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May 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Labour Day or International Workers' Day has been observed each year on the first day of May since 1890. In which year, it was first observed in India?

- (a) 1913
- (b) 1923
- (c) 1933
- (d) 1943
- (e) 1953

Answer: B

Labour Day or International Workers' Day is observed each year on the first day of May to celebrate the achievements of the working class. However, the USA and Canada celebrate Labour Day on the first Monday of September, every year.

The day, also called May Day, is also observed as a public holiday in many countries.

May Day was first celebrated on 1st May, 1890, after it was declared by the first International Congress of Socialist Parties in Europe in July 1889.

In India the first Labour's Day was celebrated in 1923 in Chennai. This day was observed by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan.

The day is also known as Kamgar Divas, Kamgar Din and Antarrashtriya Shramik Divas in India.

2. Mark Selby won the World Snooker Champion fourth time after defeating _____ at Crucible theatre, Sheffield, England.

- (a) Judd Trump
- (b) Joe Davis
- (c) Shaun Murphy
- (d) Tom Dennis
- (e) Fred Lawrence

Answer: C

Mark Selby is the 2021 world snooker champion after beating Shaun Murphy 18-15 in an entertaining final at the Crucible Theatre.

The Tournament took place from 17 April to 3rd May 2021 at Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, England.

Mark Selby has won the Championship for the fourth time.

Prior to this Selby won the championship title in 2014, 2016, 2017.

In addition to the top prize of half a million pounds and the coveted trophy, Selby also rises back to world number next only to Judd Trump, who is at the top of the world rankings list.

3. How much amount has been imposed as monetary penalty by the RBI on ICICI bank for non-compliance in the matter of shifting of securities from one category to other?

- (a) 1 crore
- (b) 2 crore

(c) 3 crore

(d) 4 crore

(e) 5 crore

Answer: C

A penalty of Rs 3 crore has been imposed on ICICI Bank Ltd for contravention of certain directions, the Reserve Bank of India.

The fine has been imposed for contravention of directions in the Master Circular on 'Prudential Norms for Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio by Banks' dated July 1, 2015.

ICICI bank had transferred two separate categories of securities on two different dates from HTM to AFS in April and May of 2017.

However, the RBI has held that the shifting of securities the second time in May 2017 without explicit permission was in contravention of RBI directions,

A notice was issued to ICICI Bank advising it to show-cause as to why penalty should not be imposed on it for failure to comply with the directions issued by the RBI.

4. The Fintech firm 'Happy' has launched ' Lockdown Loan' with easy capital access to 25000 & 50000 with bullet repayment after a period of _____ months.

(a) 3 months

(b) 6 months

(c) 9 months

(d) 12 months

(e) 18 months

Answer: B

Mumbai based HAPPY, a machine learning-based MSME digital lender, has launched the 'lockdown loan'.

The company came up with the initiative to help the Covid -19 affected microenterprises with seamless liquidity access.

The global coronavirus outbreak has impacted about one-fourth of India's 69 million MSMEs at present.

The company claimed that it will empower borrowers with easy capital access to ₹25,000 and ₹50,000 with bullet repayment after 6 months.

5. Sikkim's CM recently launched the portal to gather public feedback and suggestions on Government schemes. Name The CM of Sikkim.

(a) Prem Singh

(b) Hemanta Biswa Sharma

(c) Biren Singh

(d) Neiphiu Rio

(e) Biplab Kumar Deb

Answer: A

Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh has launched the State

Portal www.sikkimgovtfeedback.org developed by Information & Public Relations Department at Gangtok in the presence of IPR minister L.N. Sharma.

The Portal has been created with an intention to

obtain feedback / suggestions /opinion from the public with regard to different Government schemes, functioning of the Government, general administration etc.

This mechanism is aimed at understanding the opinions/ views / perspectives of the public on different Government schemes and programmes.

6. International Day of midwife is observed annually on May 5. World's Midwifery Report was co-led by which among the following organizations?

- (a)ICMR
- (b)UNDP
- (c)WHO
- (d)UNICEF
- (e)All the above

Answer: C

International Day of the Midwife takes place annually on 5 May.

Every year since 1992, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) has lead a day of global recognition and celebration of the work of midwives.

This day is celebrated to recognise the work of midwives and raise awareness about the status of midwives for the essential care they provide to mothers and their newborns.

The theme for 2021 International Day of the Midwife is "Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives."

The event is observed by more than 50 nations and is coordinated by the ICM in partnership with its member organisations.

This year the International Day of the Midwife will coincide with the launch of the 2021 State of the World's Midwifery Report.

This report - co-led by UNFPA, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and ICM - provides an updated evidence base and detailed analysis on the impact that midwives have on maternal and newborn health outcomes, and the return on investment in midwives.

7.Aeronautical Scientist Manas Bihari Verma passed away recently. He was conferred with Padma Sri award in which year?

- (a)2015
- (b)2016
- (c)2017
- (d)2018
- (e)2019

Answer: D

Padma Shri decorated Aeronautical scientist Manas Bihari Verma died of heart attack at his native place in Darbhanga district on May 3.

He was 78.

He had played an important role in the development of Light Combat Aircraft - Tejas.

Verma had launched "Mobile Science Laboratory" (MSL) vans in 2010 in the rural areas of Bihar to impart knowledge in science to children.

Verma was a colleague of Kalam in the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Bengaluru.

The reputed scientist had retired as Director of ADA in 2005 and was conferred with Padma Shri award in March 2018.

8. The Andhra Pradesh state government will provide how much amount as working capital loans to MSMEs at lower interest rates?

- (a) 100 crore
- (b) 200 crore
- (c) 300 crore
- (d) 400 crore
- (e) 500 crore

Answer: B

The Andhra Pradesh government announced a slew of measures, including clearing 50 per cent of all pending industrial and waiving fixed electricity charges for three months to ensure that the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state reopen during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

The state government has also decided to provide Rs 200 crores working capital loans to MSMEs at lower interest rates.

These decisions were taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. The state government has decided that all pending industrial incentives to MSMEs, amounting Rs 904 crore, will be cleared in two phases. About 50 per cent of it will be cleared in May and the rest in June.

All Fixed Charges/Minimum Demand Charges that over 97,400 MSMEs would have to pay for their electricity for the months of April/May/June will be waived by the government

9. What is the theme of 2021's World Hygiene Day, observed annually on May 5?

- (a) Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care
- (b) Seconds save lives – clean your hands!
- (c) Save Live and Clean your hands
- (d) It's in your hands
- (e) Our Hands, Our Future

Answer: A

May 5 is observed as the World Hand Hygiene Day. To stress on the need for handwashing among health care workers and other people around the world, WHO started a global campaign called "Save Lives: Clean Your Hands" in 2009.

This campaign is celebrated annually as World Hand Hygiene Day 2021 on May 5.

The theme for World Hand Hygiene Day 2021 is "Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care."

The slogan for this day is, "Seconds save lives – clean your hands!"

Simple act of handwashing using soap and water can reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 infection by 36 per cent, according to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).

10. Which country's Football Club has appointed Jose Mourinho as their new manager in May 2021?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Iceland
- (c) Ireland
- (d) Greenland
- (e) Italy

Answer: E

Italian Football club AS Roma have appointed Jose Mourinho as their new manager.

AS Roma had earlier announced that current head coach Paulo Fonseca will leave at the end of the season.

Mourinho has agreed a contract with Roma until the end of the 2024 season.

Mourinho, who has previously coached Porto, Chelsea, Inter Milan, Real Madrid and Manchester United, was sacked by Tottenham last month after 17 months in charge of the London club.

11. DRDO is setting up 5 medical oxygen plants in New Delhi. The plants are designed for a flow rate of _____ LPM.

- (a) 500
- (b) 800
- (c) 1000
- (d) 1200
- (e) 1500

Answer: C

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is all geared up to set up five medical oxygen plants in the first week of May in and around Delhi.

The funding for setting up these plants is being done through PM-Cares Fund.

