sakshi Malik

- ❖ Weightlifter and the **first Indian woman medallist at the Olympics, Karnam Malleswari's** life is set to take shape on the big screen after Kona Venkat of Kona Film Corporation and MVV Satyanarayana of MVV Cinema made the announcement to release a biopic feature on the Padma Shri awardee, coinciding with her 45th birthday on June 1.
- ❖ She took the bronze **medal** and became **India's first woman** to win an **Olympic medal** at Sydney 2000 **Olympic Games**.

57. World's only Inland Mangrove are found at-

- (A) Pichavaram
- (B) Sundarbans
- (C) Rann of Kutch
- (D) Bhitarkanika



- ❖ The 26th session of the Dekho Apna Desh webinar series of Ministry of Tourism on 30.05.2020 titled “The Tenacity of Survival”-Inspirational story of Kutch.
- ❖ Kutch is a land of salt desert, grasslands and mangroves. Interestingly, the mangroves here are known for an amazing phenomenon of being **world’s only Inland Mangrove. The Rann of Kutch alone produces three-fourth of total salt supply of India.**
- ❖ It is the only such site in the world, away and cut off from the sea. Amazingly, the **Avicennia mangroves stand high in a cluster**, resembling in height banyan trees and are dependent for their survival on the underground supply of saline water, which in turn is dependent on the annual influx from the (Arabian) sea.
- ❖ The mangrove cluster has also been recognised as **one of several "sacred groves" in India**, revered by locals as places of religious importance.

**58. Pradeep Sachdeva, who passed away recently was a-**

- (A) Architect (B) Painter  
(C) Writer (D) Historian

- ❖ **The architect of Dilli Haat and Garden of Five Senses**, Pradeep Sachdeva, passed away recently. He created the Garden of Five Senses at Said-ul-Ajaib near the Qutub Minar. It included huge ceramic and terracotta craft installations. **Delhi saw contemporary public art for the first time.**

**59. Which one the following is the India’s largest district?**

- (A) Kachchh (B) Leh  
(C) Jaisalmer (D) Jaipur

- ❖ The 26th session of the Dekho Apna Desh webinar series of Ministry of Tourism on 30.05.2020 titled “The Tenacity of Survival”-Inspirational story of Kutch showcased the history, culture, crafts, textile heritage of India’s largest district Kutch, Gujarat.

Rank	District	State	Area(Km <sup>2</sup> )	2011 Census		2001 Census	
				Population	Density	Population	Density
1	Kachchh	Gujarat	45652	2092371	46	1583225	35
2	Leh	Jammu and Kashmir	45110	133487	3	117232	3
3	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan	39313	669919	17	508247	13
4	Bikaner	Rajasthan	28466	2363937	78	1674271	59
5	Barmer	Rajasthan	28393	2603751	92	1964835	69
6	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	22901	3687165	161	2886505	126
7	Anantapur	Andhra Pradesh	19130	4081148	213	3640478	190
8	Mahbubnagar	Andhra Pradesh	18432	4053028	220	3513934	191
9	Nagaur	Rajasthan	17696	3307743	187	2775058	157
10	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	17658	4053463	230	3529494	200

**60. Gaitri Kumar has been recently appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the-**

- (A) USA (B) Japan  
(C) France (D) UK

- ❖ Gaitri I. Kumar has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the **United Kingdom**. She is an IFS officer of 1986 batch. She is presently Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the European Union. Kumar replaces Ruchi Ghanshyam who retired.

**61. Which one among the following states is the largest salt Producing state in India?**

- (A) Rajasthan  
(B) Gujarat  
(C) Maharashtra  
(D) Kerala

- ❖ **Gujarat is the largest salt producer state of India and third largest in the world.** The state contributes 76 percent to the total salt production in India, Kharaghoda, Bhavnagar, Porbandar and Rann of Kutch of Gujarat are major salt produced districts.

- ❖ **The Rann of Kutch alone produces three-fourth of total salt supply of India.**

**62. Global Economic Prospects report is related to which organisation?**

- (A) IMF  
(B) World Bank  
(C) World Economic Forum  
(D) Asian Development Bank



- ❖ Global Economic Prospects is a **World Bank** Group flagship report that examines global economic developments and prospects, with a special focus on emerging market and developing economies. It is issued twice a year, in January and June.
- ❖ The World Bank in this report urged countries to **go for comprehensive policies to boost long-term growth** along with short term measures to address health emergencies and secure core public services in the wake of the coronavirus crisis, amid indications that 60 million people could be pushed into extreme poverty in 2020.

**63. What is/are unique about 'Kharai camel', a breed found in India?**

1. It is capable of swimming up to three kilometres in seawater.
2. It survives by grazing on mangroves.
3. It lives in the wild and cannot be domesticated.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (A) 1 and 2 only
- (B) 3 only
- (C) 1 and 3 only
- (D) 1, 2 and 3

- ❖ Kutch is the home to the Kharai breed of camel which has the **special ability to survive on both dry land as well as in the saline water**. They can even **swim in sea water** and feed on saline water and plants. They are well-adapted to the extreme climate of the desert and high salinity of water.
- ❖ Most families in **Jatt and Rabari communities of Kachchh**, are traditional rearers of Kharai camels.
- ❖ In 2015, they were to given **endangered species status**.

**64. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression commemorate on-**

- (A) July 4
- (B) May 24
- (C) June 4
- (D) March 12

- ❖ United Nations decided to commemorate **June 4** as International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

- ❖ The whole thing came about when during an emergency special session in August 19, 1982, the General Assembly was left appalled at the number of Palestinian and Lebanese children who became victims of the **1982 Lebanon War**. It was then that it decided to commemorate June 4 of every year as International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression to protect the rights of children.

**65. Ajrakh is well-known**

- (A) martial arts in North-East India
- (B) musical tradition in North-West India
- (C) block printing in North-West India
- (D) pietra dura tradition in Central India

- ❖ The 26th session of the Dekho Apna Desh webinar series of Ministry of Tourism on 30.05.2020 titled "The Tenacity of Survival"-Inspirational story of Kutch showcased the history, culture, crafts, textile heritage of India's largest district Kutch, Gujarat.

- ❖ The key highlights of the presentation were virtual visit to the community of **Ajrakh traditional block printers**. Ajrakh is **one of the oldest types of block printing on textiles** still practiced in parts of Gujarat and Rajasthan in India. Textiles printed in this style are hand-printed using natural dyes on both sides by a laborious and long process of resist printing (a method of printing in which designated areas in the pattern are treated to resist penetration by the dye).

**66. The term "Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement" is recently in news in context of-**

- (A) China
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) USA
- (D) Germany

- ❖ US President Donald Trump threatened the use of force in dealing with protests against the death of **George Floyd**, referring to participants as "thugs" on Twitter. Floyd, a 46-year-old African American man, died in Minneapolis while he was being restrained by the police.



- ❖ **Black Lives Matter achieved national fame in 2014** during protests against the deaths of **Eric Garner and Michael Brown**– the latter also being a case of fatal police shooting. BLM is largely decentralised and does not have a formal hierarchy.
- ❖ The movement has been criticised by alt-right commentators in the US. Some of BLM's opponents have responded with their own counter-campaigns such as **"All Lives Matter" and "Blue Lives Matter"**.

67. **Surhando is a-**  
(A) Folk musical instrument  
(B) Embroidery  
(C) leather work  
(D) block printing on textiles

- ❖ **Surhando**- Unique **peacock-shaped instrument plays** a melodious music. Surando is an ancient folk musical instrument of Kutch. **Surando is a stringed musical instrument** played with the use of Bow, Gaz or Gazi in local dialect.
- ❖ **Thaali Dance**- A balancing dance performed to commensurate the celebrations of marriage and child birth

68. **Consider the following statements in context of recently launched Kisan Credit Card (KCC):**

1. It is part of the Prime Minister's Atma Nirbhar Bharat package for Farmers.
2. 1.5 crore dairy farmers belonging to Milk Unions and Milk producing will be benefited by this.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- (A) 1 only
  - (B) 2 only
  - (C) 1 and 2 both
  - (D) Neither 1 nor 2
- ❖ The Government will provide Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to **1.5 crore dairy farmers belonging to Milk Unions and Milk producing Companies** within the next two months (1<sup>st</sup> June-31<sup>st</sup> July 2020) under a special drive. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with Department of Financial Services has already circulated relevant circulars and KCC application format to all State

Milk Federation and Milk Unions for implementing the same on a mission mode.

- ❖ Under the dairy cooperative movement, approximately 1.7 crore farmers are associated with 230 Milk Unions in the country.
  - ❖ The special drive to provide KCC to 1.5 crore dairy farmers is part of the Prime **Minister's Atma Nirbhar Bharat package for Farmers**. Finance Minister on 15 May 2020 has announced to cover 2.5 crore new farmers under the KCC scheme.
  - ❖ **Dairy is among the fastest growing sectors of the economy with a CAGR of above 6% in the last 5 years**
69. **Telangana as a state is founded on-**  
(A) 2 June 2014 (B) 2 June 2012  
(C) 2 June 2010 (D) 2 June 2011
- ❖ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has greeted the people of Telangana, on Statehood Day.

#### Telangana

- ❖ **Founded:** 2 June 2014
- ❖ **Capital:** Hyderabad
- ❖ **Governor:** Tamilisai Soundararajan
- ❖ **Chief minister:** K. Chandrashekar Rao

70. **World Bicycle Day is celebrated on-**

- (A) August 30 (B) June 3
- (C) January 30 (D) February 2

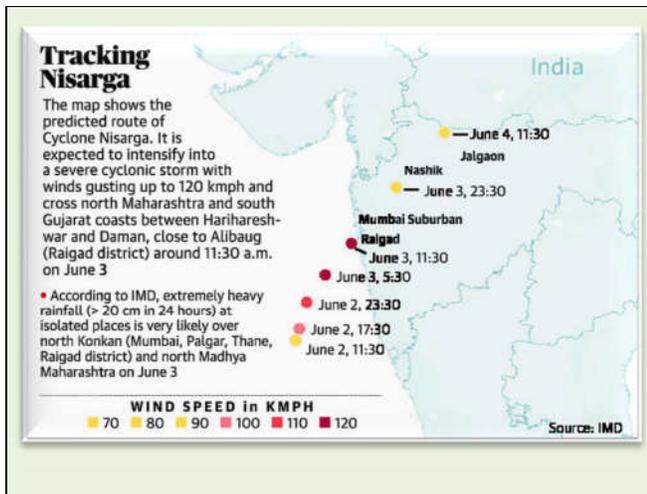
- ❖ **June 3** marked as World Bicycle Day.

It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly on **April 2018**. The idea behind it is to recognise the longevity, uniqueness and versatility of the bicycle, and that it is an affordable, reliable, simple, and clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport.

71. **NISARGA is recently in news. What is it?**

- (A) Cyclonic Storm formed in Arabian Sea
- (B) Cyclonic Storm formed in Bay of Bengal
- (C) Nuclear Reactor set up in Karnataka
- (D) Newly discovered species of Snake

- ❖ The **Cyclonic Storm 'NISARGA'** over Eastcentral **Arabian Sea** moved north-northeastwards and may affect Gujarat and Maharashtra.



**72. World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on**

- (A) July 5 (B) June 5  
(C) June 21 (D) July 21

❖ World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on **5th June** every year. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change celebrates WED focusing on the theme declared by UNEP and organizes several events. **The theme this year is 'Celebrate Biodiversity'**. It is said that World Environment Day is the **biggest annual event organised by the United Nations**. In view of the prevalent situation due to COVID-19 pandemic the ministry will be holding virtual celebrations of World Environment Day on this year's theme with focus on Nagar Van (Urban Forests).

❖ **In 1974, the first World Environment Day was celebrated with the theme "Only One Earth".**

**73. The 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Central Employment Guarantee Council recently held under the Chairmanship of –**

- (A) Narendra Singh Tomar  
(B) Dharmendra Pradhan  
(C) Harsimrat Kaur Badal  
(D) Piyush Goyal

❖ The 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Central Employment Guarantee Council, constituted under Section 10 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA), 2005 was held on

02.06.2020 under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Panchayati Raj, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** through Video-Conferencing.

**74. Bimal Julka committee is related to-**

- (A) Rationalization of Film Media Units  
(B) Unification of existing railway service  
(C) To manage the Indian cricket board  
(D) Data Protection

❖ The Expert Committees on **Rationalisation/Closure/Merger of Film Media Units** under the aegis of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and on Review of Autonomous Bodies under the Ministry submitted their report to Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar. Chairman of the Committees Shri Bimal Julka was present at the venue and the other members joined via video conference.

**75. 'My Life, My Yoga' contest is related to-**

- (A) Ministry of AYUSH  
(B) Indian Council for Cultural Relations  
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
(D) A and B both

❖ "My Life – My Yoga"(also called "Jeevan Yoga") **Video Blogging Contest**, is a joint effort by the **Ministry of AYUSH and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**.

❖ Contest focuses on the transformative impact of Yoga on the lives of individuals. The contest has gone live on the social media handles of the Ministry of AYUSH today, 31 May 2020.

❖ This contest is open to all participants across the world.

**76. International Sex Workers Day is observed annually on-**

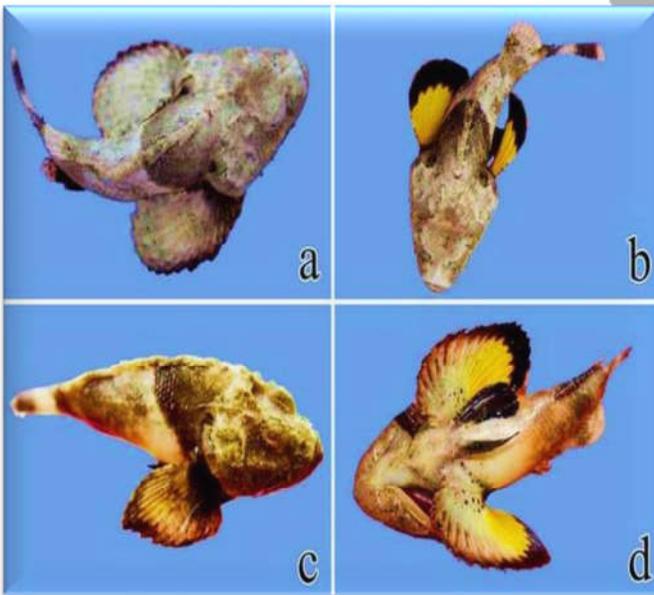
- (A) 1 June  
(B) 1 July  
(C) 2 June  
(D) 2 July



- ❖ International Sex Workers Day is observed annually on **June 2** of each year, honours sex workers and recognises their often exploited working conditions.
- ❖ Each year, on 2 June, NSWP focuses on the **theme of Access to Justice when commemorating International Sex Workers' Day.**

**77. Scorpaenospsis neglecta fish is recently found in**

- (A) Gulf of Mannar
  - (B) Bay of Bengal
  - (C) Gulf of Khambhat
  - (D) Sundarbans
- ❖ Researchers at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have found a rare fish from Sethukarai coast in **the Gulf of Mannar.**
  - ❖ Camouflaged within the seagrass meadows, the band-tail scorpionfish (*Scorpaenospsis neglecta*), well-known for its stinging venomous spines and ability to change colour, was found during an exploratory survey of the seagrass ecosystem.



- ❖ This was the **first time that the particular species was found alive in Indian waters**
- ❖ The fish has the **ability to change colour** and blend with its surrounding environment to escape from predators and while preying.
- ❖ The fish is called '**scorpionfish**' because its spines contain **neurotoxic venom.**

**78. Which one among the following countries is not part of G-7?**

- (A) Canada
- (B) France
- (C) Germany
- (D) Russia

- ❖ The G-7 or '**Group of Seven**' are **Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.** It is an intergovernmental organisation that was formed in **1975** by the top economies of the time as an informal forum to discuss pressing world issues. **Canada joined the group in 1976, and the European Union began attending in 1977.**
- ❖ The G-7 was known as the 'G-8' for several years after the original seven were joined by Russia in 1997. The Group returned to being called G-7 after **Russia was expelled as a member in 2014** following the latter's annexation of the Crimea region of Ukraine.
- ❖ **The U.S. chairs the G7 this year — it rotates annually.**

**79. SWADES Initiative aims to create a database of-**

- (A) to map the skills of the Indian workers returning from overseas.
  - (B) Unemployment status in India
  - (C) Indians died in USA due to Covid-19
  - (D) Migrants from different states
- ❖ The Indian Government will conduct a skill mapping exercise **under SWADES initiative to map the skills of the Indian workers returning from overseas. SWADES stands for Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support.**
  - ❖ The SWADES initiative, which began under the Vande Bharat Mission, aims **to create a database of qualified Indian citizens based on their experience and skillsets.** The database can then be referred to fulfil the demand of Indian and foreign companies.
  - ❖ SWADES is a **collaborative initiative of the Ministries of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Civil Aviation and External Affairs.**



80. **PM Modi recently held India's first virtual bilateral summit with which country?**

- (A) Japan
- (B) USA
- (C) Israel
- (D) Australia

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently held **India-Australia Virtual Summit** with Prime Minister Scott Morrison. This is the **first time that Prime Minister**
- ❖ Modi held a "Bilateral Virtual Summit". The virtual summit is an opportunity for the two leaders to review the broad framework of the relationship in the context of their growing ties.

81. **The Union Cabinet recently approved the renaming of Kolkata Port Trust as-**

- (A) Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust
- (B) Deendayal Upadhyaya Port Trust
- (C) Rabindranath Tagore Port Trust
- (D) Swami Vivekananda Port Trust

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved the renaming of Kolkata Port Trust as **Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust**.
- ❖ The Prime Minister had announced the renaming of Kolkata Port Trust after Syama Prasad Mukherjee at a function to mark the 150th-anniversary celebrations of the port trust.
- ❖ **The Kolkata Port is the first Major Port as well as the only riverine port of the country.**

82. **Who penned a book 'Uncivil Wars: Pathology of Terrorism in India'?**

- (A) Chandrakanta Goyal
- (B) Piyush Goyal
- (C) Ved Marwah
- (D) Rahul Shrivastava

- ❖ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has condoled the demise of former Police Commissioner of Delhi and former Governor of Manipur, Mizoram and Jharkhand, **Shri Ved Marwah**. He served as the third director general of the elite National Security Guard from 1988-90.
- ❖ He had also penned a book **'Uncivil Wars: Pathology of Terrorism in India'**.

83. **Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy is an autonomous body under the aegis of-**

- (A) Ministry of AYUSH
- (B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (C) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (D) Ministry of Culture

- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval to re-establish Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) as Subordinate Office **under Ministry of AYUSH by merging into it Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for Indian Medicine (PLIM) and Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory (HPL)- the two central laboratories established at Ghaziabad since 1975.**

**Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H)**

- ❖ Presently, Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) is an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH established since 2010.
- ❖ The merger is aimed at optimizing the use of infrastructural facilities, technical manpower and financial resources of the three organizations for enhancing the standardization outcomes of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs towards their effective regulation and quality control.