They are designed for a flow rate of 1,000 litres per minute (LPM).

The system can cater to 190 patients at a flow rate 5 LPM and charge 195 cylinders per day.

The five oxygen plants are a part of the overall plan to establish 500 such plants at hospitals in different parts of the country within the next three months from the allocations made by the PM-Cares Fund.

Two of the five medical oxygen plants are now being installed at the AIIMS Trauma Centre and RML Hospital.

The other plants at Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Harding Medical College and AIIMS, Jhajjar (Haryana) will also be set up this week.

12. In May 2021 Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal. She first became the Chief Minister of West Bengal in which year?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2008
- (c) 2009
- (d) 2011
- (e) 2014

Answer: D

Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee sworn in as the CM of West Bengal for the third time in a row.

Mamata was sworn in as the Chief Minister on May 5 at a low-key ceremony at Raj Bhavan held amid the raging pandemic.

Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar administered the oath of office and secrecy.

She took the oath in Bengali.

Mamata is the 21st CM of West Bengal and the 8th person to hold the office.

Mamata became the chief minister of West Bengal for the first time in 2011 by ending the 34-year-long CPI(M) regime, on one of the longest-serving elected governments in the world.

TMC secured 213 seats in the eight-phased West Bengal assembly elections while Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 77 seats.

13. Which state government has launched a 5-day campaign from May 5, 2021 for the early detection of COVID patients in the villages of the state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Punjab

Answer: B

The Uttar Pradesh government has launched a five-day campaign from May 5 for early detection of COVID patients in the villages of the state. The move comes as there are apprehensions that COVID cases can rise in the villages because of

the gatherings during Panchayat elections and counting

The special campaign will run for five days till the 9th of May in 97,000 villages of the state.

The team of health workers will go door to door for early detection of COVID patients.

The teams have been provided 10 lakh medicine kits and 10 lakh antigen kits for identification of patients.

14. How much metric tonnes of wheat has been procured during the current Rabi season against the last year corresponding purchase of 181.37 MT?

- (a) 299.16 Lakh MT
- (b) 281.37 Lakh MT
- (c) 220.15 Lakh MT
- (d) 265.10 Lakh MT
- (e) 296.70 Lakh MT

Answer: A

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution on May 3rd has informed that about 65% more wheat has been procured during the current Rabi season in comparison to the corresponding period in 2020.

Procurement of wheat in ongoing RMS 2021-22 is continuing smoothly in the procuring states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi and Jammu &

Kashmir at Minimum Support Price as was done in previous year.

Till now (up to May) a quantity of over 299.16 lakh metric tonne (LMT) of wheat has been procured against the last year corresponding purchase of 181.37 MT.

About 29.46 Lakh farmers have already been benefitted from the ongoing RMS procurement operations with MSP value of Rs 59,083.37 crores.

15. PM Narendra Modi has held a virtual Summit with British PM for the adoption of the ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' in _____ Key areas.

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6
- (e) 7

Answer: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a virtual summit with his British counterpart Boris Johnson, in which an ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' was adopted to elevate the bilateral ties to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'.

The Roadmap will pave the way for a deeper and stronger engagement over the next ten years in the 5 key areas of people to people contacts, trade and economy, defence and security, climate action and health, the two PMs said.

During the summit, the two Prime Ministers launched an 'Enhanced Trade Partnership' (ETP) to unleash the trade potential between the two nations and by setting an ambitious target of more than doubling bilateral trade by 2030.

16. Facebook has partnered with Indian government to roll out a vaccine finder tool on its mobile app in India. The tool will be available in how many Indian languages?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 17
- (e) 19

Answer: D

Facebook has partnered with the Government of India to roll out a new feature that will help users find vaccines from within the app.

The new vaccine finder tool will be available in 17 languages and will give users information on vaccine centre locations and their hours of operation.

The tool can be accessed in the COVID 19 information centres.

The tool will also show walk-in options for people above 46 years of age.

In the vaccine finder tool, vaccine centre locations and their hours of operation have been provided by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

17. Niraj Bajaj has been appointed as the new chairman of Bajaj Autos with effect from May 1, 2021. Who among the following has been replaced by him?

- (a) Rahul Bajaj
- (b) J. Balaji Rao
- (c) Gita Piramal
- (d) Sanjiv Bajaj
- (e) Rohit Bajaj

Answer: A

Bajaj Auto announced Niraj Bajaj, a director on the company's board, as the successor to chairman Rahul Bajaj.

The latter is vacating the post after remaining at the helm of Bajaj Auto for nearly 49 years.

The company has appointed the veteran Rahul Bajaj as its Chairman Emeritus for a five-year term, beginning May 1, 2021.

Niraj Bajaj's professional career spans for over 35 years.

He is also on the Board of Directors of Bajaj Auto Ltd, Bajaj Allianz Life and General Insurance Co Ltd, and is Chairman of Bachhraj & Company, Jamnalal Sons and various other Bajaj Group Companies.

He is also Chairman & Managing Director of Mukand Limited and Chairman of Bajaj Holdings & Investment Limited (BHIL).

He is the recipient of Arjuna Award, India's highest Sport's honour; Shiv Chhatrapati Award,

Maharashtra's highest Sport's honour and was also awarded the Maharashtra Gaurav Puraskar.

18. State Bank of India has allocated _____ crores to undertake various support initiatives to help the country combat the second wave of Covid-19.

- (a) 10 crores
- (b) 32 crores
- (c) 71 crores
- (d) 19 crores
- (e) 61 crores

Answer: C

State Bank of India (SBI) has allocated Rs 71 crore to support various initiatives in combating the second wave of Covid-19.

The Bank has dedicated ₹30 crore to set up 1,000-bed makeshift hospitals, 250 bed ICU facilities and 1,000-bed isolation facilities across some of the worst-hit states.

These facilities would be set up in collaboration with government hospitals and Municipal Corporations of the respective cities.

SBI is in talks with various designated authorities to explore partnerships for setting up makeshift hospitals.

The Bank will also contribute ₹10 crore for genome-sequencing equipment/lab and vaccine research equipment/lab to the Government.

19. In May 2021, Pfizer has announced a donation of medicines worth more than \$70 million to India.

Where is the headquarters of Pfizer located?

- (a) USA
- (b) Germany
- (c) Russia
- (d) China
- (e) Japan

Answer: A

Global pharma major Pfizer announced its decision to donate USD 70 million (over Rs 510 crore) worth drugs to India.

This was announced by its CEO Albert Bourla on 3 May 2021.

Its vaccine Pfizer-BioNTech is not registered in India yet.

Its vaccine has been found to be 95% effective in preventing Covid.

About Pfizer:

Pfizer is a Pharmaceutical corporation that was founded in New York City in 1849 by Charles Pfizer and Charles F. Erhart.

20. In the wake of a spike in coronavirus cases, Bihar government has cancelled the leave of all health workers till

- (a) June 30
- (b) June 15
- (c) May 15
- (d) May 31
- (e) June 1

Answer: D

In the wake of spike in coronavirus cases, Bihar government has cancelled the leave of all health officials till May 31.

Additionally, Bihar Governor Phagu Chouhan ordered the summer vacation of all universities till May 31.

Earlier summer vacation was scheduled from June 1 to 30.

Also, Secretariat of Bihar assembly has been closed till May 15 due to surge in Covid-19 cases.

21. Mahesh Balasubramaniam has been appointed as the Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited for a period of 3 years. He has replaced

- (a) G Murlidhar
- (b) Vikram Kumar
- (c) V Venkateshwar
- (d) Anil Soni
- (e) Anup Roy

Answer: A

Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) has appointed Mahesh Balasubramaniam as managing director of the company on May 1.

He has been appointed following the retirement of G Murlidhar.

The appointment is for a period of 3 years. Balasubramaniam is currently the Managing Director & CEO of Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited, a subsidiary of the Bank and has

rich experience in the areas of Banking, Financial Services, Insurance and Manufacturing.

He ceased to be Managing Director & CEO of Kotak Mahindra General Insurance with effect from the close of business on April 30, 2021.