84. **Rahul Shrivastava, a senior diplomat has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which country?**

- (A) Romania
- (B) Libya
- (C) France
- (D) Japan

- ❖ Rahul Shrivastava, a senior diplomat has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Romania**.
- ❖ Mr Shrivastava, a 1999 batch IFS officer is presently a joint secretary in the ministry.



85. **TULIP is a-**

- (A) Internship programme
- (B) Software
- (C) Ventilator
- (D) Space mission of NASA

❖ Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Minister, Human Resource Development, Shri Hardeep S. Puri, MoS (I/C), **Housing & Urban Affairs, and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** have jointly launched an online portal for **'The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)' - A program for providing internship opportunities to fresh graduates in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Smart Cities across the country.**

- ❖ TULIP is a program for providing fresh graduates experiential learning opportunities in the urban sector.
- ❖ TULIP would help enhance the value-to-market of India's graduates and help create a potential talent pool in diverse fields like urban planning, transport engineering,

86. **"Thank Mom" Plantation drive is related to which state?**

- (A) Himachal Pradesh
- (B) Madhya Pradesh
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Andhra Pradesh

- ❖ In **Madhya Pradesh**, a plantation drive named "Thank Mom" is started.
- ❖ All the plants which are planted during this period are being fitted with a plaque in the name of the mother of each employee.
- ❖ The employees will take care of the plant just like her mother.

87. **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is launched by**

- (A) Labour Bureau
- (B) Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (C) National Statistical Office
- (D) None of the above

❖ **National Statistical Office (NSO)** launched Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted during July 2018-June 2019.

❖ **India's unemployment rate improved from the 45-year high of 6.1% in 2017-18 to 5.8% in 2018-19**, says the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

❖ The labour force participation rate also improved marginally, from 36.9% in 2017-18 to 37.5% in 2018-19.

**labour force**

❖ The labour force is defined as people who are working, or seeking work or available for work. Its participation rate is the percentage of the labour force in the population. The unemployment rate is the percentage of people without work within the labour force.

88. **'#iCommit' campaign is related to-**

- (A) Kerala's first 'food forest' project
- (B) plantation drive in West Bengal
- (C) Sewage Management Practices
- (D) building an energy resilient future

❖ Shri R. K. Singh, the Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, initiated the '#iCommit' campaign, on the occasion of World Environment Day. The initiative is a clarion call to all stakeholders and individuals to continue moving **towards energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainability to create a robust and resilient energy system in the future.**

❖ The '#iCommit' initiative, driven by **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, under the administration of Ministry of Power, Government of India is uniting a diverse set of players such as Governments, Corporates, Multilateral and Bilateral Organisations, Think Tanks and Individuals.

❖ The '#iCommit' initiative is centred around the idea of building an energy resilient future.

89. **Which one among the following pairs is not correctly matched?**

- (A) First Battle of Panipat- 1526
- (B) Second Battle of Panipat- 1556
- (C) Third Battle of Panipat- 1656
- (D) Third Battle of Panipat- 1761



- ❖ Ministry of Tourism organised a webinar on “Haryana: Culture, Cuisine and Tourism” showcasing the rich and varied heritage of Haryana on 02nd June 2020. This 27th Session of the Dekho Apna Desh.
- ❖ **The three battles were fought in Panipat in 1526, 1556 and 1761.** The Culture of Haryana is Agriculture based. **The Folk Dances of Haryana are Ghangor, Jhoomar, chhati** showcases the Culture of Haryana along with the Folk Music. **Haryana is a land of Museums, it has more than 20 Museums.**

90. Which state was the first state to launch the master’s degree course in Tourism Management Programme?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Maharashtra

- ❖ Haryana was the first state to launch the master’s degree course in Tourism Management Programme also Haryana is the first state having 5 Hotel Management Institutes IHM’s under Ministry Of Tourism, Govt. Of India.

91. Who is the first person from India to be named as BAFTA Chair?

- (A) Krishnendu Majumdar
- (B) Rajesh Nihalani
- (C) Parminder Kaur Nagra
- (D) Deepa Mehta

- ❖ Emmy-winning TV producer **Krishnendu Majumdar is the first person from India** to be named as BAFTA Chair in its 73 year-long history, the British Academy has announced.
- ❖ Majumdar, who succeeds Pippa Harris to the post, is also the **youngest to be appointed as head** in last 35 years of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).

92. The term ‘The Great Reset’ is recently in news in context of-

- (A) IMF
- (B) World Bank
- (C) UNICEF
- (D) World Economic Forum

- ❖ ‘The Great Reset’ will be the theme of the **World Economic Forum’s unique twin summit in January 2021.**
- ❖ The 51st summit will be both in-person and virtual, connecting key global governmental and business leaders in Davos with a global multi-stakeholder network in 400 cities around the world.
- ❖ WEF defined Great Reset as commitment to jointly and urgently build the foundations of an economic and social system for a more fair, sustainable and resilient future.

93. The Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency (MAITREE) is related with

- (A) India- Nepal bilateral Partnership
- (B) India- Australia bilateral Partnership
- (C) India- USA bilateral Partnership
- (D) India- Russia bilateral Partnership

- ❖ On occasion of World Environment Day, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture of PSUs under Ministry of Power, in partnership with the **U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID) MAITREE program, launched the “Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings” initiative that will pioneer ways to make workplaces healthier and greener.**

- ❖ The Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency (MAITREE), under which this initiative has been launched, is a part of the **US-India bilateral Partnership** between the **Ministry of Power and USAID** and is aimed at accelerating the adoption of cost-effective energy efficiency as a standard practice within buildings, and specifically focuses on cooling.
- ❖ As part of this pilot, **“Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings” Initiative, EESL has taken the leadership by being the first to implement this framework in its own offices.**



94. **#HOMETEAMHERO Challenge is related to-**

- (A) Puma (B) Reebok  
(C) Adidas (D) Nike

❖ **Miss World 2017 pageant winner Manushi Chhillar** joined the likes of star batsman Rohit Sharma, sprint sensation Hima Das and Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh as brand ambassador of footwear giant **Adidas** in its mission to inspire more women to embrace fitness.

❖ Chhillar will work in support of the **#HOMETEAMHERO Challenge** -- inspiring more people every single day to stay physically and mentally fit.

95. **Recently the virtual Global Vaccine Summit hosted by which country?**

- (A) India (B) UK  
(C) USA (D) China

❖ India **pledged \$15 million to Gavi**, the international vaccine alliance, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi making the announcement during the virtual Global Vaccine Summit hosted by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

❖ Gavi is an *international* organisation created in 2000 to improve access to new and underused *vaccines* for children living in the world's poorest countries.

96. **In Tamil Nadu, recently a thirteen-year old Madurai girl Nethra has been appointed the Goodwill Ambassador of-**

- (A) UNDP  
(B) UNICEF  
(C) UNEP  
(D) UNADAP

❖ In **Tamil Nadu**, a thirteen-year old Madurai girl Nethra has been appointed the Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Association for Development and Peace, the **UNADAP**. It was in recognition of her role in feeding the poor during the COVID-19 lockdown by her father, a hairdresser by profession.

97. **Who has been recently named as 'EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2020'?**

- (A) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw  
(B) Roshni Nadar Malhotra  
(C) Naina Lal Kidwai  
(D) Savitri Devi Jindal

❖ **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, Executive Chairperson of Biocon, has been named **EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2020** for her contribution in improving universal access to affordable life-saving medicine and transforming the world in one of its kind virtual entrepreneurship award ceremony.

❖ She became **the third Indian to win the Award after Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank in 2014 and Narayana Murthy of Infosys in 2005**. She also becomes the second woman to hold the title, following Olivia Lum of Singapore's Hyflux

❖ **Kiran, founded Biocon**, a bio-enzymes company, in 1978 with just two employees and US\$500. Since its inception, Biocon has grown to employ more than 11,000 people and become one of the strongest innovation-driven biotechnology companies in Asia with revenues of US\$800m for FY19. Biocon and its subsidiaries are making a lasting impact on global health care.

❖ She has also featured in the **Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women list** and **Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World** list.

98. **Kohala hydropower project will be built on which river?**

- (A) Jhelum river  
(B) Chenab river  
(C) Indus river  
(D) Satluj river

❖ **China** will be setting up a Kohala hydropower project in **Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)** under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Kohala hydropower project will be built on the **Jhelum river**.



- ❖ It is a 1,124-megawatt power project intended to provide more than five billion units of clean and low-cost electricity annually for consumers in Pakistan.
- ❖ India has opposed the move on the grounds that the entire territory of the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India.

**99. Noyyal river rejuvenation scheme is related to which state?**

- (A) Kerala
  - (B) Tamil Nadu
  - (C) Andhra Pradesh
  - (D) Odisha
- ❖ A 230 crore Noyyal river rejuvenation scheme was inaugurated in **Coimbatore Tamilnadu** by State Minister Shri S P Velumani.
  - ❖ The 180 km long tributary of the **Cauvery River**, arises in the Veliangiri foothills of the Western Ghats and ends in the Noyyal village in Karur district. It provides water for 32 tanks in the three districts of Coimbatore, Tirupur and Karur.
  - ❖ The scheme envisages cleaning up the river, clearing it of predominantly plastic waste and weeds, building and strengthening embankments etc.

**100. World Pest Day is celebrated on-**

- (A) June 6
  - (B) July 7
  - (C) August 8
  - (D) September 9
- ❖ Every **June 6** is World Pest Day or sometimes called World Pest Awareness Day. The day was created to raise awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life for you.
  - ❖ The inaugural World Pest Day ceremony was held at the **Beijing Hotel on June 6th, 2017**.
  - ❖ World Pest Day was initiated by the Chinese Pest Control Association, and co-sponsored by the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association, the National Pest Management Association, and the Confederation of European Pest Management Associations.

**101. Who has been recently appointed as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank?**

- (A) Rahul Shrivastava
- (B) Rajeev Topno
- (C) Brajendra Navnit
- (D) Avaneet Punia

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Private Secretary **Rajeev Topno**, a 1996 batch IAS from Gujarat cadre, has been appointed as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank in Washington DC.
- ❖ Mr. Topno has been the Prime Minister's private secretary since 2014. He was appointed in the PMO in 2009 during the UPA regime.

**102. Ambarnaya river is related to which country?**

- (A) France
- (B) Brazil
- (C) China
- (D) Russia

- ❖ Russia declared state of emergency **after oil spilled into this river**.
- ❖ Ambarnaya river flows into environmentally sensitive **Arctic Ocean**.
- ❖ Environmentalists say that river will become difficult to clean and will take decades to return to its previous state.

**103. Which one among the following deities is not part of Snana Yatra of Lord Jagannath?**

- (A) Jagannath
- (B) Balabhadra
- (C) Subhadra
- (D) Kamakhya

- ❖ The famous Snana Yatra of Lord Jagannath has begun in Puri. Snana Yatra is a ceremonial grand shower festival celebrated on the Purnima (full moon day) of the Hindu month of Jyeshtha.
- ❖ In this festival the deities of **Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Subhadra**, are brought out from the Jagannath Temple and taken in a procession to the Snana Mandap inside the temple premises. Then the deities are ceremonially bathed in 108 pots of ritually purified water and decorated for a public audience.
- ❖ At the conclusion of the bathing rituals, Jagannath and Balabhadra



are dressed up in elephant headgear representing the lord Ganesh. This is known as **Gajavesha**.

- ❖ After the Snana Yatra the Gods are traditionally believed to fall ill and are kept in a sick room to recuperate in privacy under the care of the Raj Vaidya. This period known as **Anasara**, and in that period devotees are not allowed to see the Gods. At this time three pata chitra paintings are displayed for devotees to view instead.

**104. New Libya initiative is related to-**

- (A) Egypt (B) Israel  
(C) China (D) USA

- ❖ **Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi announced a new initiative for Libya**, flanked by the nation's eastern commander Khalifa Haftar, proposing an elected leadership council and a ceasefire starting on June 8. Mr. Sisi said the plan included a **call for negotiations in Geneva** and for the exit of all foreign fighters from Libya.

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

- (A) Food safety, everyone's business  
(B) Food for Everyone  
(C) Secure Food for Everyone  
(D) Food For Future

- ❖ The second World Food Safety Day (WFSD) is celebrated on **7 June 2020** to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.
- ❖ **the theme of 2020 is "Food safety, everyone's business"**
- ❖ Food safety is a shared responsibility between governments, producers and consumers.

**106. Red Dot Challenge is related to -**

- (A) WHO  
(B) UNESCO  
(C) UNICEF  
(D) UNDP

- ❖ Former Miss World Manushi Chhillar has been roped in by **UNICEF** to spread awareness on menstrual hygiene.
- ❖ On **May 28, which is observed as the World Menstrual Hygiene Day**, Manushi participated in UNICEF global initiative called the **Red Dot Challenge — a symbol adopted by the world body to depict menstrual cycle**.
- ❖ Manushi, runs her own initiative on **menstrual hygiene Project Shakti'** that works across several states in India.

**107. Brajendra Navnit is recently appointed as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India (PRI) of-**

- (A) IMF  
(B) UNICEF  
(C) World Trade Organisation  
(D) World Bank

- ❖ Brajendra Navnit, a 1999 batch Tamil Nadu cadre IAS officer, has been sent to the **World Trade Organisation (WTO)** as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India (PRI). He will be based in Geneva.

**108. Who is the only Indian to feature on Forbes 2020 list of World's Highest-Paid Celebrities?**

- (A) Salman Khan  
(B) Virat Kohli  
(C) Akshay Kumar  
(D) Aamir Khan

- ❖ **Kylie Jenner and Kanye West** topped the annual Forbes list of the highest paid celebrities, but sports stars, including **Roger Federer and Lionel Messi**, dominated the top 10.
- ❖ Bollywood actor **Akshay Kumar** is the only Indian to feature on Forbes 2020 list of World's Highest-Paid Celebrities, at the number 52.
- ❖ Tennis champion Federer took third place. He was followed by soccer stars Cristiano Ronaldo and Messi.

**109. Hamza Koya, who passed away recently, was related to which sport?**

- (A) Badminton (B) Wrestling  
(C) Chess (D) Football



- ❖ Former Indian **footballer** Hamza Koya has died of COVID-19 in Kerala. He was a former football player who had represented Maharashtra at the Santhosh Trophy and also an India team member in Nehru trophy.

**110. Which Institute got the best rank among the Indian institutes in Times Higher Education Asian University list?**

- (A) IISc-Bangalore
- (B) IIT-Ropar
- (C) IIT-Indore
- (D) IIT-Kharagpur

- ❖ Top Indian institutes such as the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and IITs have been ranked among the best 100 in the Times Higher Education Asian University list. While **IISc, Bangalore** got the best rank among the Indian institutes at **36th** spot, Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar was ranked 47th. This is for the first time that IIT-Ropar has entered in the list the top 50.



- ❖ Apart from these, IIT-Indore has been ranked 55th and IIT-Kharagpur 59th. The 67th and 69th ranks have been grabbed by IIT-Delhi and IIT-Bombay respectively. IIT-Roorke finds its name on the 83rd rank.

**111. International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing is celebrated on-**

- (A) 26 March
- (B) 6 October
- (C) 5 June
- (D) 11 November

- ❖ On **5 December** 2017 the United Nations General Assembly declared 5 June as the International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing which was celebrated for **the first time on 5 June 2018**.

- ❖ The date was selected because 5 June is the date, in 2016, when the first international treaty designed to end illegal fishing – the FAO Port State Measures Agreement – entered into force.
- ❖ **The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is the lead agency for the new international day.**
- ❖ This international day is an important opportunity to highlight efforts to combat illegal fishing.

**112. Payment Infrastructure Development Fund is related to-**

- (A) NABARD
- (B) National Payments Corporation of India
- (C) RBI
- (D) NITI Aayog

- ❖ In an effort to give a push to digital payments across the country, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is going to set up a **Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) of Rs 500 crore**. The RBI has made an initial contribution of Rs 250 crore covering half the fund. The remaining will come from the card issuing banks and card networks operating in the country.
- ❖ The fund will be governed through an advisory council but it will be managed and administered by the RBI.
- ❖ Last year, the RBI had also proposed to set up an Acceptance Development Fund which will be used to develop card acceptance infrastructure across small towns and cities.

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**RBI's boost to digital payments in India**

- Announces Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)
- Aims to encourage the adoption of 'Points of Sale' machines by businesses in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and Northeastern states
- To make an initial contribution of INR 250 Cr to PIDF covering half the fund\*

\*Remaining contribution to come from card-issuing banks and card networks operating in India | Source: RBI



113. **SUMERU-PACS, which are recently in news, are related to-**

- (A) DRDO (B) ICMR  
(C) ISRO (D) NASA

- ❖ **The Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed a device dubbed as SUMERU-PACS, which will help wearers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to feel comfortable without sweating.
- ❖ SUMERU-PACS is a **personal air circulation system** which can be used inside the PPE cover as a small backpack of approximately 500 grams weight.

114. **Which bank recently launched India's first mobile app based facility for opening current accounts in a paperless manner?**

- (A) State Bank of India  
(B) HDFC Bank  
(C) IndusInd Bank  
(D) Punjab National Bank

- ❖ **IndusInd Bank** announced the launch of a first-of-its-kind assisted mobile application based facility, that enables the Bank to open current accounts for self-employed individuals and businesses digitally, in just a few hours.
- ❖ IndusInd Bank became the **First bank in India to introduce a mobile app based process for opening current accounts in a few hours.**

**IndusInd Bank**

- ❖ IndusInd Bank, which commenced operations in **1994**, caters to the needs of both consumer and corporate customers.

115. **Which country will host the Women's Football Asian Cup 2022?**

- (A) Japan (B) China  
(C) India (D) Russia

- ❖ In Football, **India** has bagged the right to host the Women's Asian Cup 2022. The Asian Football Confederation awarded the hosting rights of the tournament to India.
- ❖ This is the **first time that India will be hosting the event since 1979**, in which India had finished as the runner-ups.

116. **Who recently became the IIFL Finance's first-ever brand ambassador?**

- (A) Virat Kohli  
(B) Rohit Sharma  
(C) Ranveer Singh  
(D) Manushi Chhillar

- ❖ India opener and limited-over vice-captain **Rohit Sharma** has signed with IIFL Finance as **its first-ever brand ambassador.**
- ❖ Rohit holds the record for the **highest individual score** in one-day internationals (ODI), the **only player to hit three double centuries in ODIs**, and **four-times winning captain of Indian Premier League (IPL).**
- ❖ IIFL Finance, one of India's leading Non-Banking Finance Companies, with over Rs 36,000 crore of assets under management, endeavours to stand out for talking straight and being honest with its customers.