22. An All-rounder cricketer Thisara Perera has recently announced his retirement from international cricket on May 3. He made his debut in which year?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2007
- (c) 2009
- (d) 2011
- (e) 2013

Answer: C

Thisara Perera, the Sri Lanka all-rounder, announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect on Monday (3 May).

Perera, 32, submitted a letter to Sri Lanka Cricket announcing his intention to retire from an international career spanning nearly 12 years.

Perera made his debut for Sri Lanka in an ODI against India in Kolkata in December 2009.

He scored 2338 runs and picked up 175 wickets in ODIs. In T20Is, he scored 1204 runs and took 51 wickets.

The highlight came in 2014, when he was part of the Sri Lanka side that won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, beating India in the final in Dhaka.

23. Shooter Chandro Tomar, nicknamed 'Shooter Dadi', passed away recently. She hailed from which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Bihar

Answer: A

Shooter Chandro Tomar, nicknamed 'Shooter Dadi', passed away at the age of 89 due to Covid-19 on April 29.

She had been admitted to a hospital in Meerut on April 26 after she had complained of difficulty breathing.

Hailing from the Baghpat village in Uttar Pradesh, Tomar was 60-plus when she picked up the gun for the first time but went on to win many national competitions for veterans.

Her feats ultimately inspired the award-winning Bollywood movie 'Saand ki Aankh'.

Shooter Dadi won many awards in senior citizen category including Stri Shakti Sanman presented by the President of India himself.

24. International Firefighters day is observed every year on May 4. Which country recommended the day?

- (a) Canada
- (b) USA
- (c) Australia

(d)UK

(e)India

Answer: C

The International firefighters' day is commemorated on May 4.

It came into effect after a recommendation by Australia on January 4, 1999 owing to the deaths of five firefighters who braved the bushfire in the country.

4 May was chosen as it is also celebrated as Saint Florian's Day all over the world. St Florian was the first commander of a firefighting squad in the Roman era. He too lost his life while on duty.

On this day, several communities and organisations across the world come together and raise awareness about the dangers that firefighters face.

25. Name the first female IAS officer from Assam-Meghalaya cadre who passed away recently due to Covid-19 complications.

(a)Parul Debi

(b)Binita Pegu

(c)Subrata Roy

(d)Shakuntala Doley

(e)Sanjukta Prasar

Answer: A

Parul Debi Das, first female IAS officer from Assam, passed away \.

Parul Debi Das succumbed to COVID-19 at the Apollo Hospital in Guwahati.

She had retired from service as the Additional Chief Secretary of Assam.

Parul Debi Das had also served in Meghalaya for a short time in the late 80s.

She was an Assam-Meghalaya cadre IAS officer.

26. Prafulla Chandra Pant has been appointed as the acting chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission. What position has he held previously?

(a)Supreme Court Judge

(b)IPS Officer

(c)IAS Officer

(d)CM

(e)Governor

Answer: A

The Hon'ble President of India has authorized Mr. Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant, Member, National Human Rights Commission, NHRC India, to act as its Chairperson w.e.f 25th April, 2021.

Prior to his appointment as Member, NHRC on 22 April, 2019, he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of India from 13th August, 2014 to 29th August, 2017.

He has written books on different subjects of law, which includes, 'Marriage, Divorce and other matrimonial disputes', 'Commentary on Code of Civil Procedure', 'Relief of Injunctions and Sundar Nirnay Kaise Likhen' (in Hindi)

27. In May 2021, S Jaishankar began a 4-day visit to which country to participate in the G7 foreign Minister's meeting?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Germany
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Spain
- (e) UK

Answer: E

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was on a four-day visit to London from May 2 primarily to attend a meeting of foreign ministers of Group of Seven (G7) rich nations.

India has been invited to the meeting as a guest country.

The G7 member countries are Britain, the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan. The meeting from May 3 to 5 is expected to discuss ways to deal with the coronavirus pandemic besides several other pressing issues facing the world.

It will be the first in-person meeting of G7 foreign ministers in over two years.

The last G7 foreign ministers meeting took place in April 2019 at Dinard and Saint-Malo in France.

28. Ola Electrics is planning to launch its electric scooter to international markets. The company will also set up a Hypercharger network across _____ cities of the country.

- (a) 100
- (b) 200
- (c) 300
- (d) 400

- (e) 500

Answer: D

Ola Electric is planning to sell its yet to be launched e-scooters in key international markets, including France, Italy and Germany.

The upcoming electric two-wheelers are reportedly set to be launched in India first, in July 2021.

The launch of the electric scooter is in line with Ola's global vision of moving mobility into a more sustainable, accessible and connected future.

Last month, Ola Electric had announced setting up a 'Hypercharger Network' in the country that would include one lakh charging points across 400 cities.

29. Actor Bikramjeet Kanwarpal has passed away in April 2021. In which of the movies listed below, he has not acted?

- (a) Page 3
- (b) Hijack
- (c) Chance Pe dance
- (d) Heroine
- (e) None of the above

Answer: E

Actor Bikramjeet Kanwarpal passed away due to Covid-19 complications.

He was 52.

Major Bikramjeet Kanwarpal was a retired army officer.

He made his acting debut in 2003 after retiring from the Indian Army.

He has been a part of many popular Indian films like -- Page 3, Prem Ratan Dhyani Paayo, Hijack, Chance pe Dance and Heroine among others. He also acted in television shows namely, Diya Aur Baati Hum, Anil Kapoor starter 24 and Ye Hain Chatein among others.

30. World Press Freedom Day observed every year on May 3. What was the theme of the day in 2021?

- (a) Information as a public good
- (b) Journalism without Fear or Favour
- (c) Media for Democracy
- (d) Critical Minds for Critical Times
- (e) This is Your Right

Answer: A

In 1993, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 3 May as World Press Freedom Day.

It is also known as World Press Day.

It serves as an occasion to inform citizens of the violations of press freedom

The day is celebrated to ensure the protection and safety of the press in the face of attacks against its independence, to discuss journalistic ethics and to celebrate journalists who gave their lives in the pursuit of truth.

This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "Information as a Public Good".

31. Jammu & Kashmir recently commissioned a _____ LPM Oxygen Generation Plant at the

old block of Govt. Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, for reducing the dependence on manual oxygen cylinders.

- (a) 1000 litre per minute
- (b) 1200 litre per minute
- (c) 1500 litre per minute
- (d) 1600 litre per minute
- (e) 1800 litre per minute

Answer: B

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, a 1200 litre per minute, LPM Oxygen Generation Plant has been commissioned at the old block of Govt. Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

The hospital has been notified as a designated COVID hospital.

AIR Jammu Correspondent reports that with the commissioning of the plant, the hospital has become self-sufficient in meeting the medical oxygen needs and it can cater to 92 beds at a time.

The plant will substantially augment the availability of medical oxygen in the present oxygen bank reducing the dependence on manual oxygen cylinders.

32. Goldman Sachs estimated India's GDP growth rate in FY 22 to be 11.1%. The company is headquartered in which city?

- (a) Stockholm
- (b) Zurich
- (c) Geneva
- (d) New York

(e) London

Answer: D

Goldman Sachs has lowered its estimate for India's economic growth to 11.1 per cent in fiscal year to March 31, 2022, as a number of cities and states announced lockdowns of varying intensities to check spread of coronavirus infections.

Goldman Sachs was founded in 1869 and is headquartered in New York.

33. Jagmohan Malhotra, who passed away recently, served as the former Union minister of which Ministry

- (a) Agriculture Ministry
- (b) Ministry of Shipping
- (c) Ministry of Urban Development
- (d) Ministry of Textile
- (e) None

Answer: C

Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Jagmohan Malhotra died in Delhi on May 2.

He was 93.

Known by his mononym Jagmohan, he had served twice as the governor of Jammu and Kashmir – from 1984 to 1989 and January 1990 to May 1990.

He was elected to the Lok Sabha for the first time in 1996 and served as the Union minister for urban development and tourism.

34. Indian Army's First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant has been launched in Sikkim. The plant was built in collaboration with which institute?

- (a) IIT Mumbai
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Kharagpur
- (e) IIT Pune

Answer: A

The Indian Army recently launched the first Green Solar Energy harnessing plant in Sikkim.

It was launched to benefit the troops of the Indian army.

The plant uses Vanadium (a transitional metal) based battery technology.

It was built at an altitude of 16,000 feet.

The capacity of the plant is 56 KVA.

The plant was completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai.

35. Indian Shuttler PV Sindhu and Canada's Michelle Li has been nominated as the athlete ambassador for which campaign of International Olympic Committee?

- (a) I m badminton
- (b) Believe in Sports
- (c) I m Shuttler
- (d) I Love Badminton
- (e) Believe in Yourself

Answer: B

The Badminton World Federation announced that India shuttler PV Sindhu and Canada's Michelle Li have been nominated as athlete ambassadors for the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 'Believe in Sport' campaign aimed at preventing competition manipulation. The pair have been global ambassadors for BWF's 'i am badminton' campaign since April last year. As part of the campaign, Sindhu and Li will be engaging with the badminton athlete community through online webinars and social media messages. The campaign was launched in 2018 to raise awareness among athletes, coaches and officials about the threat of competition manipulation.

36. Former cricket player and coach, Nuwan Zoysa has been banned from all forms of cricket for 6 years. He plays for which country?

- (a) England
- (b) South Africa
- (c) West Indies
- (d) Sri Lanka
- (e) Australia

Answer: D

Former Sri Lanka player and coach Nuwan Zoysa has been banned from all cricket for six years after an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

The ban for Mr Zoysa is backdated to 31 October 2018, when he was provisionally suspended. Zoysa has been found guilty of trying to fix matches and failing to report corrupt approaches. Zoysa played 30 Tests and 95 ODIs for Sri Lanka.

37. As per the Barclay's estimation, Indian economy will contract by _____ in FY 21.

- (a) 8.5%
- (b) 7.6%
- (c) 7.9%
- (d) 8.1%
- (e) 9.2%

Answer: B

Global brokerage firm Barclays had cut its GDP estimate for the fiscal to 10% from 11% before the outbreak of the second wave.

Apart from this, Barclays has estimated the economy to contract by 7.6% in FY 21.

Barclays is a global financial service company headquartered in London, UK.

38. Every year, Coal Miners Day is observed on May 4. Which of the following is not a coal rich region?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Bihar

Answer: E

Every year, Coal Miners Day is observed on May 4 for the toughest professionals and the miners working in coal fields.

This day is observed as an appreciation for the workers who sacrificed their lives, honour their accomplishments, and remember the tragedies that these hardworking individuals experience

The ten leading countries in coal production are China, United States, India, Australia, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa, Kazakhstan, Colombia and Ukraine.

The coal-rich regions in India are Orissa, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, and some central and southern parts of the country.

39. Turkey has recently added cryptocurrency trading platforms to the list of firms covered by anti-money laundering and terrorism financing regulations. Name the currency of the country.

- (a) Euro
- (b) Lek
- (c) Dinar
- (d) Lira
- (e) Rial

Answer: D

Turkey has added cryptocurrency trading platforms to the list of firms covered by anti-money laundering and terrorism financing regulation.

The new rules will take immediate effect and will cover cryptocurrency asset service providers.

This comes after Turkey banned the use of cryptocurrency assets for payments on grounds that such transactions were risky.

About Turkey

Capital: Ankara

President: Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Currency: Lira

40. In May 2021, Who has been reappointed as the MD and CEO of the Axis Bank for an extended period of three years?

- (a) Amitabh Chaudhary
- (b) Aditya Puri
- (c) Suni Kakar
- (d) Romesh Sobti
- (e) MK Sharma

Answer: A

Axis Bank board has approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director and chief executive officer of the bank for three years, starting January 2022 up to December 31, 2024.

The re-appointment is, however, subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the shareholders of the bank.

Amitabh Chaudhry has been associated with Axis Bank since January 2019, after successfully leading HDFC Life as its MD & CEO for nine years.

Prior to HDFC Life, Chaudhry was the MD and CEO of Infosys BPO and the Head of testing unit of Infosys Technologies Ltd.

41. In May 2021, the government launched an online portal for the 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for ?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 8

Answer: D

The government on May 4 has approved a production-linked incentive scheme for the food processing sector, entailing an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore.

The food processing ministry said it has issued detailed guidelines of Rs 10,900 crore production linked incentive scheme that has recently been announced for the growth of the sector.

Agriculture and Food Processing Minister Narendra Singh Tomar also launched an online portal for Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry.

The scheme will be implemented during 2021-22 to 2026-27 to support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in the international markets.

The ministry is inviting applications for availing sales-based incentives and grants for undertaking branding and marketing activities abroad under the scheme from three categories of applicants.

The last date for submission of application is June 17.

42. In May 2021, SIDBI launched two new quick credit delivery schemes 'SHWAS' and 'AROG', The scheme will provide funding up to _____ Crore.

- (a) 1 crore
- (b) 2 crore
- (c) 3 crore
- (d) 4 crore
- (e) 5 crore

Answer: B

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched SHWAS (SIDBI assistance to Healthcare sector in War Against Second wave of COVID19) and AROG (SIDBI Assistance to MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth during COVID-19 pandemic), two new quick credit delivery schemes. The schemes are devised under the guidance from the Government of India which facilitates funding for production and services related to the supply of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oximeters and essential drugs.

SIDBI is launching these new initiatives to help MSMEs quickly augment their facilities which help the nation in augmenting capabilities to fight the pandemic.

These schemes envisage 100 per cent funding up to an amount of Rs 2 crore to an MSME unit at an interest rate of 4.50 to 6 per cent p.a., within 48 hours after receipt of all the documents/information.

On March 25, 2020, SIDBI had also launched SIDBI Assistance to Facilitate Emergency response against coronavirus (SAFE) scheme to provide financial support to all MSMEs.

43. Rabi Sankar took over as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India in May 2021. He succeeded whom among the following?

- (a) Jagannath Pahadia
- (b) SP Kunango
- (c) Michael Patra
- (d) Mahesh Kumar Jain
- (e) M. Rajeshwar Rao

Answer: B

Rabi Sankar took over as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India in May 2021 for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Shri T. Rabi Sankar was Executive Director of the Reserve Bank before being elevated to the post of Deputy Governor

Shri T. Rabi Sankar, a career central banker, joined the Bank in 1990 and has worked in various positions in the Reserve Bank of India.

Shri T. Rabi Sankar has also served as an IMF Consultant (2005-11) on developing Government bond markets and debt management.

In addition to his professional career at RBI, he is Chairman of Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS), member of Board of Directors of ReBIT and member of Governing Council IDRB.

He replaced deputy governor of RBI, SP Kanungo, who retired on April 2, 2021, leaving the post vacant. The other three RBI deputy governors are Michael Patra, Mahesh Kumar Jain, and M. Rajeshwar Rao.

44. Which state government has increased the financial amount under Ashirwad scheme to Rs 51000 per beneficiary for the marriage of woman belonging to low-income families?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Punjab

Answer: E

The Punjab cabinet has finally approved the increase in financial assistance under the Ashirwad Scheme from ₹21,000 to ₹51,000 per beneficiary for the marriage of women belonging to low-income families and directed to clear all pending dues.

The increase will come into effect from July 1.

This is the second hike in the scheme amount by the present government which enhanced the aid from ₹15,000 to ₹21,000 after it took over in 2017.

The cabinet had also decided to make payment directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

The chief minister clarified that the scheme was also applicable to Muslims girls aged 18 or above along with scheduled caste, Christian, backward class/caste, economically weaker section families, and daughters of widows of any caste.

The Dalit widows/divorcees are also entitled to the benefit at the time of their re-marriage.