117. **UN Russian Language Day is observed annually on**

- (A) December 12  
(B) June 6  
(C) January 18  
(D) February 24

- ❖ UN Russian Language Day is observed annually on **June 6**. The event was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2010. UN Russian Language Day coincides with the birthday of **Aleksandr Pushkin**, a Russian poet who is considered the father of modern Russian language.
- ❖ The official languages of the United Nations are **English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Russian and French.**

118. **Which Airport received the highest Platinum Recognition in the ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020 in the 15-35 MPPA category?**

- (A) Hyderabad International Airport  
(B) New Delhi International Airport  
(C) Mumbai International Airport  
(D) Chennai International Airport



- ❖ GMR-led **Hyderabad International Airport** received the highest Platinum Recognition in the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2020 in the 15-35 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category.
- ❖ Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific has announced the results of the region's annual Green Airports Recognition 2020 for efficient water management practices.
- ❖ ACI's Green Airports Recognition programme promotes best environmental practices to minimise the aviation sector's impact on the environment and recognises ACI Asia-Pacific's members for outstanding accomplishments in their environmental projects.

**119. World Archery Field Championships, 2020 which has been postponed until 2022 is set to be held in-**

- (A) Yankton                      (B) London  
(C) Tokyo                         (D) Wuhan

- ❖ The 2020 World Archery Field Championships, set to be held this September in **Yankton (USA)**, has been postponed until 2022 in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The event was planned as the primary qualifier for the upcoming World Games in Birmingham.

**120. Which bank has recently created a separate vertical to focus on financial inclusion and micro markets (FI&MM)?**

- (A) State Bank of India  
(B) HDFC Bank  
(C) IndusInd Bank  
(D) Punjab National Bank

- ❖ **India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** has created a separate vertical to focus on financial inclusion and micro markets (FI&MM).
- ❖ The bank will offer loans predominantly for agriculture and allied activities and micro and small enterprises under the new vertical.
- ❖ Under this plan, about 8,000 branches in rural and semi-urban areas have

been identified to provide specialised services to the micro segment including credit for small businesses and farmers.

- ❖ **The vertical will be headed by Sanjeev Nautiyal**, a deputy managing director (DMD) at the bank, at the national level,. The vertical will comprise a **four-tier structure** under the chief general manager, general manager, regional managers at regional business offices and district sales hub to strengthen the credit delivery system and improve the turnaround time for quick sanctions and disbursements.

**121. Geoffrey Boycott is related to which sport?**

- (A) Basketball  
(B) Football  
(C) Cricket  
(D) Badminton

- ❖ Former England captain Geoffrey Boycott, 79, has **ended his 14-year long association with BBC's Test Match Special commentary** team citing concerns arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Boycott made the call ahead of next month's home series against the West Indies, which marks the resumption of international cricket.

**122. "The Great Indian Tee and Snakes" book is written by-**

- (A) Reyah Martin  
(B) Kritika Pandey  
(C) Brian S Heap  
(D) Andrea E Macleod

- ❖ **Kritika Pandey**, a writer from Ranchi, was announced as the **regional winner for Asia in the 2020 Commonwealth Short Story Prize**.
- ❖ The 29-year-old writer won for her story **The Great Indian Tee and Snakes**, which is about two young people trying to navigate the idea of love in an era of hatred and prejudice. The story about a Hindu girl falling in love with a Muslim man had made it to the shortlist for the Asian region.



### Commonwealth Short Story Prize

- ❖ Set up in 2012, the Commonwealth Short Story Prize is awarded for the best piece of unpublished short fiction from the Commonwealth. It is administered by the Commonwealth Foundation, through its cultural initiative Commonwealth Writers.
- ❖ **The five regional winners for the 2020 prize were:**
  - **Africa:** Nigerian writer Innocent Chizaram Ilo for When a Woman Renounces Motherhood
  - **Asia:** Indian writer Kritika Pandey for The Great Indian Tee and Snakes
  - **Canada and Europe:** - British writer Reyah Martin for Wherever Mister Jensen Went
  - **Caribbean:** Jamaican writer Brian S Heap for Mafootoo
  - **Pacific:** Australian writer Andrea E Macleod for The Art of Waving

### 123. Which state has the highest number tigers in the country?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Gujarat  
(C) Assam (D) Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ As many as 750 tigers have died in the country in the last eight years due to poaching and other causes, with **Madhya Pradesh reporting the highest casualties at 173**, according to an official data.
- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 526 tigers in the country.**
- ❖ Maharashtra has reported second highest deaths, as it lost 125 big cats during this period followed by 111 in Karnataka, 88 in Uttarakhand, 54 each in Tamil Nadu and Assam, 35 each in Kerala and Uttar Pradesh, 17 in Rajasthan, 11 in Bihar and West Bengal and 10 in Chhattisgarh

### 124. India's First Online waste exchange Platform is recently launched in which state?

- (A) Kerala (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Haryana

- ❖ Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the online waste exchange website of **Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation (APEMC)** on the occasion of World Environment Day.

- ❖ He also released the poster of APEMC e-platform highlighting its salient features, which is **India's first**. It is a proactive initiative of the State government towards environment protection, covering 100 per cent safe disposal of toxic waste, proper tracking, scrutiny and audit of waste.
- ❖ **It will actively promote the six 'R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refurbish, Redesign and Remanufacture.**

### 125. Headquarters of TRAFFIC is located at-

- (A) Geneva (B) Cambridge  
(C) Tokyo (D) Doha

- ❖ A recent report by TRAFFIC, a leading wildlife trade monitoring network, has recorded a significant increase in poaching in India during the over two month lockdown period.
- ❖ The report also pointed out that 222 persons were arrested for poaching-related cases during the lockdown as compared to 85 suspects during the pre-lockdown phase

### TRAFFIC

- ❖ The TRAFFIC, the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network, is a leading non-governmental organisation working on wildlife trade in the context of both biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.
- ❖ It is a **joint program of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).**
- ❖ It was established in **1976** and has developed into a global network, research-driven and action-oriented, committed to delivering innovative and practical conservation solutions.
- ❖ **Headquarters: Cambridge, United Kingdom**
- ❖ It aims to ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature.

### 126. Which bank was adjudged the 'Best Domestic Bank' at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2020?

- (A) State Bank of India  
(B) Punjab National Bank  
(C) ICICI Bank  
(D) HDFC Bank



❖ **HDFC BANK** was adjudged the 'Best Domestic Bank' at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2020. The bank has been awarded the title of India's top bank on the basis of all-round performance across businesses.

❖ **Asiamoney is a financial magazine based in Hong Kong.**

**127. 'MeraVetan' Mobile App is related to-**

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Jammu and Kashmir
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Bihar

❖ Lieutenant Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu launched **JK Employees Salary Tracker Mobile App- 'MeraVetan' (Version-1).**

❖ It is aimed to provide Salary Related information to Employees. With the launch of MeraVetan App (V-1), the employees especially posted in remote & rural areas who don't have access to the DDO will easily access their salary and other details anytime.

❖ It has been developed by NIC J&K, on Android Platform, for providing end to end computerization of JKPaysys Application.

**128. Conor McGregor is related to which sport?**

- (A) Wrestling
- (B) Boxing
- (C) Badminton
- (D) Mixed Martial Arts

❖ **Mixed Martial Arts** superstar Conor McGregor announced his retirement from the sport. He was two-division Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) World Champion.

**129. Spandan Campaign is related to which state?**

- (A) Chhattisgarh
- (B) Jharkhand
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Odisha

❖ The **Chhattisgarh** government launched the Spandan Campaign to **contain incidents of suicide and fratricide involving police personnel**, and instructions were issued to senior officers to strictly adhere to guidelines in this regard.

❖ A total of 50 police personnel, including personnel of paramilitary forces, committed suicide in

Chhattisgarh over the past two years. Eighteen of these cases were reported from seven districts of Maoist-affected Bastar division.

**130. Amit Shah recently addressed BJP's first virtual rally in which state?**

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Bihar
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

❖ Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently addressed party's **first virtual rally in Bihar.**

❖ The virtual rally has been christened '**Bihar Jan Samvad**'.

**131. Arrange the following countries in ascending order of highest confirmed COVID-19 (till 6 June, 2020):-**

1. Brazil
2. India
3. Italy
4. USA

**Code-**

- (A) 2-3-1-4
- (B) 2-3-4-1
- (C) 3-2-1-4
- (D) 3-2-4-1

❖ Registering a new high in the number of daily cases detected — 10,313 — India on 6 June overtook Spain to become the country with the fifth highest confirmed COVID-19 infections (2,46,520).

### Going up a rung

With 10,258 new COVID-19 cases recorded as on 10.30 p.m., on Saturday, India overtook Spain to become the fifth most-affected country. Between May 30 and June 5, India recorded 8,970 new cases every day on an average, the third-highest in the world



**Sprayed on:** Children, who came to Ghazipur Mandi in Delhi to collect leftover vegetables on Saturday, getting sprayed with sanitiser. • SANDEEP SAKENA

Country	Cases	Deaths	Avg. new cases (May 30-June 5)
U.S.	18,98,401	1,09,137	21,623
Brazil	6,14,941	34,021	21,396
Russia	4,58,102	5,717	8,805
U.K.	2,86,292	40,548	1,732
<b>India</b>	<b>2,46,465</b>	<b>6,941</b>	<b>8,970</b>
Spain	2,40,978	27,134	345
Italy	2,34,531	33,774	326
France	1,90,180	29,114	465
Peru	1,87,400	5,162	5,588
Germany	1,85,416	8,667	286
Iran	1,69,425	8,209	2,927
Turkey	1,68,340	4,648	889
Chile	1,22,499	1,448	4,552
Mexico	1,10,026	13,170	3,628
Saudi Arabia	98,869	676	1,997



132. "ANANYA" is recently in news. What is it?

- (A) Nano-technology based disinfectant spray
- (B) Robot
- (C) Mobile Ventilator
- (D) Special beds for women patient in Hospitals

- ❖ ANANYA is a Nano-technology based **disinfectant spray** to combat COVID-19 by disinfecting all types of surfaces.
- ❖ It adheres very effectively to fabric, plastic and metallic objects, and its toxicity to humans is negligible.
- ❖ It is water based spray and will be effective for more than 24 hours after spray.
- ❖ It is developed by **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, a Deemed University, Pune.**

133. Government has recently constituted a task force to examine issues related to lowering Maternal Mortality Rate. The task force will be headed by-

- (A) Jaya Jaitly
- (B) Laila Tyabji
- (C) Devaki Jain
- (D) Nirmala Banerjee

- ❖ Government has constituted a task force to examine issues related to age of motherhood, lowering Maternal Mortality Rate and improvement of nutritional levels. **The task force will be headed by Jaya Jaitly** and it will submit its report by 31st July of next month. The task force set up by the Women and Child Development Ministry.
- ❖ Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget Speech for 2020-21 has announced to set up a task force for women.

134. Which one among the following is not part of Coral Triangle?

- (A) Marine area located in the western Pacific Ocean
- (B) Congo Basin
- (C) Amazon Rainforest
- (D) Sundarban Delta

- ❖ **June 9 is celebrated as a Coral Triangle Day**, to celebrate and raise awareness of ocean conservation and protection, especially on Coral Triangle.

#### Coral Triangle

- ❖ It is a marine area located in the western Pacific Ocean described as world's epicentre of marine diversity.
- ❖ It includes waters of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and Solomon Islands.
- ❖ It houses nearly 600 different species of reef-building corals.
- ❖ It is one of 3 mega ecological complexes on Earth, together with Congo Basin and Amazon Rainforest.

135. Arsenicum album 30 is recently in news. What is it?

- (A) New music Album of Taylor Swift
- (B) An Indian documentary based on Covid-19
- (C) An International medicine magazine
- (D) A homoeopathic drug

- ❖ **A homoeopathic drug, Arsenicum album 30**, has become a subject of debate after several states recommended it for prophylactic (preventive) use against Covid-19. This was after the Ministry of AYUSH listed the drug among "preventive and prophylactic simple remedies" against Covid-19.
- ❖ **Arsenicum album is considered to correct inflammation in body.** It takes care of diarrhoea, cough and cold

136. Maguri-Motapung wetland is located in which state?

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Assam
- (C) Bihar
- (D) West Bengal

- ❖ **Assam's Baghjan Oil Well** had blown out on May 27, 2020 and has been leaking gas for the past 14 days.
- ❖ Environmentalists fear that this can lead to a long term impact on biodiversity and human lives.
- ❖ **Maguri-Motapung wetland** is located towards the south of the site.
- ❖ **Dibru Saikhowa National Park** is also located around two kilometres in the north.



137. Which term will appropriately define the “Reducing the number of new COVID-19 cases, day on day”?

- (A) Herd immunity
- (B) Cytokine storm
- (C) Contact tracing
- (D) Flattening the curve

❖ **Flattening the curve** — Reducing the number of new COVID-19 cases, day on day. The idea of flattening the curve is to ensure that the health infrastructure is not overwhelmed by a large number of cases.

❖ **Herd immunity** — This is also known as community immunity, and constitutes the reduction in risk of infection within a population, often because of previous exposure to the virus or vaccination.

❖ **Cytokine storm** — An immune reaction triggered by the body to fight an infection is known as a cytokine storm when it turns severe. The body releases too many cytokines, proteins that are involved in immunomodulation, into the blood too quickly. While normally they regulate immune responses, in this case they cause harm and can even cause death.

❖ **Contact tracing** — Identifying and monitoring people who may have come into contact with an infectious person. In the case of COVID-19, monitoring usually involves self-quarantine as an effort to control the spread of disease.

❖ **Super spreader** — Some individuals seem to have the capacity to cause more infections in a disproportionately large number of people, than others.

138. Which state topped in the category of Smaller states in FSSAI food safety index for 2019-20?

- (A) Goa
- (B) Sikkim
- (C) Tripura
- (D) Haryana

❖ FSSAI food safety index for 2019-20 ranks states on **five parameters** of food safety: **human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing facility, training and capacity building besides consumer empowerment**

❖ **Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra** have topped in the list of **larger states** on the index

❖ Among the smaller states, **Goa came first** Among Union Territories, Chandigarh, Delhi and Andaman Islands secured top ranks.

139. Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) is located at-

- (A) Dehradun
- (B) Hisar
- (C) Chandigarh
- (D) Nainital

❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said it signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital**, on June 4, for cooperation in space situational awareness and astrophysics.

❖ ISRO said that for future endeavours in space exploration, it is important to be self-reliant in R&D in space environment, astrophysics and solar sciences.

140. Which Indian Institute secured highest position from India in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2020?

- (A) IIT-Bombay
- (B) IIT- Delhi
- (C) IIT- Madras
- (D) IISc- Bangalore

❖ 21 Indian universities and institutes have found a place this year among world's top 1,000 (Down from 25 last year) in **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2020**.

❖ **IIT Bombay (172nd global rank), IISc Bangalore (185th rank), and IIT Delhi (193rd rank) figured in Top 200**.

❖ Rankings are based on six indicators: academic reputation, employer reputation, citations per faculty, faculty/student ratio, international faculty ratio and international student ratio.

141. What is the name of India's first solar-powered ferry?

- (A) Surya Kiran
- (B) Rays
- (C) Shakti
- (D) Aditya

❖ **India's first solar-powered ferry, Aditya**, which became an icon on the Vaikom-Thavanakadavu route in Kerala, is among 12 such ferries that have been shortlisted for the Gustave Trouvé Award. It is the sole entrant from Asia.



- ❖ Operated by the **Kerala State Water Transport Department (KSWTD)**, the vessel was built by Navalt Solar and Electric Boats, Kochi.
- ❖ The per km energy cost of Aditya is low, and the ferry normally operates 22 trips a day, covering a total of 66 km, carrying 75 passengers per trip.
- ❖ It needs just ₹180 per day in energy cost, compared to about ₹8,000 for a diesel-run ferry of similar size.
- ❖ There are three award categories: one for electric boats up to 8m in length, electric boats more than 8 m long and electric ferry boats (passenger boats), the category in which Aditya is in the fray

#### Gussies Electric Boat Awards

- ❖ Gussies Electric Boat Awards were instituted in memory of Gustave Trouvé, a French electrical engineer and pioneer in electric cars and boats. Trouvé was a prolific inventor with over 75 patents. Back in 1881, he developed a 5-m-long prototype electric boat.

#### 142. Gairsain is recently made summer capital of which state?

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Uttarakhand
- (D) Arunachal Pradesh

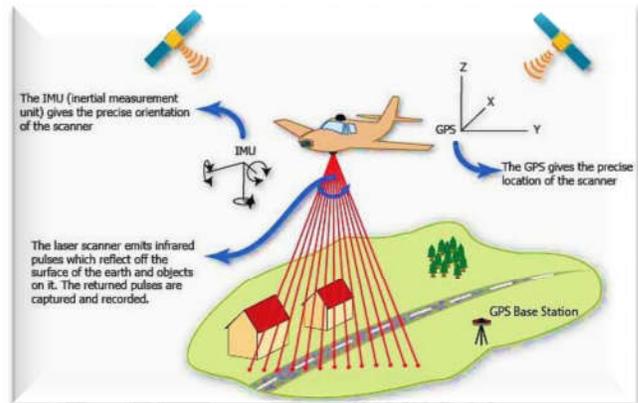
- ❖ **Uttarakhand** governor gave assent to make Gairsain as Uttarakhand's summer capital.
- ❖ **Gairsain, a tehsil in Chamoli district**, lay between both the Kumaon and Garhwal regions and hence is convenient for people of both Garhwal and Kumaon divisions to access.
- ❖ It is located nearly 270 km from Dehradun, the existing capital.

#### 143. LiDAR Stands for-

- (A) Light Detection and Ranging
- (B) Light Direction and Ranging
- (C) Light Detection and Ranking
- (D) Light Direction and Ranking

- ❖ A U.K.-based team of archeologists has continued its research over the **Tamar Valley** through **LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)** despite lockdown due to **Covid-19** in the country.

- ❖ The team is currently studying the Tamar Valley, a rich archaeological landscape with many sites belonging to the Iron Age and Roman era. Tamar valley is located in the **south of England**.
- ❖ LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) is a **remote sensing** method that uses light in the form of a pulsed laser to **measure ranges & variable distances**.
- ❖ LiDAR is commonly used by geologists and surveyors to make high-resolution maps.



#### 144. Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT) is recently developed by-

- (A) Indian Air Force
- (B) DRDO
- (C) ISRO
- (D) NASA

- ❖ **Indian Air Force** has designed, developed and inducted Airborne Rescue Pod **ARPIT**.
- ❖ This pod will be utilised for evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases including COVID-19 from high altitude area, isolated and remote places.
- ❖ It will **help to prevent spread of infectious aerosol** from a COVID-19 patient during air travel.
- ❖ Supporting the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" call by Prime Minister, only indigenous materials have been used to fabricate this pod.