The scheme, earlier known as 'Shagun scheme' was initiated by the Punjab Government for providing financial assistance to the girl's marriage under the Department of Welfare of scheduled caste and backward class in the state.

45. The Union Agriculture Ministry has accorded the organic certification to around 14491 hectares of land in which of the following islands?

- (a) Andaman & Nicobar Island
- (b) Daman & Diu
- (c) Nagar & Haveli
- (d) Lakshadweep
- (e) None

Answer: A

The Agriculture Ministry announced that an area of 14,491 hectares (ha) in Andaman and Nicobar has been certified as organic, making it the first significant contiguous territory to be certified under a government scheme.

The organic certification was granted under the PGS-India (Participatory Guarantee System) certification program's Large Area Certification (LAC) Scheme.

Each village in the region is called a cluster/group under LAC.

All farmers with their farmland and livestock need to adhere to the standard requirements and on being

verified get certified without the need to go under conversion period.

Certification is renewed on an annual basis by verification by a peer assessment process, as per the PGS-India process.

According to the ministry, the Car Nicobar and Nancowry group of islands have been traditionally organic for ages.

Following the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Ladakh are taking constructive measures to convert their standard organic areas to certified organic, according to the study.

46. Subir Chakraborty has taken over as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Exide Industries. The company was founded in which year?

- (a) 1951
- (b) 1947
- (c) 1949
- (d) 1965
- (e) 1960

Answer: B

Subir Chakraborty has taken over as MD and CEO of the storage battery major Exide Industries.

He has replaced Gautam Chatterjee, who has now been appointed as 'whole-time advisor' to the board of the company from May 1, 2021, for a period of three years.

Chakraborty, a mechanical engineer from IIT, Madras and PGDM from IIM, Calcutta, was appointed as deputy managing director (DMD) of the company on May 1, 2019.

He joined the company in 1996 and has been serving as a director on the board for the last eight years.

About Exide Ltd

Exide Industries Limited is an Indian storage battery producing company and a life insurance company headquartered in Kolkata, India. It was founded in 1947.

47. Samir Seksaria has replaced _____ as the Chief Financial Officer of Tata Consultancy Services.

- (a) Sahir Seksaria
- (b) V Ramakrishnan
- (c) Milind Iakkad
- (d) N Ganapathy
- (e) Rajesh Gopinathan

Answer: B

IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has named Samir Seksaria as the company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Seksaria is replacing V Ramakrishnan, fondly known as Ramki, as he is set to retire on April 30, after a 40-year-long illustrious career.

Seksaria who was appointed after a Board of Directors meeting on April 12, will take charge on May 1.

Seksaria started his career in TCS in 1999 and spent his early years in consulting assignments involving regulatory compliance and M&A spin-offs, amongst others.

He moved to Corporate Finance in 2004 and played a critical role in the company's IPO.

Prior to being appointed as CFO, he was heading the financial analytics, planning and business finance functions.

48. In May 2021, USA has cleared the potential sale of how many additional P-81 maritime patrol aircraft for India, worth 2.42 billion dollars?

- (a) 4
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 7
- (e) 8

Answer: C

The US government under the leadership of President Joe Biden on April 30, 2021, approved the sale of six P-81 patrol aircraft to India for an estimated cost of USD 2.42 billion.

The Indian Navy had procured eight P-81 aircraft from Boeing in January 2009 via direct commercial sale and contracted for an additional four aircraft in July 2016.

The first P-81 aircraft were delivered to the Indian Navy in 2013, providing critical capabilities to coalition maritime operations.

This proposed sale of an additional six P-8I aircraft will allow the Indian Navy to expand its maritime surveillance aircraft (MSA) capability for the next 30 years.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region,

49. Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the 38th National President of FICCI Ladies Organization. She currently leads which firm?

- (a) XPO Logistics
- (b) DHL supply Chain
- (c) Nippon express
- (d) FedEx
- (e) JK International

Answer: E

Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the 38th National President of FICCI Ladies Organization. As the 38th National President of FLO Singhania will focus on empowering women by facilitating an enabling environment that promotes entrepreneurship, industry participation and economic development of women.

Ujjwala Singhania is the director of JK International which is a firm that invests through private equity and venture capital.

She is also known for organising many leadership training programs at IIM institutes in Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Lucknow.

About FLO:

FLO was established in 1983 as a division of FICCI.

50. In May 2021, India and Britain has signed an MOU to work, live in each other country for a period up to _____.

- (a) 1 year
- (b) 2 year
- (c) 3 years
- (d) 4 years
- (e) 5 years

Answer: B

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Migration and Mobility Partnership between the Government of the Republic of India and Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The MoU is aimed at Liberalising issuance of visas promoting mobility of students, researchers and skilled professionals and strengthen cooperation on issues related to irregular migration and human trafficking between the two sides.

The MOU will allow thousand of those aged between 18 and 30 years old in India and UK to work, live in each other's country for up to 2 years.

51. Which company will invest GBP 240 million to expand its vaccine business in the United Kingdom?

- (a) AstraZeneca
- (b) BioNTech

- (c) Serum Institute
- (d) Merc
- (e) Global Gene Corp

Answer: C

Serum Institute of India (SII) will invest GBP 240 million to expand its vaccine business in the United Kingdom set up a new sales office in the country.

For this purpose, Serum have already started phase one trials in the UK of a one-dose nasal vaccine for coronavirus, in partnership with **Codagenix INC.**

The investment is a part of the **GBP 533 million** of new Indian investment in the UK in growing sectors such as health and technology.

The announcements were made ahead of a virtual meeting between Johnson and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on cooperation between UK and India to enhance trade.

This will help UK and the world to defeat the coronavirus pandemic and other deadly diseases.

In the field of healthcare, another Indian investment highlight includes **GBP 59 million** by biotech firm **Global Gene Corp** over the next five years.

About SII:

Founded: 1966

CEO: Adar Poonawalla

52. Elpitiya Badalge Dona Milka Geh is the first reserve for the Asian quota to compete at Tokyo Olympics after qualifying through the continental quota. She hails from which country?

- (a) Sri Lanka

- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) China
- (d) Indonesia
- (e) Singapore

Answer: A

Indian **gymnast Pranati Nayak**, who hails from **West Bengal**, is set to compete at **Tokyo Olympics** after qualifying through the **continental quota**.

Pranati Nayak is the first Indian gymnast who has been confirmed to represent the country at the upcoming quadrennial event

Nayak earned a continental quota spot to the after the cancellation of the **2021 Asian Championships**.

Sri Lankan Elpitiya Badalge Dona Milka Geh is the first reserve for the Asian quota while Pranati Nayak was the second.

She has earlier claimed a **bronze** in vault at the Asian Artistic Championship in **2019**.

53. India has notified Digital Tax Threshold for Non-Resident Technology firms. What is the transaction threshold?

- (a) 1 crore
- (b) 2 crore
- (c) 3 crore
- (d) 4 crore
- (e) 5 crore

Answer: B

The central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified Digital Tax Threshold for Non-Resident

Technology firms like Google, Facebook, Netflix to pay tax in India.

A non-resident firm whose revenue exceeds Rs 2 crores for transaction in respect of goods, services and property with any person in India, needs to pay tax in India.

In case of user threshold, it is more than 3 Lakh users for the firm which systematically and continuously does business in India.

The thresholds are a part of the Significant Economic Presence (SEP) principle, which was introduced in Finance Bill 2018-19.

It is set to come into effect from April 1, 2022.

54. THE 1982 Asian Games gold medallist and Arjuna awardee Col Gulam Mohammad Khan died recently. He joined Indian Military academy in which year?

- (a) 1963
- (b) 1973
- (c) 1983
- (d) 1993
- (e) 2003

Answer: B

THE 1982 Asian Games gold medallist in equestrian and Arjuna awardee Col Gulam Mohammad Khan (retd) died on May 1 in Pune. He was 75.

The renowned rider, 74, joined the Indian Military Academy in 1973.

A year later he was the Best Rider of the Academy and awarded Polo and Riding colours.

From 1980 to 1990, he captained the Army Service Corps (ASC) team, during which time his team won the National title six times and he became individual National Champion (Eventing) four times.

As a member of the team that won the gold medal in Eventing at the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi, Col Khan clinched the individual silver medal riding Goodwill.

He was honoured with an Arjuna Award in 1984.

55. Eminent doctor and professor at US-based Rutgers University Dr Rajendra Kapila passed away. He was known for his extensive work against which disease?

- (a) Chickenpox
- (b) Influenza
- (c) HIV/AIDS
- (d) Giardiasis
- (e) Diphtheria

Answer: C

Eminent doctor and professor at US-based Rutgers University Dr Rajendra Kapila passed away at a Delhi hospital due to COVID-19. He was 81.

Dr Kapila worked in Rutgers University for the last 50 years and specialised in infectious diseases.

He was known for his extensive work against HIV-AIDS in which he trained many people.

He made invaluable contributions about AIDS (1983).

56. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded which Bank from the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 with effect from November 27, 2020?

- (a) Alwar urban Co-operative Bank
- (b) Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank
- (c) Shivalik Mercantile Bank
- (d) United Co-Operative Bank
- (e) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank from the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 with effect from November 27, 2020.

The move was taken after the crisis-ridden Lakshmi Vilas Bank was merged with DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) on 27 November 2020.

A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as 'Scheduled Commercial Bank'.

LVB is the second private sector bank after Yes Bank which has run into rough weather during this year.

57. Which of the following has been tested at the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (CFMTTI) in Budni, Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) Electric Scooter
- (b) Electric Car
- (c) Electric Truck

(d) Electric Tractor

(e) None

Answer: D

The first-ever electric tractor in the country has been tested at the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute (CFMTTI) in Budni, Madhya Pradesh. The electric tractor will be more environmentally friendly than other types of tractors. CFMTTI obtained the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories Certificate of Accreditation for Central Motor Vehicles Rules Test Laboratory on March 30.

The accreditation will provide third-party attestation relating to a conformity assessment body conveying the formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks.

58. In which of the North eastern states, Researchers have identified fossil bone fragments of sauropod dinosaurs dating back to about 100 million years?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Sikkim
- (e) Nagaland

Answer: B

Researchers have identified fossil bone fragments of sauropod dinosaurs dating back to about 100 million years from an area around West Khasi Hills District in Meghalaya.

The yet-to-be-published findings were made during a recent field trip by researchers from the Geological Survey of India's Palaeontology division in the North-East.

The GSI researchers noted that this is the first record of sauropods discovered in the region.

Sauropods had very long necks, long tails, small heads relative to the rest of their body, and four thick, pillar-like legs.

They are notable for the enormous sizes attained by some species, and the group includes the largest animals to have ever lived on land.

The finding makes Meghalaya the fifth state in India after Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu and the only state in the North-East to report Sauropod bones.

59. The RBI has extended an on – tap liquidity window to boost the healthcare sector for a period of 3 years. How much liquidity is provided to support MSMEs and Unorganised Sector?

- (a) 10000 crores
- (b) 20000 crores
- (c) 30000 crores
- (d) 40000 crores
- (e) 50000 crores

Answer: A

The RBI has opened an on-tap liquidity window of Rs 50,000 crores to boost provision of immediate liquidity for ramping up Covid-related healthcare infrastructure and services in the country.

The tenor of the scheme is three years at the repo rate – four per cent -- till March 31, 2022

Under the scheme, banks can provide fresh lending support to a wide range of entities including vaccine manufacturers, importers and suppliers of vaccines and priority medical etc.

Banks will open a Covid loan bank which shall be classified as priority sector lending.

Small Finance Banks (SFBs) are now permitted to regard fresh on-lending to microfinance institutions (MFIs) with asset size up to Rs 500 crore, as priority sector lending and the facility available up to March 31, 2022.

In order to provide further support to MSME and unorganised sector businesses, special long-term (3-year) repo operations of Rs 10,000 crore for fresh lending by SFBs up to Rs 10 lakh per borrower has been allowed up to October 21, 2021.

60. Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture, Prahalad Singh Patel participated in which Meeting held in Italy on 4th May 2021?

- (a) G20 Leaders Meeting
- (b) G7 Ministerial Meeting
- (c) BRICS
- (d) G20 Tourism Ministers meeting
- (e) Global Mining Summit

Answer: D

Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture, Prahalad Singh Patel participated in G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting held in **Italy** on 4th May 2021. This dialogue aimed to collaborate in protecting tourism businesses, jobs and taking initiatives to frame policy guidelines to support the sustainable and resilient recovery of travel and tourism. He also conveyed India's support for the principles for the transition to a green travel and tourism economy submitted by UNWTO as a further contribution to the policy area "Green Transformation" to embrace sustainability in tourism. India also ensures to support and cooperate for further progress under Indonesia's G20 Presidency in 2022.

61. Himachal Pradesh Government has been building 'Forest Ponds' to harvest rainwater with a total outlay of

- (a) 5 crore
- (b) 10 crore
- (c) 15 crore
- (d) 20 crore
- (e) 25 crore

Answer: D

Himachal Pradesh Government has been building 'Forest Ponds' in order to check the depletion of the groundwater and to harvest the rainwater. The state government under the Parvat Dhara Scheme has initiated the rejuvenation of the water

resources and recharging aquifers through the Forest Department with a cost of Rs. 20 crores. The work has been started in 10 forest divisions in Himachal Pradesh. The divisions are namely Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Joginder Nagar, Parvati, Nachan, Rajgarh, Nurpur, Nalagarg, Dalhousie, and Theog. The scheme aims to enhance the water level by retaining water for the maximum period.

62. Recently which country entered into the league of top 100 most valued companies in terms of market capitalisation of Rs 50000 crore?

- (a) BHEL
- (b) SAIL
- (c) IOCL
- (d) NTPC
- (e) ONGC

Answer: B

Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) regained market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 50,000 crore, after its stock climbed over 80 per cent in the past one and half month.

With this, the state-owned steel major also entered into the league of top 100 most valued companies in terms of market capitalisation

SAIL stood at 78th position in the overall m-cap ranking with a market cap of Rs 55,529 crore.

On the BSE, the stock hit a 9-year high price of Rs 135.6 per share. The stock is trading at its highest levels since July 2011.

About SAIL:

Established: 1954

Chairman: Soma Mondal

Headquarters: New Delhi

63. Recently which authorized the use of Pfizer Inc's Covid-19 vaccine for use in children aged 12 to 15?

- (a) UK
- (b) USA
- (c) Australia
- (d) Germany
- (e) Canada

Answer: E

Recently Canada authorized the use of Pfizer Inc's Covid-19 vaccine for use in children aged 12 to 15, the first doses to be allowed for people that young, the federal health ministry said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is expected to take a similar step "very soon" U.S. health officials said.

Supriya Sharma, a senior adviser at the Canadian federal health ministry, said the Pfizer vaccine, produced with German partner BioNTech, was safe and effective in the younger age group.

Around 20 percent of the 1,249,950 cases of Covid-19 in Canada have been reported in people under the age of 19. Canada has recorded 24,396 deaths.

64. Name the Popular Tamil film actor and comedian who designed AIADMK's Flag & 'Two Leaves' symbol and died recently.

- (a) Vivekh
- (b) Viruchagakanth
- (c) Vadivel Balaji
- (d) Pandu
- (e) Natarajan

Answer: D

Popular Tamil film actor and comedian Pandu, who enthralled the audience with his witty comments, passed away due to Covid-19.

A well-known artist, Pandu had designed the 'two leaves' symbol and the flag of the AIADMK.

He was handpicked by matinee idol and former chief minister MG Ramachandran (MGR) to design the party's symbol

Pandu made his debut in the 1970 film Maanavan and went on to play comic and character roles in several films with leading actors.