#### 145. What is the Name of India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients?

- (A) COVID BEAT
- (B) COVID BEEP
- (C) CORONA BEEP
- (D) CORONA BEAT



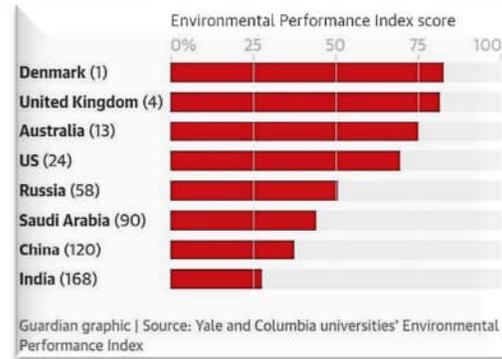
- ❖ Dr. Jitendra Singh recently launched the **COVID BEEP, India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system** for COVID-19 patients.
- ❖ COVID BEEP (**Continuous Oxygenation & Vital Information Detection Biomed ECIL ESIC Pod**) is India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients, **developed by ESIC Medical College Hyderabad in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and Department Of Atomic Energy.**
- ❖ It would emerge as an effective antidote to the original COVID. It will greatly reduce the transmission risk as well as help save resources like PPEs.

**146. Solar Risk Mitigation Initiative (SRMI) is related to-**

- (A) World Trade Organisation
  - (B) IMF
  - (C) World Bank
  - (D) World Economic Forum
- ❖ **World Bank** has operationalised SRMI with **\$333 million for 22 African countries.**
  - ❖ SRMI aims to support countries in developing sustainable solar programs that will attract private investments and so reduce reliance on public finances.
  - ❖ It is developed by **World Bank-Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (WB-ESMAP)** in partnership with, Agence Franchise de Developpement (AFD), International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and International Solar Alliance (ISA).

**147. What is India's Rank in Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2020?**

- (A) 177
- (B) 172
- (C) 167
- (D) 168



**148. Global Economic Prospects (GEP) Report is released by which organization?**

- (A) World Trade Organisation
- (B) IMF
- (C) World Bank
- (D) World Economic Forum

- ❖ **World Bank** releases WEP, June 2020 report.
- ❖ GEP examines global economic developments and prospects, with a special focus on emerging market and developing economies.
- ❖ It is issued twice a year, in January and June.
- ❖ It projects India's economy to contract by 3.2% in the 2020-21 due to stringent lockdown and spill overs from weaker global growth.

**149. Vamsadhara River Water Dispute is a Dispute between**

- (A) Odisha and Andhra Pradesh
  - (B) Odisha and West Bengal
  - (C) Kerala and Karnataka
  - (D) Maharashtra and Goa
- ❖ Vamsadhara River Water Dispute is a Dispute between **Odisha and Andhra Pradesh**
  - ❖ Vamsadhara originates in Odisha and meets Bay of Bengal in Andhra Pradesh.
  - ❖ It lies in between **Rushikulya and Godavari rivers.**
  - ❖ Vansadhara Water Disputes Tribunal was constituted in 2010.

**150. 'Mera Pani Meri Virasat' Scheme is related to which state?**

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Punjab
- (D) Haryana

- ❖ It is launched by **Haryana** to address the issue of **water shortage and support crop diversification** in the state.
- ❖ Under this scheme, farmers taking up alternative crops other than paddy during this season will get an incentive of Rs 7,000 per acre.
- ❖ Farmers can switch to crops that require less water like maize, bajra, pulses and cotton.
- ❖ Haryana government will also provide an **85% subsidy to farmers adopting drip irrigation** or other micro-irrigation systems along with growing alternatives to paddy.

**151. Tadoba Andhari tiger reserve is located in which state?**

- (A) Madhya Pradesh
- (B) Assam
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Karnataka

- ❖ It is located in **Chandrapur district of Maharashtra** and is also **Maharashtra's oldest and largest National Park.**
- ❖ It represents Southern Tropical Dry Deciduous Teak Forests in Tiger Habitat.

**152. World Ocean Day is celebrated on-**

- (A) January 21      (B) February 13
- (C) March 6        (D) June 8
- ❖ World Oceans Day is an international day that takes place annually on **8 June**. The concept was originally proposed in **1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development and the Ocean Institute of Canada** at the Earth Summit – UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- ❖ The **theme** of World Oceans Day 2020 is **Innovation for a sustainable ocean.**

**153. Which one among the following is not a component of Forex Reserve of India?**

- (A) Gold
- (B) SDRs
- (C) Foreign currency assets
- (D) Internal commercial borrowings



**154. Turant Customs programme is related to –**

- (A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- (B) Reserve Bank of India
- (C) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- (D) Securities and Exchange Board of India

❖ **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**, CBIC launched its flagship programme **Turant Customs**, at **Bengaluru and Chennai.**

❖ this is a giant leap forward to leverage technology **for faster Customs clearance of imported goods.**

❖ Importers will now get their goods cleared from Customs after a faceless assessment is done remotely by the Customs officers located outside the port of import.

❖ Turant Customs is a mega reform for the ease of doing business.

❖ The start of Turant Customs at Bengaluru and Chennai will be the first phase of the All India roll out which would get completed by 31st December this year. The first phase will cover imports of Mechanical, Electrical and Electronics machineries at the ports, airports and ICDs of Bengaluru and Chennai.

**155. ISRO Cyberspace Competitions-2020 is organised by-**

- (A) Indian Space Research Organization
- (B) Department of Science & Technology
- (C) Indian Council of Medical Research
- (D) Ministry of Human Resource Development





**159. Indian Railways has become the first to run Double-Stack Container train with high reach pantograph in high rise Over Head Equipment territory. The Operations successfully commenced in which state?**

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka

- ❖ Indian Railways has created a new world benchmark by successfully running **first Double-Stack Container Train in high-rise in Over Head Equipment electrified territory on Western Railway.**
- ❖ This tremendous achievement is a first of its kind in the entire world and will also boost the ambitious mission of Green India.
- ❖ The Operations successfully commenced on **10th June from Palanpur and Botad stations in Gujarat.** The Ministry said, Railways has transported more than 178 million tonnes of commodities from 1st April to 10th of June this year.

**160. Which state government has recently decided to ban online classes for the students up to 5th standard in the State?**

- (A) Punjab (B) Kerala  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Karnataka

- ❖ **Karnataka government** has decided to ban online classes for the students up to 5th standard in the State.
- ❖ The Minister also directed the schools not to hike school fees for the forthcoming academic year, since many parents have financial constraints due to covid-19.

**161. #TheShavasanaChallenge is related to which Ministry?**

- (A) Ministry of AYUSH  
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
(C) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
(D) Ministry of Culture

- ❖ **AYUSH Ministry** has asked the people to join #TheShavasanaChallenge and win cash prizes upto 3,000 rupees. In order to join, people have to take a photo of themselves doing

Shavasana with any three props - blanket, chair or pillow.

- ❖ They must upload the photo on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. They must use the hashtag #TheShavasanaChallenge and tag the Ministry of AYUSH.

**162. Which one among the following is not located in Madhya Pradesh?**

- (A) Bhimbetka Rock Shelters  
(B) Sanchi Stupa  
(C) Khajurao Group of temples  
(D) Dhamekh Stupa

- ❖ Madhya Pradesh is home to many UNESCO World Heritage sites such as **Bhimbetka Rock Shelters, Sanchi Stupa and Khajurao Group of temples which is next to Panna Tiger Reserve. Dhamekh Stupa is located in Uttar Pradesh (Sarnath).**

**163. Gir National Park is famous for**

- (A) one-horned rhinoceros  
(B) Largest number of Tiger population  
(C) Bengal Tigers  
(D) Asiatic Lions

- ❖ Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar has described the **29 percent rise in population of Asiatic lions in the Gir forests** as a conservation success.

❖ **Gir National Park is famous for Asiatic Lions.**

- ❖ Gir Forest National Park is a wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat, western India. It was established to protect Asiatic lions, who frequent the fenced-off Devalia Safari Park, along with leopards and antelopes.

**164. Which one is the only national park in India where walking safari is permitted?**

- (A) Bandhavgarh National Park  
(B) Sanjay Dubri National Park  
(C) Rajaji National Park  
(D) Satpura National Park

- ❖ **Sanjay Dubri National Park, Panchmari Biosphere Reserve** which is famous for its scenic views and waterfalls is located in **Madhya Pradesh. Satpura National Park which is the only national park in India where walking safari is permitted also located in Madhya Pradesh.**



**165. Baghjan fire tragedy is recently in news in context of affairs of which state?**

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Assam  
(C) Karnataka (D) Odisha

- ❖ **The Oil India Limited's (OIL) Baghjan gas well** in Assam's Tinsukia district blowout on 27 May.
- ❖ It is very close to the **Maguri-Motapung wetland** —an Important Bird Area notified by the Bombay Natural History Society.
- ❖ It is at an aerial distance of 900 metres from the **Dibru-Saikhowa National Park**.

**166. Bandhavgarh National Park is located in which state?**

- (A) Bihar (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Odisha

- ❖ To showcase the mesmerizing natural beauty and eco-system of Madhya Pradesh, Ministry of Tourism presented a webinar on 'Wild Wonders of Madhya Pradesh' under Dekho Apna Desh webinar series.
- ❖ **Bandhavgarh National Park which is also known as tiger's heaven is located in Madhya Pradesh.** This national park captures the scenic beauty of around 32 hills. **Bandhav means brother and Garh means fort, which revolves around the mythological story of Lord Ram who gifted the fort (which is situated at the top of the national park) to his brother Laxman** and that's how this national park got its name as Bandhavgarh National Park.
- ❖ Apart from the tigers, this national park is a home for many other wonderful species such as butterflies which are smaller than a thumbnail and **Indian Bison which is one of the largest bovine species in the world.**

**167. Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex was recently inaugurated at –**

- (A) Visakhapatnam (B) Kochi  
(C) Chennai (D) Port Blair

- ❖ The Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) Complex was inaugurated at **Visakhapatnam** by Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain,

PVSM, AVSM, VSM Flag Officer Commanding in Chief ENC on 10 Jun 20.

**Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle**

- ❖ The DSRV system consists of a Submarine Rescue Vessel, a Remote Operations Vehicle, Side Scan Sonar and associated equipment.
- ❖ It also has Diver Decompression Chambers and hyperbaric medical equipment to decompress submariners after being rescued from a sunken submarine.
- ❖ The DSRV system can be rapidly mobilised by air or road to facilitate submarine rescue operations even at distant locations.
- ❖ The Indian Navy has inducted two such systems which will provide rescue cover to submarines on the West and East coast of India respectively.
- ❖ Currently, there are about 40 nations that operate submarines in the world out of which only a few have any form of submarine rescue capability.

**168. Kotumsar caves are located in which state?**

- (A) Meghalaya  
(B) Himachal Pradesh  
(C) Chhattisgarh  
(D) Odisha

- ❖ Kotumsar caves, which are largest series of caves after Meghalaya are in **Chhattisgarh. Bastar Dussehra world's longest festival** which is celebrated for 75 days has a different story related to goddess Dhanteswari.
- ❖ **Gond's, Madiya, Muriaya's** are some of the tribes making Bastar as the land of indigenous tribes.
- ❖ Kotumsar cave was initially named **Gopansar cave (Gopan = hidden)** but the present name Kotumsar became more popular as the cave is located near a village named 'Kotumsar'. Kotumsar cave is located near Jagdalpur in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ It is a limestone cave formed on the Kanger limestone belt, situated near the bank of the **River Kanger, a tributary of the Kolab River.**



**169. Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) has recently entered into a MoU with Breathe Applied Sciences for-**

- (A) Conversion of Carbon dioxide to clean fuels
- (B) Development of New Covid-19 Vaccine
- (C) Manufacturing of Oxygen Cylinder
- (D) Blending of Ethanol

- ❖ Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) has entered into an MoU with Breathe Applied Sciences for **Conversion of Carbon dioxide to clean fuels** such as methanol and other useful chemicals on large scale. Under the agreed terms 300 kilogram of Carbon dioxide will be converted to useful chemicals per day. This will be scaled up to 500 tons after one year.

**170. What is the common among Champaranya, Rajim and Sheorinarayan?**

- (A) All three are Buddhist sites located in Sikkim
- (B) All three are Jain worship places located in Gujarat
- (C) All three are shaktipeeths located in Chhattisgarh
- (D) All three are wetlands located in Assam

- ❖ Ministry of Tourism's celebrated Dekho Apna Desh webinar series showcased the "HIDDEN TREASURES OF CHHATTISGARH" on 09.06.2020. Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series is an effort to showcase India's rich diversity under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.
- ❖ Chhattisgarh, carved out of Madhya Pradesh came into being on **1 November 2000 and is 9th largest state in India.** Being Central Eastern state of India, it borders 7 states, 44% of land covered by forest, 34% of tribal population. **With 3 National parks, 11 Wildlife sanctuaries, 1 Bio-sphere reserve** it is one of India's greenest state and well connected with rest of the country by air, rail and road network.

- ❖ Some of the best waterfalls of country are in Chhattisgarh, few of them are **Chitrakote, Amritdhara, Pawai, Machli** etc., Chhattisgarh is also blessed with **three shaktipeeths Champaranya, Rajim and Sheorinarayan.** Wrought iron, bell metal and terracotta are famous handicrafts of Chhattisgarh.

**171. Who recently won the World Food Prize 2020?**

- (A) Rattan Lal
- (B) Simon N. Groot
- (C) Dr. David Nabarro
- (D) Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

- ❖ **Eminent Indian-American soil scientist Rattan Lal** has been named this year's recipient of the World Food Prize for developing and mainstreaming a soil-centric approach to increasing food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change.

#### **World Food Prize**

- ❖ The World Food Prize is the foremost international honor recognizing -- without regard to race, religion, nationality, or political beliefs -- the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

**172. The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on -**

- (A) April 27
- (B) May 21
- (C) June 15
- (D) June 9

- ❖ The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on **9th June** every year to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy.
- ❖ The theme for WAD 2020 is "**Accreditation: Improving Food Safety**", as decided by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).
- ❖ National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) and National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), the two accreditation boards of the Quality Council of India (QCI), organised a Webinar to commemorate the event, in which all concerned stakeholders participated.



173. **The TrueNat machines are used to test –**

- (A) drug-resistant Tuberculosis (TB)
- (B) Covid-19
- (C) Ebola
- (D) A and B Both

- ❖ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on April 10, 2020 validated the usage of TrueNat, a diagnostic machine for Tuberculosis, **for COVID-19 tests**. The council had approved the use of the tuberculosis testing machine for coronavirus screening tests on April 4. **The TrueNat machines are used to test drug-resistant Tuberculosis (TB)**.
- ❖ Truenat is a small machine that is battery operated and requires minimal training. It can also be easily used in a smaller setting.
- ❖ In **Uttar Pradesh**, the State Government has successfully installed Tru NAAT machines in all 75 districts.

174. **Which Institute from India secured highest ranking among Indian Institutes in Nature Index 2020?**

- (A) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- (B) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore
- (C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- (D) Homi Bhabha National Institute

- ❖ Three of the autonomous institutions of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India have found their place among top 30 Indian Institutions including universities, IITs, IISERs, and Research Institutions and Labs as per **Nature Index 2020 ratings** based on the research published in the top journals, a measure of research quality.
- ❖ These are the **Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata at 7<sup>th</sup> position**, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore at 14<sup>th</sup> position and S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata at 30<sup>th</sup> position.
- ❖ Globally the top-rated Indian institutions in this list are Council of

**Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**, a group of 39 institutions at the 160<sup>th</sup> position and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore at the 184<sup>th</sup> position.

Institution	
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
2.	Harvard University
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Max Planck Society
4.	French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
5.	Stanford University
6.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
7.	<input type="checkbox"/> Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres
8.	University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)
9.	The University of Tokyo (UTokyo)
10.	Tsinghua University

175. **AarogyaPath is recently in news.**

**What is it?**

- (A) Information platform
- (B) Robot
- (C) Ventilator
- (D) A covid-19 dedicated Hospital

- ❖ A CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal that aims to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies <https://www.aarogyapath.in> has been launched on June 12,2020.
- ❖ AarogyaPath would serve **manufacturers, suppliers and customers**. During the present national health emergency arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, where in there is severe disruption in supply chain, the ability to produce and deliver the critical items may be compromised due to a variety of reasons.
- ❖ **The** information platform named Aarogya Path with a vision of “providing a path which leads one on a journey towards Aarogya (healthy life)” was developed to address these challenges.

176. **What is ‘IFLOWS-Mumbai’, which is recently in news?**

- (A) A dedicated approach to tackle Covid-19 Cases in Mumbai
- (B) A newly developed Covid-19 Dedicated Hospital in Mumbai
- (C) A New Traffic system adopted in Mumbai recently
- (D) An Integrated Flood Warning System for Mumbai



- ❖ IFLWS-Mumbai is developed as a state of art **Integrated Flood Warning system for Mumbai** to enhance the resilience of the city of Mumbai by providing early warning for flooding specially during high rainfall events and cyclones.
- ❖ I-FLOWS is built on a modular structure and **comprises of seven modules**, namely Data Assimilation, Flood, Inundation, Vulnerability, Risk, Dissemination Module and Decision Support System.

**177. "A Scheme was launched recently by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. It will provide the young professionals an opportunity of practical exposure and learning from the working of NCDC and cooperatives as a paid intern." This description is related to which scheme-**

- (A) Sahakar Mitra: Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP)
- (B) Kisan Rath Scheme
- (C) The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP)
- (D) Rythu Bandhu scheme

- ❖ **Sahakar Mitra: Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP)** was launched by Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. **NCDC** has been proactive in delivering innovative solutions for the cooperative sector.
- ❖ It will provide the young professionals an opportunity of practical exposure and learning from the working of NCDC and cooperatives as a paid intern.
- ❖ It would also provide an opportunity to professionals from academic institutions to **develop leadership and entrepreneurial roles through cooperatives as Farmers Producers Organizations (FPO)**.

**178. The Indian Chamber of Commerce headquartered in-**

- (A) Kolkata
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Mumbai
- (D) Guwahati

- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address of the 95th annual plenary session of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) through video conferencing.
- ❖ Founded in **1925**, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the leading and only National Chamber of Commerce having **headquartered** in Kolkata.
- ❖ ICC is the **only Chamber from India to win the first prize in World Chambers Competition in Quebec, Canada**.
- ❖ It is the premier body of business and industry in Eastern and North-Eastern India.

**179. Quality Council of India (QCI) was set up in-**

- (A) 1991
- (B) 1997
- (C) 2003
- (D) 2009

- ❖ Quality Council of India is a non-profit **autonomous society**, under the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), with the mandate to establish an accreditation structure in the country and to spread quality movement in India by undertaking a National Quality Campaign.
- ❖ Quality Council of India (QCI) was set up in **1997** jointly by the Government of India and the Indian Industry represented by the three premier industry associations i.e. **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**, to establish and operate national accreditation structure and promote quality through National Quality Campaign.
- ❖ **The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion**, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, is the nodal ministry for QCI.

**180. Great Himalayan National Park is located in which state?**

- (A) Uttarakhand
- (B) Sikkim
- (C) Himachal Pradesh
- (D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ❖ The Union Tourism Ministry's "Dekho Apna Desh" webinar series on 11th June 2020 walked into its 31st session showcasing "Himachal- Around the next bend" focusing on the beautiful villages, mountains, pristine rivers, culture and heritage.
  - ❖ Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series is an effort to showcase India's rich diversity under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.
  - ❖ World Heritage Site **Great Himalayan National Park is located in the Kullu region.** Great Himalayan National Park is spread across four valleys-Sainj valley, Jiwa Nal valley, Tirthan Valley and Parvati valley.
- 181. Which organisation recently became the first construction sector organisation to go 'Fully Digital'?**
- (A) National Highway Authority of India
  - (B) Indian Railways Construction Limited
  - (C) National Buildings Construction Corporation
  - (D) Rail India Transportation and Engineering Services
- ❖ **The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has gone 'Fully Digital', with the launch of unique cloud based and Artificial Intelligence powered **Big Data Analytics platform – Data Lake and Project Management Software.**
  - ❖ With advance analytics, the Data Lake software will forecast the delays, likely disputes and will give advance alerts. Thus apart from expediting the decision making, it will also facilitate in taking correct and timely decisions as the system is likely to predict financial impacts of different alternatives based on the historical data. This will reduce a lot of disputes.
- 182. International Albinism Awareness Day is celebrated annually on**
- (A) April 4
  - (B) May 7
  - (C) June 13
  - (D) July 16

- ❖ International Albinism Awareness Day is celebrated annually on **June 13** to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide.
- ❖ This year the International Albinism Awareness Day is marked under the theme **Made to Shine.**

#### Albinism

- ❖ Albinism is genetically inherited, non-contagious and results in lack of pigmentation in skin, eyes and hair. For the disease to be present at birth, both the parents must carry the gene of Albinism.

**183. International Day of Family Remittances is celebrated each year on**

- (A) June 16
- (B) July 20
- (C) August 24
- (D) September 28

- ❖ International Day of Family Remittances 2020 is celebrated each year on **June 16** across the world. The day is organised by the United Nations and is universally accepted. This day is celebrated to recognise the efforts of migrants who help to improve the lives of their family members back home.
- ❖ **A remittance is money sent back home by a worker who works in a foreign land.**
- ❖ The first International Day of Family Remittances was celebrated way back on June 16, 2015.

**184. World Blood Donor Day takes place every year on**

- (A) 14 June
- (B) 16 January
- (C) 18 February
- (D) 20 March

- ❖ World Blood Donor Day takes place every year on **14 June.** It is celebrated to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner.** Karl won Nobel prize for discovering **ABO blood group.**
- ❖ This year, World Blood Donor Day is focused on the theme '**safe blood saves lives**'
- ❖ The event was organised for the **first time in 2005,** by a joint initiative of **World Health Organisation, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** to raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products, and to



thank blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

- ❖ World Blood Donor Day is **one of eight official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO)**, along with World Health Day, World Tuberculosis Day, World Immunization Week, World Malaria Day, World No Tobacco Day, World Hepatitis Day, and World AIDS Day.

**185. India recently joined the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI). Which country/countries among the following is/are part of GPAI?**

- (A) Germany (B) Italy
- (C) Japan (D) All of the above
- ❖ India recently joined international and multi-stakeholder initiative **Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)** on artificial intelligence as its founder member.
- ❖ GPAI is a **first initiative of its type** for evolving better understanding of the challenges and opportunities around Artificial Intelligence using the experience and diversity of participating countries.
- ❖ GPAI is an international and multi-stakeholder initiative including **USA, UK, EU, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore.**
- ❖ GPAI will be supported by a Secretariat, to be hosted by **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris**, as well as by two Centers of Expertise- one each in Montreal and Paris.

**186. Actor Sushant Singh Rajput who passed away recently, made his Bollywood debut from which film?**

- (A) Kai Po Che
- (B) Shuddh Desi Romance
- (C) Detective Byomkesh Bakshy
- (D) Kedarnath
- ❖ Sushant Singh Rajput (21 January 1986 – 14 June 2020) was an Indian actor, dancer, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Rajput made his film debut in the buddy **drama Kai Po**

**Che!** (2013), for which he received a nomination for the **Filmfare Award for Best Male Debut.**

- ❖ In June 2020, at age 34, Rajput reportedly died by suicide at his home in Bandra, Mumbai.

**187. Headquarters of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is located at-**

- (A) Stockholm (B) Oslo
- (C) Nairobi (D) Helsinki

- ❖ **India and China have increased their nuclear arsenal** over the last year, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

- ❖ **China and Pakistan have more nuclear warheads as compared to India**, according to the SIPRI Yearbook 2020. India has 150 nuclear warheads, while China and Pakistan have 320 and 160. The figures are until January. Last year, India had 130-140 warheads, while China had 290 and Pakistan 150-160.

**SIPRI**

- ❖ Stockholm International Peace Research Institute is an international institute based in Sweden, dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament.
- ❖ **Founded:** 6 May 1966
- ❖ **Headquarters:** Stockholm, Sweden

**188. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed every year on**

- (A) October 29 (B) June 15
- (C) November 22 (D) December 8

- ❖ The UN designated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed every year on **June 15.**

- ❖ this day was officially recognised in 2011.

- ❖ **Theme: Lifting up Voices**

**189. What is the name of India's first gas exchange?**

- (A) Indian Petro-Gas Exchange
- (B) Indian Gas quality Exchange
- (C) Indian Gas Exchange
- (D) Indian Gas and Petroleum Exchange



- ❖ India's first gas exchange — the **Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)** — was launched recently.
- ❖ The exchange is expected to facilitate transparent price discovery in natural gas, and facilitate the growth of the share of natural gas in India's energy basket.
- ❖ **The IGX is a digital trading platform that will allow buyers and sellers of natural gas to trade both in the spot market and in the forward market** for imported natural gas across three hubs —Dahej and Hazira in Gujarat, and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

**190. Who among the following Indian runners was banned from the sport for four years by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) on for doping?**

- (A) Gomathi Marimuthu
- (B) PU Chitra
- (C) Muhammed Anas Yahiya
- (D) V.K. Vismaya

- ❖ Indian runner **Gomathi Marimuthu** was banned from the sport for four years by the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) on June 12, 2020 for doping.
- ❖ Gomathi Marimuthu is an Indian Track and field runner, who hails from Tamil Nadu state. **She had won the first gold for India in the women's 800 m race at the 2019 Asian Athletics Championships held in Doha, Qatar.**

**191. Consider the following statements in context of India's first infectious disease diagnostic lab-**

1. This rapid response mobile laboratory is part of government Aatmnirbhar Bharat.
2. It is built with the support of Department of Bio-Technology.

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- (A) 1 only
- (B) 2 only
- (C) 1 and 2 Both
- (D) Neither 1 nor 2

- ❖ India's first infectious disease diagnostic lab is now ready. This rapid response mobile labrotary **is part of government Aatmnirbhar Bharat.**

This labrotary was **built in a record time of eight days** from the date of receipt of Automotive Chassis, from Bharat Benz.

- ❖ **It is built with the support of Department of Bio-Technology.** The lab is a BSL-2 facility with on-site Elisa, real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test and Bio chemistry analysers. This lab can test Elisa about 200 per day and RTPCR about 50 per day.

**192. P.K. Mohanty Panel is related to-**

- (A) Ownership and corporate structure of private sector banks
- (B) GST implementation
- (C) To build MSME post covid-19 strategy
- (D) transfer of RBI's surplus to Government

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an internal working group to review the existing guidelines on **ownership and corporate structure of private sector banks.** The group will be headed by RBI executive director **P.K. Mohanty.**
- ❖ The group will *examine the existing licensing guidelines and regulations on ownership and control of private sector banks.* It will also suggest appropriate norms, keeping in mind the issue of excessive concentration of ownership and control.

**193. A 500-year-old temple recently found submerged in Mahanadi River. It was dedicated to -**

- (A) Gopinath Dev
- (B) Kamakhya
- (C) Subhadra
- (D) Lord Jagannath

- ❖ An ancient temple that remained submerged in **Mahanadi in Odisha** has been found.
- ❖ The 60-feet temple, believed to be around 500 years old, was located recently in Odisha by **Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH)**
- ❖ The temple was found in the mid-river near Baideswar in the Padmavati area in Cuttack.



- ❖ The temple dates back to the late 15th or early 16th century, considering the construction style of the Mastaka
- ❖ The temple was dedicated to **Gopinath Dev.**

**194. Which organisation/ Institute has developed a sanitizing chamber named 'GermiKlean' to sanitise uniforms of security forces?**

- (A) DRDO (B) ISRO  
(C) ICMR (D) IIT- Delhi

- ❖ **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed a sanitizing chamber named 'GermiKlean' to sanitise uniforms of security forces.
- ❖ The sanitizing chamber has been set up at **Parliament Street Police Station.**
- ❖ DRDO's move came after Delhi Police gave **their requirement for sanitizing their uniforms, canes, cane shields, helmets, etc.**
- ❖ DRDO designed and developed a dry heat treatment chamber named "GermiKlean". This chamber is designed to sanitise 25 pairs of uniforms within 15 minutes

**195. AI enabled robot 'Captain Arjun (Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice)' is related to-**

- (A) Indian Air Force  
(B) Indian Navy  
(C) Indian Army  
(D) Indian Railway

- ❖ **Indian Railways' Central Railway zone** has launched an AI enabled robot '**Captain Arjun ((Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice))**' to intensify the screening and surveillance of railway passengers and railway staff.
- ❖ This innovation will help Indian Railways to modernise its security measures at the time of covid-19
- ❖ The robot is launched to screen passengers while they board trains and keep a watch on anti-social elements.
- ❖ Captain Arjun has adopted a **two-way communication mode, voice and video and also speaks in local language.**

**196. "Ghar ghar nigrani" app is related to which state?**

- (A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Punjab

- ❖ The **Punjab government** launched a mobile application "Ghar ghar nigrani" aimed at undertaking house to house surveillance to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**197. Recently, the first population estimation exercise of the Indian Gaur (Bison) was carried out in which state?**

- (A) Karnataka (B) Kerala  
(C) Tamil Nadu (D) Madhya Pradesh

- ❖ Recently, the first population estimation exercise of the Indian Gaur (Bison) was carried out in the **Nilgiris Forest Division, Tamil Nadu.**
- ❖ World Wide Fund for Nature India assisted the exercise and highlighted that there are estimated 2,000 Indian gaurs across the division.
- ❖ The Indian Gaur or Bison (*Bos gaurus*) is the **largest and the tallest in the family of wild cattle and is a grazing animal.**

**198. The report titled 'COVID-19 and Child labour: A Time of Crisis, A Time to Act' is recently released by-**

- (A) International Labour Organisation  
(B) UNICEF  
(C) UNESCO  
(D) A and B both

- ❖ The report titled 'COVID-19 and Child labour: A Time of Crisis, A Time to Act' says child labour decreased by 94 million since 2000, but that gain is now at risk. It is recently released by **International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNICEF.**
- ❖ ILO and UNICEF are developing a simulation model to look at the impact of COVID-19 on child labour globally. New global estimates on child labour will be released in 2021.

**199. Who recently became the first woman to descend to the deepest known spot in the world's oceans?**

- (A) Sally Ride (B) Kathy Sullivan  
(C) Anna Lee Fisher (D) Judith Resnik



- ❖ On June 7, astronaut and oceanographer **Kathy Sullivan**, who was the **first American woman to walk in space** in 1984, became the **first woman and the fifth person in history to descend to the deepest known spot in the world's oceans, called the Challenger Deep** in the Mariana Trench, which is seven miles below the surface of the Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ Sullivan is now the **only human who has walked in space and reached the deepest point in the ocean.**

#### Challenger Deep

- ❖ According to NOAA, the average depth of the ocean is about **12,100 feet and the deepest part** is called the Challenger Deep, which is located below the surface of the **western Pacific Ocean**. It is approximately 36,200 feet deep.
- ❖ The **first dive** at Challenger Deep was made in 1960 by **Lieutenant Don Walsh and Swiss scientist Jacques Piccard** on a submersible called 'Trieste'. The British Ship HMS Challenger discovered Challenger Deep between 1872-1876.

#### 200. World Day Against Child Labour is observed on

- (A) 12 June (B) 6 July  
(C) 1 March (D) 2 April

- ❖ World Day Against Child Labour is also known as Anti Child Labour Day. It is observed on **12 June** every year to highlight the impact of crisis on child labour.
- ❖ It is organised jointly with the Global March Against Child Labour and the International Partnership for Cooperation on Child Labour in Agriculture (IPCCLA).
- ❖ It was introduced in **2002 by the International Labour Organisation**.
- ❖ The theme of World Against Child Labour 2020 is "**Protect children from child labour, now more than ever**".

#### 201. Gulzar Dehlvi who passed away recently, was –

- (A) An Urdu Poet  
(B) A Painter  
(C) A Political leader  
(D) None of the above

- ❖ Anand Mohan Zutshi Gulzar Dehlvi (7 July 1926 – 12 June 2020) was an **Indian Urdu poet**, scholar, and journalist. He was honored by the vice president of India on his 91st birthday for his contribution to Urdu Poetry. He edited the **first Urdu science magazine, Science Ki Dunya, which was launched in 1975.**

#### 202. Tony Dunne, who passed away recently, was related to which sport?

- (A) Cricket (B) Football  
(C) Badminton (D) Boxing

- ❖ **Manchester United's** European Cup-winning defender Tony Dunne has died aged 78.
- ❖ Dunne, who joined United from Irish club Shelbourne in 1960, made 535 appearances for Matt Busby's side and played an integral role in their European Cup triumph in 1968.
- ❖ He was an Irish **footballer** who played as a left-back.

#### 203. Panchvati Yojana is related to which state?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh  
(B) Himachal Pradesh  
(C) Punjab  
(D) Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ **Himachal Pradesh** Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, launched the "Panchavati Yojana" for senior citizens of rural areas in the state. Under this scheme, **parks and gardens will be developed** in all the development blocks with necessary facilities under the MNREGA scheme of Rural Development Department.
- ❖ The main objective of the scheme is to provide parks and gardens along with **entertainment to the senior citizens of the state.**

#### 204. Oleksandr Gvozdyk is related to which sport?

- (A) Light heavyweight boxing  
(B) Gymnastics  
(C) Long Jump  
(D) Football



- ❖ The former world **light heavyweight boxing champion** Oleksandr Gvozdyk has retired.
- ❖ Gvozdyk won the WBC title in December 2018 when he knocked out Adonis Stevenson, who had held the belt for five years.
- ❖ Gvozdyk also won a bronze medal for Ukraine at light heavyweight at the 2012 Olympics.

**205. 'Jagananna Chedodu' Scheme is related to which state?**

- (A) Karnataka (B) Telangana  
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Odisha

- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh** government launched 'Jagananna Chedodu'- a financial scheme **to provide assistance to the tailors, barbers and washermen.**
- ❖ Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy informed that Rs 10,000 was provided to 2.47 lakh beneficiaries by transferring a total amount of Rs 247 crores directly into their bank accounts under the unencumbered mode.

**206. First-of-its kind 'Internet-controlled' robot 'Coro-bot' is recently developed by which country?**

- (A) India (B) China  
(C) Japan (D) USA

- ❖ **Thane** engineer **Pratik Tirodkar**, founder of a start-up PNT Solutions, Dombivli has made a **first-of-its kind 'Internet-controlled' robot** called '**Coro-bot**' specifically to address the needs of hospitals treating COVID-19 patients.
- ❖ It is currently deployed successfully at the **Holy Cross Hospital in Kalyan.**

**207. The U.S. Commission on the International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) downgraded India's ranking in its 2020 report. The report has ranked India in-**

- (A) Countries of Particular Concern  
(B) Special Watch List  
(C) Entities of Special concern  
(D) No concern list

- ❖ The U.S. Commission on the International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) **downgraded India's ranking** in its 2020 report. The report has

ranked India in **Countries of Particular Concern (CPC)**, which is the lowest ranking in the list. The report has placed **India alongside countries like China, North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.**

- ❖ In its last year's report, India was listed as a 'Tier 2 country' and since 2004, **for the first time, India has been given this ranking by the USCIRF.**

**208. Who has been recently honoured with "NASA Distinguished Service Medal"?**

- (A) Renjith Kumar  
(B) RK Chetty Pandipati  
(C) Veena Nair  
(D) Rajini Chandy

- ❖ **Indian Aerospace entrepreneur, Renjith Kumar has been honoured with "NASA Distinguished Service Medal"** for his administration to NASA through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence and consumer loyalty.

- ❖ He worked in relationship with NASA for over 30 years and contributed to updating the International Space Stations (ISS). **He is CEO Emeritus of the Virginia based Analytical Mechanics Associates (AMA).**

- ❖ **RK Chetty Pandipati** was the First Indian to win this honour in 2002.

**209. Headquarters of The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is located at-**

- (A) New Delhi  
(B) Jakarta  
(C) Manila  
(D) Nairobi

- ❖ During the third India-ASEAN youth dialogue that was held from June 8 to 10, India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) pledged to enhance cooperation in ways to effectively and constructively channelising youthful energy. According to reports, the dialogue took place online and primarily revolved around the coronavirus pandemic that has gripped the world.



### The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

- ❖ The Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a regional intergovernmental organization comprising ten countries in Southeast Asia, which promotes intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational, and sociocultural integration among its members and other countries in Asia.
- ❖ **Headquarters:** Jakarta, Indonesia
- ❖ **Founded:** 8 August 1967
- ❖ **Members:** Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), Laos

210. Kurt Thomas, who passed away recently, was related to-

- (A) Gymnastics (B) Long Jump  
(C) Football (D) Tennis

- ❖ Kurt Thomas, who became the first American to win a world gymnastics event in men's gymnastics when he captured gold in the floor exercise at Strasbourg, France, in 1978, died.
- ❖ Thomas was known for his daring and innovative moves in what came to be called the "Thomas Flair" on the pommel horse and the "Thomas Salto" in the floor exercise.

211. Who is BCCI's first ever ombudsman?

- (A) D K Jain (B) Mukul Mudgal  
(C) TS Thakur (D) JK Lodha

- ❖ Former Supreme Court judge **D K Jain** will continue as BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman after getting a one-year extension from the cricket Board.
- ❖ **Jain was appointed by the Supreme Court in February 2019 as BCCI's first ever ombudsman.** He was later given the additional role of ethics officer.

212. Pritam Singh, who passed away recently, was related to-

- (A) Management studies  
(B) Hockey  
(C) Mathematics  
(D) Journalism

- ❖ Acclaimed **management guru** and Padma Shri awardee, Pritam Singh, died following a cardiac arrest.
- ❖ Singh was a former director of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Lucknow and Management Development Institute (MDI) in Gurgaon and director general at RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group-promoted International Management Institute (IMI) in New Delhi. He was also a former professor and dean of IIM-Bangalore.
- ❖ He authored seven books, over 50 research papers and was **regarded as pioneer of management education in India and abroad.**
- ❖ Singh was awarded **Padam Shri in 2003** for his contributions in the field of management studies.