Pandu also ran a firm, Capital Letters, which designed signboards.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

65. Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new species of insectivorous mammal, a white-toothed shrew, from which of the following places?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andaman & Nicobar Island
- (d) Lakshadweep Island
- (e) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: C

Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new species of insectivorous mammal, a white-toothed shrew, from Narcondam Island of the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands. The species *Crocidura narcondamica* is a new addition to the list of mammals found in the country. Shrews are small and mouse-like mammals, and they live in sub-leaf stratum in the forests. Insects are the primary diet of these animals. “This is the first discovery of a shrew from this volcanic island and it increases the number of White-toothed shrew species in India from 11 to 12. The new species is of medium size and has a distinct external morphology with darker grey dense fur with a thick, darker tail compared to other species of the genus,

66. S&P Global ratings slashed India's GDP forecast to for FY22 from 11%.

- (a) 10%
- (b) 10.8%
- (c) 9%
- (d) 9.8%
- (e) 8%

Answer: D

S&P Global Ratings slashed India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year to 9.8 per cent due to the second COVID wave. The US-based rating agency in March had a 11 per cent GDP growth forecast for India for the April

2021-March 2022 fiscal on account of a fast economic reopening and fiscal stimulus.

S&P, which currently has a 'BBB-' rating on India with a stable outlook, said the depth of the Indian economy's deceleration will determine the hit on its sovereign credit profile.

67. Border Roads Organisation celebrated its Raising Day on 7th May 2021.

- (a) 51st
- (b) 60th
- (c) 61st
- (d) 70th
- (e) 71st

Answer: C

Border Roads Organisation, BRO celebrated its 61st Raising Day on 7th May 2021.

BRO is a leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence since 2015 with a primary role of providing road connectivity in the border areas.

The BRO has also constructed roads in friendly foreign countries like Bhutan, Myanmar, Afghanistan etc. thus contributing towards our strategic objectives in the region.

On this occasion, Director General, BRO, Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhary conveys his greetings to all Veterans and BRO Personnel and called upon all ranks of the Organisation to continue on the path of excellence with renewed vigour and dedication.

Lieutenant General Chaudhary said, this year 75 infrastructure projects which include 12 important strategic roads, and 63 major bridges will be dedicated soon to the nation in the vision of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

68. Haryana Government has launched Ayurvedic telemedicine facility for Corona patients. Anyone can consult the Ayurvedic Doctors by dialling

- (a) 1011
- (b) 1025
- (c) 1050
- (d) 1075
- (e) 1080

Answer: D

Haryana Government has launched Ayurvedic telemedicine facility for Corona patients. Health Minister Anil Vij said that any patient can consult the Ayurvedic Doctors on phone by dialling 1075.

Mr Vij said the facility has been launched after verifying the response of Ayurvedic medicines used on Corona patients.

He said a call centre has been set up to run it and teams of senior Ayurvedic Doctors have been appointed for consultation, who will provide service from 8 am to 10 pm.

The Minister said, the tele consultation would be helpful for patients in isolation.

69. India, Australia and France external ministers met where, for the first India-France-Australia Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue on 4 May 2021?

- (a) Melbourne
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Paris
- (d) London
- (e) New York

Answer: D

India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian and Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne, met in London for the first India-France-Australia Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue on 4 May 2021, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

India, France and Australia are committed to advancing their shared values and working together to achieve a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

The Ministers reaffirmed their support for the rule of law, freedom of navigation and overflight, peaceful resolution of disputes, democratic values, and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

They reaffirmed their commitment to ASEAN's centrality and their support for ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific and noted its complementarity with India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative.

They also welcomed the French decision to join IPOI by taking the lead on the Marine Resources pillar and acknowledged Australia's lead on its

Marine Ecology pillar.

During the Ministerial Dialogue, the three countries shared mutual concerns regarding the strategic, security, economic and environmental challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

70. N Rangasamy was sworn in as Chief Minister of Puducherry on May 7. He will be at the UT for the time.

- (a) 3rd
- (b) 4th
- (c) 5th
- (d) 6th
- (e) 7th

Answer: B

71 years-old AINRC (All India NR Congress) founder N Rangasamy was sworn in as Chief Minister of Puducherry on May 7 for a record fourth time.

However, this will be the first time that he will be heading a coalition cabinet, with alliance party BJP slated to be inducted into the ministry.

Lt Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office and secrecy to N Rangasamy.

N Rangasamy had been at the helm of the UT three times before – as a Congress CM between 2001 to 2006 and 2006 to 2008 when he was replaced by the party. He later formed his party AINRC and contested the 2011 polls alone successfully and went on to become a CM for the third time.

N Rangasamy is known to be a simple, soft-spoken and accessible leader. He is famous for driving around in a two-wheeler without security.

71. India has begun exporting millets to Denmark which meets organic certification standards. These millets are grown in

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Bihar

Answer: A

In a major boost to organic products exports from the country, India will be exporting organic products – millets to Denmark.

These millets were grown in Himalayas from snow-melt water of River Ganga in Uttarakhand.

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), in collaboration with Uttarakhand Agriculture Produce Marketing Board (UKAPMB) has procured millets directly from these farmers which have been processed in the state-of-art processing unit built by mandi board and operated by Just Organik.

Millets are unique agricultural products from India which have significant demand in the global market. It may also be noted that India's export of organic food products rose by more than 51 per cent to Rs 7,078 crore (\$1,040 million) during April-February

(2020-21) compared to the same period in the previous scale (2019-20).

The growth in organic products have been achieved despite logistical and operational challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chief exportable products include oil cake meal followed by oil seeds, fruit pulps and purees, cereals and millets, spices, tea, medicinal plant products, dry fruits, sugar, pulses, coffee, essential oil etc, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement.

India's organic products have been exported to 58 countries including USA, European Union, Canada, UK, Australia, Switzerland, Israel and South Korea.

72. Who has been appointed as Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR) based in Hyderabad?

- (a) Dr R Mahendra Kumar
- (b) Dr Raman Meenakshi Sundaram
- (c) Dr D V Seshu
- (d) Dr D Subrahmanyam
- (e) Dr S R Voleti

Answer: B

Dr. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has been appointed as Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR) based in Hyderabad. Earlier, Dr. Sundaram was working as Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) in Crop Improvement Section of the ICAR-IIRR and served the Rice Institute for the last 23 years

Sundaram's research accomplishments include the development of one of the first biotechnology products in rice, Improved Samba Mahsuri, which is high yielding, is of fine-grain type, has a low glycaemic index and is highly resistant to bacterial blight.

Dr. Sundaram has been conferred with several national and international awards, which include DBT Product and Process Development and Commercialization Award, ICAR Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientist Award, ICAR-Hari Om Ashram Award, CSIR Award for innovation in rural development and P.N. Behl Award for excellence in Crop Sciences.

73. Which of the following states has declared Journalists as the frontline warriors and pressed for priority vaccination.

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: A

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has recently declared Journalists as the frontline warriors and pressed for priority vaccination. The decision will benefit 6,944 working journalists of the state.

Besides, an ex-gratia of Rs 15 lakh is also being provided to the next of kin of journalists who die of Covid while performing duty.

Four journalists in Odisha had died during the first wave of Covid-19.

During the second wave, as many as 11 journalists have succumbed to the virus as of May 1, 2021.

The Odisha government had in March written to the Union Health Ministry to include journalists as frontline workers for priority vaccination in all age groups.

74. The Reserve Bank of India has constituted an advisory group to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority. Who among the following is not a member of the group?

- (a) Gautam thakur
- (b) Subir Saha
- (c) Amitabh chaudhary
- (d) Ravi Dhuvvuru
- (e) Abadaan Viccaji

Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India on May 7, 2021 informed that it has set up an advisory group to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0)

The second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0) was set up by the RBI initially for a period of one year from May 1, 2021.

The RRA 2.0 was set up to streamline regulations and reduce the compliance burden of regulated entities.

The advisory group will be headed by SBI Managing Director S Janakiraman.

It will have members from regulated entities, including compliance officers. The members of the advisory group includes T T Srinivasaraghavan, Gautam Thakur, Subir Saha, Ravi Dhuvvuru and Abadaan Viccaji.