213. World Investment Report 2020 is recently released by-

- (A) UNCTAD (B) WTO  
(C) WEF (D) IMF

- ❖ India received \$51 billion in foreign direct investment in 2019, making it the **world's 9th largest recipient in 2019**, according to a report by the United Nations' trade body, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

- ❖ A lower but positive economic growth in India in the post-COVID19 pandemic period and the country's large market will continue to attract market-seeking investments, the **UNCTAD said in its World Investment Report 2020.**

214. Alexander Shustov, who has been banned for four years for doping, is related to -

- (A) High jump (B) Boxing  
(C) Wrestling (D) Badminton

- ❖ Former European **high jump** champion Alexander Shustov has been **banned for four years** for doping.
- ❖ Shustov won the gold medal at the European championships in 2010.
- ❖ The Russian Athletics Federation said that Shustov's ban was dated from June 5, and his results were disqualified for a period from 2013 to 2017.



**215. Which country topped in recently released IMD World Competitiveness Rankings?**

- (A) USA (B) Singapore  
(C) China (D) India

- ❖ **India has moved up one place to rank 43rd** most competitive economy in the world on the back of its robust economic growth, a large labour force and its huge market size
- ❖ **Singapore has moved up to the top**, from the third position last year, while the **US has slipped to the third place** in the 2019 edition of the **IMD World Competitiveness Rankings**. Hong Kong SAR has held onto its second place, helped by a benign tax and business policy environment and access to business finance.
- ❖ The United Arab Emirates - ranked 15th as recently as 2016 - entered the top five for the first time.

**IMD World Competitiveness Rankings**

- ❖ The IMD World Competitiveness Rankings, established in **1989**, incorporate 235 indicators from each of the 63 ranked economies to evaluate their ability to foster an environment where enterprises can achieve sustainable growth, generate jobs and increase welfare for its citizens.

**216. Who among the following has been chosen for Medal of the Order of Australia 2020?**

- (A) Shobha Sekhar  
(B) Sedunath Prabhakar  
(C) Ben Frost  
(D) Poornima Koonath

- ❖ Melbourne-based **Shobha Sekhar** has been chosen for the Medal of the Order for her service to the community and the country
- ❖ Shobha Sekhar is the **founder of Kalakruthi, music organisation in Australia**.

**217. Which general insurer recently launched country's first drone cover?**

- (A) ICICI Lombard  
(B) SBI Life Insurance  
(C) HDFC Ergo  
(D) Bajaj Finance Limited

- ❖ **In an industry-first initiative**, the third largest private sector general insurer **HDFC Ergo** tied up with tech firm Tropogo to offer commercial drone owners and operators third-party liability cover for property damages and physical injuries from the flying machines. This policy will be offered on-demand to customers on a 'pay as you fly' concept

- ❖ **Third-party insurance liability claim is mandatory for drone operations in the country**.

**218. According to the Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey' Which city is the most expensive city in the world?**

- (A) Hong Kong (B) Ashgabat  
(C) Tokyo (D) Zurich

- ❖ India's financial capital **Mumbai has emerged as the most expensive city in the country for expatriates in terms of cost of living**.

- ❖ According to Mercer's '2020 Cost of Living Survey', Mumbai is the **60th** most expensive city for expatriates globally, while it ranks 19th in Asia.

- ❖ Mumbai is followed by New Delhi (101st globally) and Chennai (143rd globally).

- ❖ **The global list was topped by Hong Kong, followed by Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) in second position. Japan's Tokyo and Switzerland's Zurich remain in the third and fourth positions**, respectively, whereas Singapore is in fifth position, down two places from last year.

- ❖ On the other hand, **Tunis in Tunisia, Windhoek (Namibia), Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) and Karachi (Pakistan) were ranked at the bottom as the least expensive cities in the world**.

**219. 'Karmo Bhumi' portal is related to which state?**

- (A) Gujarat (B) Odisha  
(C) Tripura (D) West Bengal

- ❖ **West Bengal** Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently launched portal 'Karmo Bhumi' to connect with companies based in the state. It is a web portal for IT professionals, returned & looking for job change due to COVID 19.



220. A new species of fish 'Schizothorax sikusirumensis' is recently discovered in which state?

- (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka  
(C) Odisha (D) Arunachal Pradesh

❖ A new species of fish has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. Dr. Keshav Kumar Jha, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat discovered a **new fish species from genus Schizothorax**.

❖ The fish species is named as **Schizothorax sikusirumensis**. The name of this fish species has been derived from the name of the rivers where it was found. This fish was collected from the **junction of River Siku and Sirum near Gakang area under Mebo circle of East Siang District**. The fish inhabits the water logged area of torrential river drainage.

221. Overdraft (OD) facility, Insta FlexiCash is recently in news in context of which bank?

- (A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank  
(C) SBI (D) PNB

❖ Private sector lender, **ICICI Bank has launched an overdraft (OD) facility, Insta FlexiCash**, for its salaried account customers who are facing a cash crunch. "It is designed to protect ICICI Bank Salary Account customers from missing their Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) or cheque bounces due to insufficient funds by providing short-term instant credit.

❖ Insta Flexicash is an **end-to-end fully digital facility** which can be availed using the bank's Internet banking platform.

222. Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev is recently in news in context of affairs of which country?

- (A) Kazakhstan  
(B) Kyrgyzstan  
(C) Uzbekistan  
(D) Turkmenistan

❖ **Kyrgyz Prime Minister Mukhammedkalyi Abylgaziev** has resigned, citing an ongoing criminal investigation into the assignment of national radio frequencies.

#### Kyrgyzstan

❖ Kyrgyzstan is a country in Central Asia. Kyrgyzstan is a landlocked country with mountainous terrain. It is bordered by Kazakhstan to the north, Uzbekistan to the west and southwest, Tajikistan to the southwest and China to the east.

❖ Capital: Bishkek

❖ Currency: Kyrgyzstani som

223. 'GermiBAN' is recently in news. What is it?

- (A) Cooling facility for Vegetables  
(B) A skin product  
(C) A Robot  
(D) A Ventilator

❖ Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy launched 'GermiBAN' — **a robot that carries essentials products to frontline COVID-19 workers**. The robot was developed by a Hyderabad-based company, namely AIC ALEAP of the WEHub.

❖ 'GermiBAN' was a device that kills surface and air microbes and could be used in isolation wards, quarantine centres, hospitals and public spaces.

224. Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation 'BIODIVERSITY AWARD' 2020 is recently won by-

- (A) Deccan Development Society  
(B) African Park Networks  
(C) International Union for Conservation of Nature  
(D) Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research

❖ **Deccan Development Society** has won the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation 'BIODIVERSITY AWARD', one of the most coveted environmental awards in the world for the year 2020. This award has been given to the DDS "in recognition of the work of DDS women to rehabilitate degraded lands and promote biodiversity".



225. **Matt Poore, who passed away recently is related to which sport?**

- (A) Badminton (B) Weightlifting  
(C) Chess (D) Cricket

❖ **Former New Zealand Test cricketer Matt Poore**, who is remembered for catching a stray dog during a match in Bangalore in 1955 and subsequently taking 12 anti-rabies injection, has died.

226. **The famous novel “The Remains of the Day” is written by-**

- (A) Sir Kazuo Ishiguro  
(B) Olga Tokarczuk  
(C) Peter Handke  
(D) Gunter Grass

- ❖ **Sir Kazuo Ishiguro** has announced a new novel, called ***Klara and the Sun***.
- ❖ *Klara and the Sun* will be Ishiguro's first new novel since **he won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2017**.
- ❖ Ishiguro has also won the Booker Prize (for *The Remains of the Day*).
- ❖ He was awarded a **knighthood** in 2018 for Services to Literature.

227. **India's first Khadi Mall is located in which city?**

- (A) New Delhi (B) Surat  
(C) Patna (D) Mumbai

- ❖ In November 2019, Chief Minister CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated country's **first Khadi Mall in Patna**.
- ❖ Bollywood actor **Pankaj Tripathi** is recently appointed as the brand ambassador of Patna's Khadi Mall.

228. **Fourth Asian Youth Para Games will take place in which country?**

- (A) Bahrain (B) Qatar  
(C) Saudi Arabia (D) UAE

- ❖ The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced that the **fourth Asian Youth Para Games** will take place in Bahrain from December 1-10, 2021.

229. **Vasant Raiji, who passed away recently, was related to which sport?**

- (A) Badminton (B) Football  
(C) Basketball (D) Cricket

- ❖ Vasant Raiji, who was **India's oldest first-class cricketer** died.

- ❖ Raiji, a right-handed batsman, played nine first-class matches in the 1940s, scoring 277 runs with 68 being his highest score. He made his debut for a Cricket Club of India team that played Central Provinces and Berar in Nagpur in 1939.

- ❖ **He wrote a book called *CK Nayudu, the Shahenshah of Indian Cricket***.

230. **Indian Railways' first Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access machine is installed at-**

- (A) Nagpur railway station  
(B) Itarsi Junction  
(C) Bhopal Junction railway station  
(D) Jhansi Junction

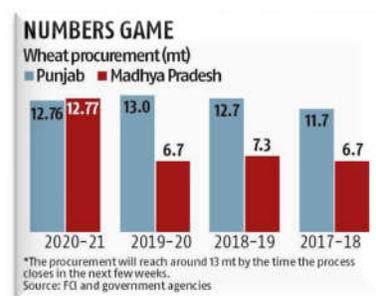
- ❖ In a first, **Indian Railways' Central Railway zone** has installed a newly innovated ATMA – Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access machine at the **Nagpur railway station**. The ATMA machine has been introduced at the station under the NINFRIS policy to prevent transmission of COVID-19.

- ❖ Recently, Indian Railways also introduced a new automated face mask and hand sanitizer dispenser machine at Patna Junction to facilitate those who forgot to carry their sanitizer or mask.

231. **Which state recently became country's top wheat procurer in 2020-21?**

- (A) Punjab (B) Haryana  
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Bihar

- ❖ **Madhya Pradesh** recently became country's top wheat procurer in 2020-21. To date, the state procured around 12.77 million tonnes of wheat, which is expected to reach 13 million tonnes by the time the process ends in the next few weeks. Punjab has closed its procurement for this year at 12.76 million tonnes.





**232. Assistance to Disabled persons for purchasing / Fitting of aids / appliances (ADIP) scheme is initiative of**

- (A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (B) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- (C) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- (D) Ministry of Human Resource Development

❖ **ADIP scheme is initiative of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** and it is implemented through agencies such as the NGOs, National Institutes under this Ministry and ALIMCO (a PSU).

❖ Objective of the scheme is **to assist the needy disabled persons** in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation and at the same time enhance their economic potential.

**233. Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana is related to which state?**

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Bihar
- (C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Karnataka

❖ **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has officially inaugurated the Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana through a video Conference. He informed that **2000 children have been selected in the first phase** of this Scheme. The ultimate mission of this Scheme is to send these 2000 children and more to school- Both the genders will receive different amounts meaning boys will receive **Rs 1000 per month and for girls, it is Rs 1200 per month.**

❖ This scheme is specially tailored to educate the child laborer and improve their substandard Plight. The scheme's launch accord with the 'World Day Against Child Labour'.

**234. Raja Parba festival is related to which state?**

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Odisha

❖ Raja Parba festival is a unique **three-day festival of Odisha** celebrating the onset of monsoon and beginning of earth's womanhood.

❖ As a mark of respect towards the earth during her menstruation days, all agricultural works, like ploughing, sowing are suspended for three days.

**235. Which state has become the first state in the country to receive ISO certification for hostels meant for tribal students?**

- (A) Jharkhand
- (B) Chhattisgarh
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Madhya Pradesh

❖ **Odisha has become the first state** in the country to receive ISO certification (ISO 9001:2015) for hostels meant for tribal students.

❖ The ST&SC Welfare Department had earlier launched the **"Mission Suvidya"** project to provide all the tribal hostels of the state uniform standards of infrastructure, amenities and human resources.

**236. AGRIDEX is an agricultural futures Index launched by -**

- (A) National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange
- (B) Multi Commodity Exchange
- (C) National Spot Exchange
- (D) National Stock Exchange

❖ It is an agricultural futures Index launched by **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX).**

❖ It comprises 10 liquid commodities traded on NCDEX.

❖ The index represents various agricultural commodities of **both kharif and rabi seasons**, with price references throughout the year.

❖ The NCDEX is the country's leading agricultural commodity exchange, which offers services across the entire value-chain of agricultural commodities.



**237. Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on**

- (A) 15 June (B) 15 July  
(C) 5 June (D) 5 July

❖ Global Wind Day is a worldwide event that occurs annually on **15 June**. It is a day for discovering wind energy, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems, decarbonise our economies and boost jobs and growth.

**238. Joint Lunar Exploration Mission (LEM) was conceptualized as joint mission between-**

- (A) JAXA and ISRO  
(B) JAXA and NASA  
(C) NASA and ISRO  
(D) NASA and CNSA

❖ JOINT LUNAR EXPLORATION MISSION (LEM) was conceptualized as joint mission between **Japanese space agency JAXA and Indian Space agency ISRO** in 2017 which aims to put a lander and a rover on the Moon's surface.

Details about the mission	
Launch Year	After 2023
Launch Vehicle	H3 Rocket
Launch Mass	6 tonne+
Payload Mass	350 Kg+ (including rover)
Operating Period	More than 3 months
Landing Point	South Pole region of the Moon
Major Mission Equipments	Water Detector
	Science Instrument
	Environment Measuring Instrument
Source: JAXA	

**239. Naku La pass is located in-**

- (A) Sikkim  
(B) Himachal Pradesh  
(C) Arunachal Pradesh  
(D) Jammu and Kashmir

❖ Recently, Indian and Chinese troops engaged in a face-off at Naku La.  
❖ It is a pass located at an altitude of 19000 feet in the state of **Sikkim**. Other passes located in **Sikkim** are **Nathu La Pass and Jelep La Pass**.  
❖ Other passes between India and China: **Shipki La (HP), Lipulekh Pass (Uttarakhand)**.

**240. Lonar Lake is located in which state?**

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Gujarat  
(C) Maharashtra (D) Kerala

❖ Recently, a team of scientists collected its water samples to examine why **Lonar Lake's water has turned pink**.  
❖ It is the **world's largest basaltic impact crater**, formed when a meteorite hit Earth around 56,000 years ago.  
❖ It is a **saline lake** and is a notified national geo-heritage monument.  
❖ It is located in **Buldhana district, in Maharashtra**.

**241. Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) is recently in news in context of-**

- (A) National Highways Authority of India  
(B) Indian Oil Corporation  
(C) Power Grid Corporation of India  
(D) Indian Council for Cultural Relations

**ENSURING EFFICIENT HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Cabinet authorises NHA to set up Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)

- To enable NHA to monetise completed National Highways that has a toll collection record of 1 year
- Investment from individuals & institutional investors allowed in infrastructure projects
- InvIT expected to attract patient capital for around 30 years to the highways market
- InvIT expected to create specialized Operation & Management Concessionaires

**242. SATYABHAMA Portal is related to-**

- (A) Mining and minerals sector  
(B) Telecom Sector  
(C) Agriculture Sector  
(D) Food Processing Sector

❖ **SATYABHAMA (Science and Technology Yojana for Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Mining Advancement) Portal** aims to promote research and development in the mining and minerals sector.



- ❖ It allows online submission of project proposals, monitoring of projects and utilization of funds/grants.
- ❖ It is designed, developed and implemented by **National Informatics Centre**.
- ❖ Portal is integrated with **NGO Darpan Portal of NITI Aayog**.
- ❖ NGO-Darpan is a platform that provides space for interface between Voluntary Organizations (VOs)/NGOs and key Government Ministries / Departments / Government Bodies.

**243. Galwan Valley is located in-**

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Arunachal Pradesh
- (C) Himachal Pradesh
- (D) Ladakh**



**244. Who recently named as a chairman of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)?**

- (A) Urjit Patel
- (B) Raghuram Rajan
- (C) Bimal Jalan
- (D) Arvind Subramanian**

- ❖ Recently, Former RBI Governor **Urjit Patel** is named Chairman of NIPFP.
- ❖ It is **autonomous research institute under Ministry of Finance**, registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860, founded in 1976.
- ❖ Its mandate includes assisting Central, State and Local governments in formulating and reforming public policies by providing an analytical base.

**245. In the context of which of the following do you sometimes find the terms 'amber box, blue box and green box' in the news?**

- (A) WTO affairs
- (B) SAARC affairs
- (C) UNFCCC affairs
- (D) India-EU negotiations on FTA**

### FARM SUBSIDIES IN INDIA ARE FAR LOWER THAN IN RICH COUNTRIES

- Developed countries, including the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and EU, have been asking **India to cut support it offers to its farmers saying it is more than the de minimis entitlement** under the WTO's Agreement on Agriculture (AoA).
  - > De minimis is **minimal amounts of domestic support that are allowed even though they distort trade-** up to 5% of the value of production for developed countries, 10% for developing.
- However, according to Report by Centre for WTO Studies **per-farmer Amber box entitlement for India is a small fraction** of that of developed nations.
  - > US farmer gets support of \$7253 a year, a EU farmer gets \$1068 and an Indian Farmer gets just \$49.
  - > It is also indicated that **number of people engaged in agriculture is significantly higher** in most developing countries and majority of farmers are low-income or resource-poor.
- Under **AoA**, subsidies are classified into three boxes (see fig.).

<b>Green Box</b>	Subsidies that do not distort trade, or cause minimal disruption. No limit.
<b>Amber Box</b>	Broad range of subsidies. Limited to 5% of agricultural production (10% for developing countries)*
<b>Blue Box</b>	Broad range of subsidies allowed but must be designed to minimise trade distortion. No limit.

**246. AR Dave Committee is related with-**

- (A) to promote research and development in the mining and minerals sector
- (B) to make SEBI's enforcement mechanism more robust and efficient
- (C) Ensure transparency, reliability and security of financial systems of states
- (D) for making energy systems cleaner**

- ❖ AR Dave Committee made recommendations to make **Securities and Exchange Board of India enforcement mechanism more robust and efficient**.
- ❖ It identified four main areas:
  - > Reduce timeline for passing final orders
  - > Quantifying alleged gains while levying penalties
  - > Interplay between SEBI norms and provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
  - > Improving recovery processes

**247. Pashupatinath Temple is one of the UNESCO Cultural Heritage Sites. It is located in which country?**

- (A) India
- (B) Nepal
- (C) Bangladesh
- (D) Pakistan**



- ❖ Pashupatinath Temple is located in **Kathmandu, Nepal**
- ❖ Recently, India Nepal signed MoU for to improve the infrastructure in temple complex.
- ❖ Project is part of **Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership** as a high impact community development scheme by India.
- ❖ It is a **Hindu Temple** and is the **largest temple complex in Nepal**. It stretches on both sides of the **Bagmati River**.
- ❖ It is one of the UNESCO Cultural Heritage Sites.

**248. Which one among the following countries is not a member of Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG)?**

- (A) India (B) Russia  
(C) China (D) Pakistan
- ❖ Recently, virtual meeting of Eurasian Group on Combating Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (EAG) was held.
  - ❖ EAG is a regional body comprising nine countries: **India, Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus.**
  - ❖ It is an associate member of Financial Action Task Force, an inter-governmental body to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.

**249. Which one among the following may not be an impact/outcome of La Nina?**

- (A) Heavy floods in Australia  
(B) cooling of water in the Eastern Pacific Ocean  
(C) increased Monsoon rain fall in India  
(D) **weakening of the trade winds**
- ❖ US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said sea-surface temperatures (SST) over East-Central Pacific may have cooled to the lowest level since 2017-18. This will lead to La Nina phase.
  - ❖ La Niña, “anti-El Niño” or simply “a cold event” **is the cooling of water in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.**
  - ❖ The following happens in La-Nina:

- The water in Eastern Pacific, which is otherwise cool; gets colder than normal. There is no reversal of the trade winds but it causes strong high pressure over the eastern equatorial Pacific.



- On the other hand, low pressure is caused over Western Pacific and Off Asia.



- This has so far caused the following major effects: Drought in Ecuador and Peru. Low temperature, High Pressure in Eastern Pacific.



- Heavy floods in Australia; High Temperature in Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, Off coast Somalia and good rains in India. Drought in East Africa.

#### **El Nino**

- ❖ This is a name given to the periodic development of a **warm ocean current along the coast of Peru** as a temporary replacement of the cold Peruvian current.
- ❖ ‘El Nino’ is a **Spanish word meaning ‘the child’**, and refers to the baby Christ, as this current starts flowing during Christmas.
- ❖ The presence of the **El Nino leads to an increase in sea-surface temperatures and weakening of the trade winds in the region.**

**250. Vadavan port is recently in news. It is located in which state?**

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka
- ❖ Recently, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has given green light to Vadhavan port. **It is located in Maharashtra**
  - ❖ Vadhavan will be set up as a corporate port under the Companies Act.
  - ❖ It would be developed as a landlord port, with the port company building the basic port infrastructure, while berths, terminals and associated facilities will be constructed by private firms in the public-private-partnership (PPP) mode.



- 251. Sukhna Lake is located in**  
 (A) Amritsar (B) Chandigarh  
 (C) Shimla (D) Mount Abu

**HELP CALL TO PUNJAB, HARYANA**

The Chandigarh Wetlands Authority in its meeting on Tuesday decided that since part of the catchment areas of Sukhna Lake fall within the administrative boundary of Punjab and Haryana, a request will be made to the two state governments to take measures to regulate activities that are prohibited, essential to maintain proper health of Sukhna wetland



**WHAT ARE WETLANDS**

Transitional land between terrestrial and aquatic eco-systems where water table is usually at or near surface, land covered by shallow water

**IMPORTANCE**

Supports rich biodiversity and provides wide range of ecosystem services such as water storage, water purification, flood mitigation, erosion control, aquifer recharge

**THREATS TO WETLANDS**

Reclamation and degradation due to activities like drainage and landfill, pollution, hydrological alteration, over-exploitation

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**PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

- > Encroachments, constructions of permanent nature
- > Setting up and expansion of industries, Waste dumping
- > Discharge of untreated waste and effluents from industries, cities, towns, and villages

- 252. World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed on-**  
 (A) 8 July (B) 19 June  
 (C) 26 May (D) 8 August

- ❖ **June 19th** was officially designated as World Sickle Cell Awareness Day. The international awareness day is observed annually with the goal to increase public knowledge and an understanding of sickle cell disease.

**Sickle cell disease**

- ❖ Sickle cell disease (SCD) which is the most prevalent **inherited blood disorder**, is widespread amongst many tribal population groups in India, posing a considerable health burden in several states.

- 253. X is a process that uses microorganisms or their enzymes to treat polluted sites for regaining their original condition. X mentioned here indicate to-**  
 (A) Biomagnification  
 (B) Bioaccumulation  
 (C) Bioremediation  
 (D) Eutrophication

- ❖ **Bioremediation** of sludge is being done in Baghjan natural gas well that recently caught fire in Assam.
- ❖ Bioremediation is a process that **uses microorganisms or their enzymes** to treat polluted sites for regaining their original condition.
- ❖ It uses naturally occurring bacteria and fungi or plants to degrade or detoxify substances hazardous to human health and/or environment.

**254. Sickle cell disease (SCD) affect the-**

- (A) Blood Clotting
  - (B) shape of the RBC
  - (C) metabolism
  - (D) shape of the WBC
- a webinar 'National Sickle Cell Conclave' to mark the World Sickle Cell Day, organized by FICCI, jointly with Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Apollo Hospitals and Novartis. During the webinar The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) – Novartis report 'Stepping out of the shadows – Combating Sickle Cell Disease in India' was also released.

**Sickle-cell anaemia**

- ❖ This is an autosomal linked recessive trait that can be transmitted from parents to the offspring when both the partners are carrier for the gene (or heterozygous).
- ❖ The mutant haemoglobin molecule undergoes polymerisation under low oxygen tension causing **the change in the shape of the RBC from biconcave disc to elongated sickle like structure.**

**255. The term "Maitri and Bharati" sometimes visible in newspapers, are related to-**

- (A) Name of India's research base in Arctic region
- (B) Name of India's research base in Antarctic region
- (C) Name of special trains started by Indian Railway for Migrants
- (D) Name of Military exercise of India with Nepal



- ❖ National Centre of Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) study revealed that Arctic Sea ice saw largest decline in 41 years in July 2019. This study is important as Arctic Sea ice is a sensitive indicator of climate change.
- ❖ **NCPOR**, established as an autonomous R&D Institution of Ministry of Earth Sciences, is responsible for research activities in Polar and Southern Ocean realms.
- ❖ It is also mandated for Management and upkeep of **Indian Antarctic Research Bases Maitri and Bharati, and Indian Arctic base Himadri.**

**256. Small Industries Development Bank of India is founded on-**

- (A) 12 April 1996 (B) 22 April 1992  
(C) 2 April 1990 (D) 2 April 1980

- ❖ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in order to engage **SIDBI as the Implementation Agency for PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi)** - a Special Micro-Credit Facility for Street Vendors.
- ❖ **SIDBI**
  - Headquarters location: Lucknow
  - Founded: 2 April 1990

**PM SVANidhi**

- ❖ PM SVANidhi was launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, on June 01, 2020 for providing affordable **Working Capital loan to street vendors** to resume their livelihoods that have been adversely affected due to Covid-19 lockdown. This scheme targets to benefit over 50 lakh Street Vendors.
- ❖ Under the Scheme, the vendors can avail a **working capital loan of up to Rs. 10,000, which is repayable in monthly instalments in the tenure of one year.** On timely/ early repayment of the loan, an interest subsidy @ **7% per annum** will be credited to the bank accounts of beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer on quarterly basis. There will be no penalty on early repayment of loan.

**257. The term "Demilitarised zone (DMZ)" sometimes visible in context of affairs of-**

- (A) Korean peninsula  
(B) Kashmir issue  
(C) Myanmar's Rohingya Issue  
(D) Syria issue

- ❖ Recently, North Korea threatened to send troops to Demilitarised zone (DMZ).
- ❖ **DMZ is a region on the Korean peninsula that demarcates North Korea from South Korea.**
- ❖ DMZ is a 2 km-wide buffer, stretching coast to coast across the peninsula.
- ❖ It roughly follows latitude **38° N (the 38th parallel)**, the original demarcation line between North Korea and South Korea at the end of World War II.
- ❖ DMZ was established as part of ceasefire negotiated between UN and communist forces.

**258. Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji was related to which sect?**

- (A) Svetambara (B) Digambar  
(C) Hinayana (D) Theravada

- ❖ The Prime Minister paid tribute to Acharya Shri Mahapragyaji on the occasion of the seer's birth centenary.

**About Shri Mahapragyaji**

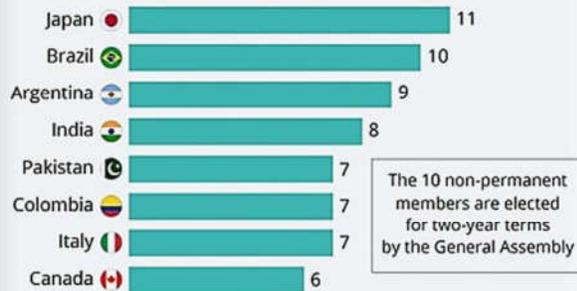
- Acharya Shri Mahapragya (14 June 1920 – 9 May 2010) was the **tenth head of the Svetambar Terapanth order of Jainism.**
- Mahapragya was a saint, yogi, spiritual leader, philosopher, author, orator, and poet.
- He began his life of religious reflection and development as a Jain monk at the age of ten.
- Mahapragya played a major role in **Anuvrat movement** launched by his Guru Acharya Tulsi in 1949, and became the acknowledged leader of the movement in 1995.
- Acharya Mahapragya formulated the well organized **Preksha meditation system** in the 1970s, and developed the "**Science of Living**" education system which is a **practical approach** for the balanced development of a student and his character building.
- Acharya Shri has written over 300 books in Sanskrit, Hindi, Gujarati, English on these subjects like spirituality, philosophy, psychology and economics.
- "**The Family and The Nation**" which was written by Mahapragya Ji along with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Ji.

**259. What is the ratio of permanent members and non-permanent members in UN Security Council (UNSC)?**

- (A) 1:2  
(B) 3:4  
(C) 5:7  
(D) 2:3

## The Most Frequently Elected UN Security Council Members

Non-permanent UN Security Council members with the most terms since 1946\*



\* Including members already elected to serve their two-year terms in 2021.

The 10 non-permanent members are elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly

### 260. Atal Innovation Mission is the flagship initiative of-

- (A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (B) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (C) NITI Aayog
- (D) National Development Council

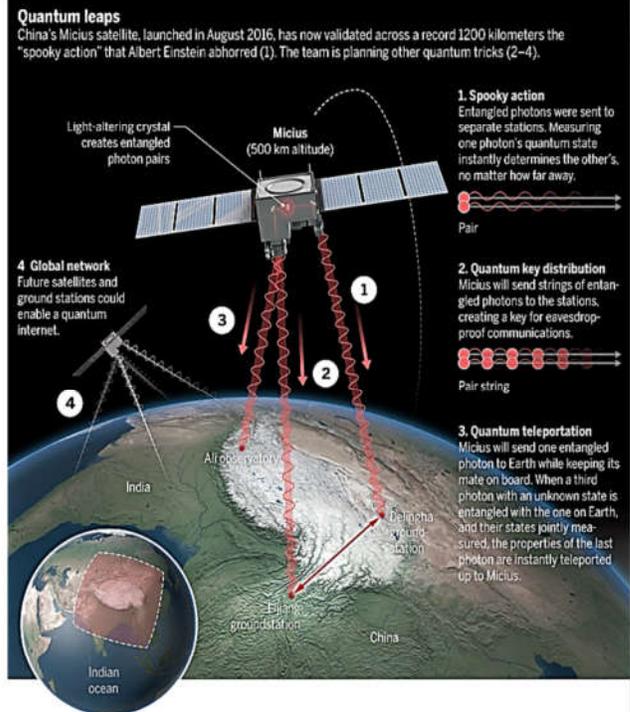
- ❖ Coal India Limited (CIL) has agreed to partner with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), **NITI Aayog** to support proactively the flagship mission's innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives across the country.
- ❖ AIM has various innovation programs and entrepreneurial ecosystem building initiatives such as **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL)** at a school level, Atal Incubation Centres (AIC) at institutional levels, Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACIC) for Tier-2, Tier3 cities and rural India, Atal New India Challenges (ANIC) at industry level and Applied Research and Innovation (ARISE) for stimulating innovations in the MSME industry.

#### Atal Innovation Mission

- ❖ The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is a flagship initiative set up by the NITI Aayog to promote innovation and entrepreneurship across the length and breadth of the country, based on a detailed study and deliberations on innovation and entrepreneurial needs of India in the years ahead.

### 261. Micius is world's first quantum-enabled satellite. It launched by

- (A) USA
- (B) China
- (C) France
- (D) Japan



### 262. Which Place in India is often referred as World capital of Yoga?

- (A) Rishikesh
- (B) Dehradun
- (C) Nainital
- (D) Shimla

- ❖ The 33rd session of the Dekho Apna Desh webinar series of Ministry of Tourism on 19th June 2020 titled Yoga and Wellness- "An offering for challenging times" focused on the basics of yoga .
- ❖ Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series is an effort to showcase India's rich diversity under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.
- ❖ **Rishikesh is often referred as World capital of Yoga.**

### 263. Kodumanal Excavation site in Tamil Nadu is related to-

- (A) Megalithic culture
- (B) Harappan Civilization
- (C) Buddhism
- (D) Chola Empire

- ❖ Recent Kodumanal Excavation in Tamil Nadu throws light on **burial rituals and the concept of afterlife in megalithic culture.**
- ❖ It is revealed that this site served as a trade-cum-industrial centre from **5th century BCE to 1st century BCE.**



- ❖ Megalith is a great structure built on large-size stone. They served the funerary or cult purpose.
- ❖ This type of structures was found mainly in Neolithic age.
- ❖ This practice was prevalent throughout the Deccan, south India, in the north-east and Kashmir.

**264. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will attend 75th Victory Day Parade of World War II on 24 June, 2020. It will be held in-**

- (A) Japan (B) Russia  
(C) USA (D) Germany

- ❖ Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will pay a visit to **Moscow** to attend the Victory Parade on June 24, 2020 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the victory in the Second World War. The Parade is organised to honour the heroism and sacrifices made by the Russian and other friendly people.
- ❖ Separately, a Tri-Service 75- Member Indian Military Contingent has already reached Moscow to participate in the Victory Parade along with Russian contingent and other invited contingents.

**265. To become a member of Rajya Sabha, a person must attain the age of-**

- (A) 21 Years (B) 25 Years  
(C) 30 Years (D) 18 Years

### RAJYA SABHA (RS) ELECTIONS TO 19 SEATS ACROSS 8 STATES CONCLUDED

- RS is a permanent body (not subject to dissolution), and **one-third of its members retire every second year.**
  - > Their seats are filled up by **fresh elections and presidential nominations** at the beginning of every third year
  - > Members of RS are **elected by the elected members of state legislative assemblies.**
    - It is held in **accordance with the system of proportional representation** by means of the single transferable vote.
- Seats are allotted to **states and UTs in RS on the basis of population** as mentioned in **Fourth Schedule of Constitution.**
  - > **Article 80 lays down maximum strength of RS as 250**, out of which 12 members are nominated by President and 238 are representatives of States and UTs.
  - > Term of office: **6 years.**
  - > A member elected in a by-election remains member for the remainder of the term of the member who had resigned or died or disqualified.
- **Article 84 lays down the qualifications**
  - > Person must be a citizen of India
  - > not less than 30 years of age
  - > must possess such other qualifications as may be prescribed under any law made by Parliament.

**266. Namaste Yoga campaign is related to**

- (A) Ministry of Culture  
(B) Ministry of Human Resource Development  
(C) Ministry of AYUSH  
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

- ❖ Ministry of Culture Celebrated International Yoga Day 2020 by organising a **campaign Namaste Yoga** from 19th to 21st June, 2020 to achieve the goal of making yoga an indispensable part of everyone's life.

**267. International Yoga Day is observed on-**

- (A) June 5 (B) June 21  
(C) July 21 (D) July 5

- ❖ Coinciding with the summer solstice, **June 21** is observed as International Yoga Day, recognising the many benefits of the ancient Indian practice of yoga. **The year 2020 marks the 6th International Yoga Day.**
- ❖ The UN proclaimed June 21 as International Day of Yoga by passing a resolution on December 11, 2014, during the 69th session of the General Assembly.
- ❖ The United Nations theme for this year is **“Yoga for Health – Yoga at Home”**, which takes into account the social distancing measures announced by most countries.

**268. Recently the Government of India has decided to launch a rural public works scheme ‘Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan’ through video-conferencing from which state?**

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Bihar  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Manipur

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a massive employment -cum-rural public works Campaign named **‘Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan’** to empower and provide livelihood opportunities in areas/ villages witnessing large number of returnee migrant workers affected by the devastating COVID-19.
- ❖ The Abhiyaan was flagged off from **village Telihar, Block Beldaur, district Khagaria, Bihar** on June 20 (Saturday) through Video-Conference attended by the CMs and Representatives of the 6 Participating States, Various Union Ministers and others.



269. The terms such as “Yama, Niyama, Asana” are associated with which school of Indian Philosophy?

- (A) Nyaya (B) Vaisheshika  
(C) Yoga (D) Vedanta

- ❖ The word ‘yoga’ is derived from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolising the union of a person’s body and consciousness.
- ❖ In its ‘Common Yoga Protocol’ from 2019, the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) lists Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama, Pratyahara, Dharana, Dhyana, Samadhi, Bandhas and Mudras, Satkarmas, Yuktahara, Mantra-japa, Yukta-karma among popular yoga ‘sadhanas’.
- ❖ The AYUSH protocol describes the folding-hands logo of Yoga Day as reflecting “the union of individual consciousness with that of universal consciousness, a perfect harmony between mind and body, man and nature, the holistic approach to health and well-being. The brown leaves in the logo symbolize the earth element, the green leaves of nature, blue the fire element while the sun symbolises the source of energy and inspiration.

270. Gravitational waves were first predicted by-

- (A) Albert Einstein  
(B) Sir Isaac Newton  
(C) Stephen Hawking  
(D) Max Planck

- ❖ Dr. Sumanta Chakraborty has provided new ways to look into the thermodynamic properties of black holes. Some of his research works in the area of the gravitational wave will be of significant importance, given the upcoming LIGO-India observatory and world-wide interest in understanding fundamental physics using gravitational waves.

#### What are Gravitational waves

- ❖ Gravitational waves are distortions or ‘ripples’ in the fabric of space-time caused by some of the most violent and energetic processes in the Universe.
- ❖ They transport energy as gravitational radiation and pass through matter without interacting with it.
- ❖ **Gravitational waves were first predicted in 1916 by Albert Einstein on the basis of his Theory of General Relativity.**
- ❖ Strongest sources of gravitational waves are among enigmatic objects in our universe like black holes, supernova, neutron stars and Big Bang

271. Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana is launched by-

- (A) Khadi and Village Industries Commission  
(B) NABARD  
(C) Centre for Cultural Resources and Training  
(D) Archaeological Survey of India

- ❖ The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** (KVIC) distributed 80 electric potter wheels to 80 potter families in Pokhran which has a rich heritage in terracotta products.
- ❖ The KVIC has launched **Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana** in several remote areas in states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, J&K, Haryana, West Bengal, Assam, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Telangana and Bihar.
- ❖ Under the scheme, the KVIC also **provides equipment**. The machines have eliminated drudgery from the process of pottery making and resulted in higher income of **potters by 7 to 8 times**.



272. **Extreme helium star (EHe), recently in news, is**

- (A) A new rocket propellant fuel
- (B) a low-mass supergiant that is almost devoid of hydrogen
- (C) conjectured type of star formed from the collision of the giant with the neutron star.
- (D) A black hole star

❖ An **extreme helium star or EHe is a low-mass supergiant that is almost devoid of hydrogen**, the most common chemical element of the universe. **There are 21 of them detected so far in our galaxy.** The origin and evolution of these Hydrogen deficient objects have been shrouded in mystery.

❖ A study by **the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) an autonomous institute of Department of Science and Technology** which detected the **presence of singly ionised fluorine for the first time in the atmospheres of hot Extreme Helium Stars** makes a strong case that the main formation of these objects involves a merger of a carbon-oxygen (CO) and a Helium (He) white dwarf.

❖ It firmly places **hot EHe in an evolutionary sequence with cool EHe** and other hydrogen-deficient stars and zeros in on the evolutionary scenario, which involves the merger of two double degenerate white dwarfs (WDs).

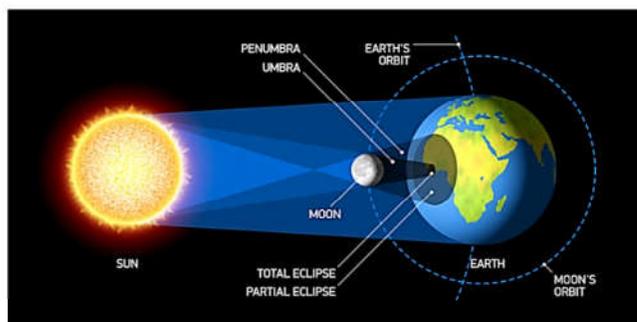
273. **Solar eclipse can be witnessed in which one among the following situations?**

- (A) When Moon comes between the Sun and Earth
- (B) When Sun comes between the Moon and Earth
- (C) When Earth comes between the Sun and Moon
- (D) None of the above

❖ *When the Sun, the Moon, and the Earth are aligned in a straight line or an almost straight configuration, such that the **Moon comes between the Sun***

**and Earth blocking the rays of Sun from directly reaching the Earth**, we witness a solar eclipse.

❖ Based on the alignment, there are three kinds of solar eclipses — **total, partial, and annular** — along with the addition of a rare hybrid of an annular and a total solar eclipse.



274. **eBlood Services Mobile App is an initiative of-**

- (A) ICMR
- (B) AIIMS-Delhi
- (C) Indian Red Cross Society
- (D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

❖ Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan recently launched the eBlood Services Mobile Application. **It is an initiative of the Indian Red Cross Society dedicated to the fight against COVID-19.**

❖ People in need can get registered on this app and know from where they will get blood. people can demand up to four units of blood.

#### **Indian Red Cross Society**

❖ The Indian Red Cross Society is a voluntary humanitarian organization to protect human life and health based in India. It is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and so shares the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

❖ **Founded:** 1920

❖ **Headquarters:** New Delhi

❖ **Founder:** Claude Hill



275. **India TB Report 2020 is recently released by-**

- (A) WHO
- (B) Indian Council of Medical Research
- (C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (D) Ministry of AYUSH

❖ **Nagaland and Tripura** have been awarded for being the best performing small states under the National TB elimination programme in the year 2019. This is according to the **India TB Report 2020 of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released by Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.**

❖ In the categories of larger states with more than 50 lakh population, **Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh** were awarded for being best performing States. In the category of Union Territory, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu were the best performers.



276. **Anchal Gangwal is recently in news in context of-**

- (A) India's first female fighter pilot
- (B) first woman pilot of the Indian Air Force
- (C) world's youngest woman commander to fly a Boeing 777
- (D) Recently Became Indian Air Force Pilot

❖ Anchal Gangwal **joined the Indian Air Force as a flying officer.** Her father Suresh Gangwal is a tea seller in Neemuch district of the state.

❖ She also topped the IAF academy and bagged the President's Plaque.

277. **Free Digital Learning Platform 'Skills Build Reignite' is recently launched by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in partnership with-**

- (A) IBM
- (B) Microsoft
- (C) Intel
- (D) Apple

❖ **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in partnership with IBM has unveiled Free Digital Learning Platform 'Skills Build Reignite'** to reach more job seekers and provide new resources to business owners in India.

❖ Directorate General of Training, DGT, under the aegis of MSDE has also announced a 10-week duration Skills Build Innovation Camp for students, providing hands on project experience, enhanced learning and increased employability.

278. **Which one among the following is not part of Dekho Apna Desh webinar series?**

- (A) Vedic Food and Spices of India
- (B) Ladakh – Explore the Unexplored
- (C) Awadh Ki Sair
- (D) Buddhist chanting and peace

❖ To showcase the benefits about our country's ancient form of health science, Tourism Ministry conducted a webinar on 'Vedic Food and Spices of India' under Dekho Apna Desh webinar series. The webinar focused on the importance of Vedic food and spices of India which remain unexplained to the world and never bridged to modern world cuisines.

❖ **Buddhist chanting and peace is not part of Dekho Apna Desh webinar series til now.**

279. **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has recently approved setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth**

- (A) Rs. 15000 crore
- (B) Rs. 25000 crore
- (C) Rs. 10000 crore
- (D) Rs. 35000 crore



- ❖ the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved setting up of **Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs. 15000 crore.**
- ❖ AHIDF would facilitate much needed incentivisation of investments in establishment of such **infrastructure for dairy and meat processing** and value addition infrastructure and establishment of animal feed plant in the private sector.
- ❖ Government of India will provide **3% interest subvention to eligible beneficiaries.** There will be **2 years moratorium period** for principal loan amount and 6 years repayment period thereafter.

**280. Decarbonizing Transport in Emerging Economies project is recently in news in context of-**

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (D) National Disaster Management Authority

❖ **NITI Aayog and the International Transport Forum of OECD jointly launched the Decarbonizing Transport in Emerging Economies project, in India**

- ❖ The launch was held via a webinar and was inaugurated by ITF Secretary General Young Tae Kim and NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.
- ❖ The ambitious **five-year project** will help India develop a pathway towards a low-carbon transport system through the development of modelling tools and policy scenarios.
- ❖ The DTEE project would help India translate its climate ambitions into actions.

**281. Devika Bridge and 'Puneja Bridge' are recently e-inaugurated in state/UT?**

- (A) Jammu and Kashmir
- (B) Sikkim
- (C) Punjab
- (D) Chandigarh

❖ Dr Jitendra Singh e-inaugurated Devika Bridge in **Udhampur on River Devika and 'Puneja Bridge' on strategically important under construction Baderwah-Basholi-Pathankot National Highway in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir Union territory.**

❖ The Bridge on River Devika in Udhampur has been completed by Border Roads Organisation within fifteen months time while Puneja Bridge was constructed by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in 36 months.

❖ **Doda is the only district in the country where not one but three big tunnels are being built.**

**282. Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Yojana is focused on-**

- (A) generating employment for migrant workers
- (B) generating employment for students
- (C) generating employment for Skilled persons
- (D) generating employment for women

❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the unique and path-breaking initiative scheme of Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Yojana. The campaign is **focused on generating employment for those migrant workers of the state who recently returned from other states.** Around one crore 25 lakh people were provided employment in the state under different schemes.

❖ It was launched in 31 districts of the state, that have more than 25,000 returnee migrant workers.

**283. Bandar Abbas port is located in which country?**

- (A) Iraq
- (B) Saudi Arabia
- (C) Iran
- (D) Indonesia

❖ INS Jalashwa departed from Iranian port of Bandar Abbas after the embarkment of 687 Indian citizens. The ship was deployed to bring back stranded citizens from **Iran under the operation Samudra Setu.**



- ❖ Indian Navy has launched Operation Samudra Setu as a part of a national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas.
  - ❖ Located on the **Strait of Hormuz, the Port of Bandar Abbas is southern Iran's main maritime outlet.** It lies on the shores of Hormuz Bay across from Qeshm, Larak, and Hormuz islands.
- 284. Which one among the following formed the border between North and South Korea prior to the Korean War?**
- (A) 38th parallel north
  - (B) Equator
  - (C) 23rd parallel north
  - (D) Tropic of Cancer
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has greeted President and People of Republic of Korea on the 70th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Korean War.
  - ❖ The Korean War was a war between North Korea and South Korea. The war began on **25 June 1950** when North Korea invaded South Korea. At the end of World War II, the Soviet Union and the United States liberated Korea from imperial Japanese colonial control on 15 August 1945.
  - ❖ **The 38th parallel north formed the border between North and South Korea prior to the Korean War.**
- 285. The world's first yoga university outside India has been launched in-**
- (A) London                      (B) Tokyo
  - (C) Paris                         (D) Los Angeles
- ❖ As part of the 6th International Yoga Day commemorations, the world's first yoga university outside **India has been launched in Los Angeles**, offering programmes that combine scientific principles and modern research approaches to the ancient Indian practice of yoga.
  - ❖ It is named as **Vivekananda Yoga University (VaYU).**
  - ❖ Eminent Indian yoga guru **Dr. H R Nagendra**, Chancellor of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (SVYASA) is the **first Chairman of VaYU.**

**286. Who was the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh?**

- (A) Mauli Chandra Sharma
- (B) Prem Nath Dogra
- (C) Acharya Debaprasad Ghosh
- (D) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

- ❖ Vice President, Prime Minister and Home Minister today paid tributes to eminent educationist and **founder of Bhartiya Jan Sangh Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** (6 July 1901 – 23 June 1953) on his death anniversary. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee is an example of great leadership and political milestone. He was born on July 6, 1901.

- ❖ **He was the independent India's first Minister of Industry and Supply and founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh.**

- ❖ At the age of 33, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee **became the youngest vice-chancellor of Calcutta University in 1934.**

- ❖ Shyama Prasad Mukherjee died after 40 days of being arrested by the **Jammu and Kashmir State** police for entering the state without permit. He passed away in jail under mysterious circumstances.

- ❖ On 12 January 2020, the **Kolkata Port Trust was renamed as Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port**

**287. UKTI 2.0 is logical extension of earlier version of YUKTI. YUKTI stands for-**

- (A) Young India combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation
- (B) Youth of India combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation
- (C) Young India combating COVID with Knowledge, Teaching and Innovation
- (D) Youth of India combating COVID with Knowledge, Teaching and Innovation

- ❖ Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, launched the second phase of **YUKTI (Young India combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation)** to help systematically

assimilate technologies having commercial potential and information related to incubated startups in country's higher education institutions.

- ❖ YUKTI 2.0 is logical extension of earlier version of YUKTI, as **an initiative of HRD Ministry to identify ideas relevant in COVID pandemic.**
- ❖ HRD Minister had earlier launched the YUKTI web portal on 11 April, 2020. Ministry of HRD prepared the portal in view of Coronavirus which intends to cover different dimensions of COVID-19 challenges.

**288. 'Coronil' is recently in news in context of-**

- (A) First COVID-19 medicine approved by ICMR
  - (B) First COVID-19 medicine approved by WHO
  - (C) Patanjali Ayurved recently launched its medicine for COVID-19
  - (D) COVID-19 medicine recently approved by AYUSH Ministry
- ❖ **Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved recently launched its medicine for COVID-19 named Coronil at Haridwar in Uttarakhand.**
  - ❖ The AYUSH Ministry has asked it to provide details of hospitals where the research study was conducted for COVID-19, protocol, sample size, Institutional Ethics Committee clearance, CTRI registration and results data of the study.

**289. Food Processing Edition of the Exclusive Investment Forum is recently launched by Harsimrat Kaur Badal. It is designed by-**

- (A) Invest India
  - (B) Nestle India
  - (C) GST Facilitation Cell
  - (D) NIFTEM
- ❖ Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal recently launched Food Processing Edition of the Exclusive Investment Forum.
  - ❖ **Invest India** has designed this forum of unique sectoral series to conduct detailed conversations between global industry leaders and key decision makers from the highest levels of the Central and State Governments.

**290. Which one among the following literary work is not associated with Kalidasa?**

- (A) Malavikagnimitram
- (B) Kumarasambhavam
- (C) Ritusamhara
- (D) Kiratarjuniya

- ❖ Recently PM Modi remembered Kalidasa on his birth anniversary. **Kalidasa is called as India's Shakespeare.**
- ❖ Kalidasa was a Classical Sanskrit writer, widely regarded as the greatest poet and dramatist in the Sanskrit language of India.
- ❖ Kalidasa wrote three plays:
  - **Malavikagnimitram** tells the story of King Agnimitra, who falls in love with the picture of an exiled servant girl named Malavika.
  - **Abhijnanasakuntalam** tells the story of King Dushyanta and Shakuntala. It was among the first Sanskrit works to be translated into English.
  - **Vikramorvasiyam** tells the story of mortal King Pururavas and celestial nymph Urvashi who falls in love.
- ❖ Kalidasa is the author of two epic poems:
  - **Raghuvamsa** is an epic poem about the kings of Raghu dynasty.
  - **Kumarasambhava** describes the birth and adolescence of the goddess Parvati, and her marriage with Lord Shiva.
- ❖ Kalidasa also wrote two khandakavyas (minor poems):
  - **Ritusamhara** describes the six seasons by narrating the experiences of two lovers in each of the seasons.
  - **Meghaduta** describes the story of a Yaksha trying to send a message to his lover through a cloud.

**Kiratarjuniya**

- ❖ **Kiratarjuniya** is a Sanskrit kavya by Bharavi, written in the 6th century or earlier. It is an epic poem in eighteen cantos describing the combat between Arjuna and lord Shiva at Indrakeeladri hills.



**291. India's largest and first Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene EXPO 2020 is recently inaugurated by-**

- (A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (B) Nitin Gadkari
- (C) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (D) Jitendra Singh

❖ Union State Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers **Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated one of India's largest and first Virtual Healthcare and Hygiene EXPO 2020.

❖ The unique exhibition which aims to give a boost to such health and hygiene endeavours has been organised by FICCI.

**292. 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will held in-**

- (A) Goa
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Kerala
- (D) Punjab

❖ Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the India Pavilion at the Cannes Film Market 2020 virtually.

❖ The Indian pavilion at Cannes Film Market has been jointly set up by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and FICCI.

❖ The Minister also launched the poster and information booklet for the **51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI), stated to held in Goa from the 20th of November this year.**

**293. India has strongly condemned the abduction of Nedan Singh by terrorists. Nedan Singh is a leader of the Hindu and Sikh Community of-**

- (A) Nepal
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Afghanistan
- (D) Bangladesh

❖ India has strongly condemned the abduction of Nedan Singh, a leader of the Hindu and Sikh Community of Afghanistan, by terrorists.

**294. Which one among the following statements is not correct in context of WHO Situation Report-153?**

- (A) India has one of the lowest COVID cases per lakh population in the world.
- (B) USA has more cases per lakh population than China
- (C) Germany has more cases per lakh population than Spain
- (D) India has more cases per lakh population than USA**

❖ India has one of the lowest COVID cases per lakh population in the world in spite of its high population density. The country's cases per lakh population are 30.04 while the global average is more than its triple at 114.67.

❖ **The US has 671.24 cases per lakh population while the metric for Germany is 583.88, Spain is 526.22 and Brazil is 489.42. This was revealed in the WHO Situation Report-153 dated 21st of June.**

**295. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on-**

- (A) June 26
- (B) July 26
- (C) June 21
- (D) July 21

❖ In 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to **observe 26th June** as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.

❖ The theme for this year's International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is "**Better Knowledge for Better Care**". The theme emphasizes the need to improve the understanding of the world drug problem and how in turn, better knowledge will foster greater international cooperation for countering its impact on health, governance and security.

❖ Around 269 million people used drugs worldwide in 2018, which is 30 per cent more than in 2009, while over 35 million people suffer from drug use disorders, according to the latest **World Drug Report.**



**296. Headquarters of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is located at-**

- (A) Paris (B) Madrid  
(C) Lisbon (D) Nairobi

- ❖ In a setback for Pakistan, the global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided to keep **Pakistan in the Grey List** for terror financing. The decision has been taken as Pakistan has failed to check flow of money to terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM).

**Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

- ❖ The Financial Action Task Force, is an intergovernmental organization **founded in 1989** on the initiative of the **G7** to develop policies to combat money laundering. In 2001, its mandate was expanded to include terrorism financing.
- ❖ The FATF currently has **39 members** including two regional organizations -- the European Commission and Gulf Cooperation Council.
- ❖ **Headquarters:** Paris, France
- ❖ **President:** Xiangmin Liu

**297. "Dexamethasone" is in news. What is it?**

- (A) A cheap steroid  
(B) A key component of Hand sanitizers  
(C) A new Covid-19 drug developed by Patanjali  
(D) A name of Black Hole

- ❖ World Health Organization Chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has called for a rapid increase in production of **Dexamethasone, a cheap steroid which has been shown to reduce deaths in critically ill Coronavirus patients.**
- ❖ Some 2,000 patients were given the drug by researchers led by a team from Oxford University and it reduced deaths by 35 per cent among the most sickly, according to findings.

**298. Golden Globe Awards are related to -**

- (A) Cinema  
(B) Sports  
(C) Journalism  
(D) Environmental Protection

- ❖ The annual Golden Globe Awards ceremony for film and television has been postponed to February next year.
- ❖ The Golden Globes ceremony, which kicks off Hollywood's awards season, will now take place on 28th of February instead of its usual slot on the first Sunday in January.
- ❖ The **Golden Globe Awards are accolades bestowed by the 93 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association beginning in January 1944**, recognizing excellence in film, both **American and International**, and **American television.**

**299. Adarsh police station scheme is related to which state?**

- (A) Chhattisgarh (B) Bihar  
(C) Odisha (D) Kerala

- ❖ **Chhattisgarh** government will launch Adarsh police station scheme from July 1. Certain parameters have been fixed and those police stations meet the set criteria will be rewarded.

**300. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan recently inaugurated Battery Swapping Facility, Quick Interchange Service (QIS) at -**

- (A) New Delhi (B) Chandigarh  
(C) Jaipur (D) Dehradun

- ❖ Punjab Governor and Administrator of Chandigarh V P Singh Badnore alongwith Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated Battery Swapping Facility, Quick Interchange Service (QIS) at **Chandigarh** in a function organised online.
- ❖ **Battery swapping technology**
  - Battery swapping technology offers the best alternative to slow charging and helps the drivers to make optimum use of the operational hours. The battery swapping model is initially targeted at the commercial segment-electric autos, rickshaws and the electric vehicle which is either factory fitted or retrofitted.

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