75. Mahindra Group recently announced to set up Mahindra Advanced Design Europe (M.A.D.E) in which country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) UAE
- (c) UK
- (d) USA
- (e) Bangladesh

Answer: C

Mahindra Group recently announced to set up Mahindra Advanced Design Europe (M.A.D.E) in the West Midlands, UK.

The new Centre of Excellence (CoE), will be a part of the Mahindra Global Design Network.

The network will include the Mahindra Design Studio in Mumbai, India, and Pininfarina Design in Turin, Italy.

M.A.D.E. in the UK will be operational from July 1, 2021.

M.A.D.E is a strategic enhancement of Mahindra's global design capabilities and renews its commitment to bring to its customers sophisticated, authentic SUVs.

M.A.D.E will further sharpen Mahindra's product designs and differentiated technology offerings to further its safe, thrilling, yet efficient connected car experiences.

76. RLD chief and former Union Minister, Ajit Singh passed away recently due to Covid-19. He became the Civil Aviation Minister in which year?

- (a) 1996
- (b) 2001
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2011
- (e) 2014

Answer: D

Ajit Singh, union minister in several governments and one of India's senior most politicians, died at 82 after battling Covid.

The son of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, Chaudhary Ajit Singh served as a Member of Parliament for eight terms, including one term as a member of the Rajya Sabha. He also served as the Union Minister four times.

Ajit Singh was inducted as the Union minister of industry in the VP Singh government.

He joined the PV Narasimha Rao government as food minister but resigned from the Congress in 1996.

Ajit Singh formed RLD and joined the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government as agriculture minister in 2001.

He was part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government till May 2003.

In 2011, his party joined the Congress-led UPA and he became Civil Aviation Minister.

Mr Singh had also backed the farmers' protest since November near Delhi against three central laws.

77. TRIFED, the commercial wing of Ministry of Tribal Affairs has inked a MOU with the Link Fund Foundation to empower the tribals. Who is the MD of TRIFED.

- (a) Tony Kalm
- (b) Pravir krishna
- (c) Sanjay Malhotra
- (d) Sumit deb
- (e) Sanjiv Chadha

Answer: B

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED), has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The LINK Fund, for a collaborative project titled "Sustainable Livelihoods For Tribal Households in India".

Under the project, both the organisations will work together towards providing support to tribals for increasing value addition in their produce and products; Sustainable livelihoods and value addition. They will also work to create women centred infrastructure and innovation and entrepreneurship. The partnership will also develop the market for non-timber forest products.

About TRIFED:

MD: Pravir Krishna

Headquarters: New Delhi

About Link Fund:

CEO: Tony Kalm

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

78.. The Central government has extended the deadline for making payment under the direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas till

- (a) May 31
- (b) June 15
- (c) June 30
- (d) July 31
- (e) July 1

Answer: C

The government has extended the deadline for making payment under the direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas by two months till June 30 to ease hardships faced by taxpayers amid the pandemic.

Also, it has extended the due date for issuance of notice for reopening of assessment by tax officers where income has escaped assessment and sending intimation of processing of Equalisation Levy till June 30.

It has also been decided that time for payment of amount payable under the Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Act, 2020, without an additional amount, shall be further extended to 30th June 2021.

The deadline for filing declaration under the scheme ended on March 31.

The Vivad Se Vishwas scheme had netted about Rs 54,000 crore to the exchequer till early April and more is expected to come in based on the declarations already filed. The last date for making the payment has now been extended till June 30.

79. Due to the pandemic, India's public and private sector refiners processed how much percent less crude oil in 2020-21?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 11%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 13%
- (e) 14%

Answer: D

India's crude oil production fell by 5% to 30.5 million tonnes in 2020-21, from 32.17 million tonnes in 2019-20, government data showed.

Natural gas production also plummeted by 8% to 28.67 billion cubic metres (BCM) in FY21, as against 31.18 BCM a year ago.

The refineries produced 11.2% less petroleum products at 233.4 million tonnes in 2020-21.

With the pandemic pummeling economic activity, resulting in fall in fuel demand, India's public and private sector refiners processed nearly 13 per cent less crude oil at 221.7 million tonnes in 2020-21.

80. In the year 2020, India increased electric bus registrations by how much percent as per the

International Energy Agency's global EV outlook report?

- (a) 13%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 34%
- (d) 45%
- (e) 25%

Answer: C

More than 30 percent of new vehicle sales in India will be electric by 2030, the International Energy Agency said in its global EV outlook report.

As per the outlook's stated policies scenario, EV deployment in India will mainly be achieved through the electrification of two/three-wheelers, which will reach a sales share of almost 50 per cent.

"The rate of electrification of buses and light-duty vehicles is lower, below 15 per cent sales share in 2030," it added.

In 2020, India increased electric bus registrations by 34 per cent to 600.

The lack of government spending under the FAME II policy has hindered EV deployment along with a pressure on domestic automakers to focus on BS-VI innovation instead of EVs, IEA said.

More than halfway to the April 2022 end-date only 3 percent of the allocated funds under FAME II have been used for a total of just 30 000 vehicles.

81. Recently, the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting was held virtually on April 28, 2021. The meeting was chaired by whom?

- (a) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- (b) Oliver Dowden
- (c) Luigi Di Maio
- (d) Marise Payne
- (e) Mark Brown

Answer: B

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of MeitY represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting which was held virtually on April 28, 2021.

The meeting was chaired by Oliver Dowden, secretary of state for digital, culture, media and sport, UK.

The theme of the meeting is 'Building Back Better'.

The dignitaries discussed the importance of technology to get faster recovery from the post-COVID-19 era.

They also assured to enhance cooperation to develop digital technology in various areas.

82. Decentro, has partnered with ICICI Bank to offer customized business banking APIs to fintechs, startups, and corporates and e-commerce companies. Decentro company is located in

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Chennai

Answer: B

Decentro, a full-stack API banking platform, has partnered with ICICI Bank, a leading private sector bank in India, to offer customized business banking APIs to fintechs, startups, and corporates and e-commerce companies.

Through this partnership, Decentro has integrated ICICI Bank's seven business banking APIs from diverse categories like accounts, payments and collections.

With this, any fintech, startup and corporate can now enjoy instant and secured access to customised business banking APIs on top of ICICI Bank.

The interested companies can simply visit Decentro's website and fill out a 2 minute form to sign up for the business banking module whenever they feel like.

About ICICI Bank:

Headquarters: Mumbai

MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi

Established: 1995

Tag Line: Hum Haina, Khayal Apka

About Decentro:

Founder & CEO: Rohit Taneja

Headquarters: Bengaluru

83. International Financial Corporation plans to invest USD 40 millions in which online upskilling platform?

- (a) Soal
- (b) Beyond Skool
- (c) Topper Codr

(d) Upgrad

(e) WhiteHat

Answer: D

Online up-skilling platform Upgrad has concluded another funding round of USD 40 million (about Rs 290 crore) from the World Bank arm IFC, bringing down the promoters' holding in the firm to 75 per cent.

It had recently secured a USD 120 million funding from Singaporean investor Temasek Holdings, The equity infusion of USD 160 million in two quick rounds takes the Mumbai-based startup closer to unicorn status, valuing the around six-year-old company at USD 850 million.

This is the second external funding for the company. Upgrad was founded by Ronnie Screwvala, Phalgun Kompalli, Mayank Kumar and Ravijot Chugh in 2015 by investing over Rs 170 crore, most of which was from Screwvala.

84. Oxford Economic revised India's GDP forecast to 10.2% for the FY22. What was its earlier forecast?

- (a) 11%
- (b) 11.2%
- (c) 11.5%
- (d) 11.8%
- (e) 11.6%

Answer: D

The Global forecasting firm Oxford Economics has revised downwards the GDP growth forecast for India to 10.2 per cent for fiscal 2021-22. Earlier it predicted this at 11.8 per cent. The downward revision is based on the country's serious health burden, weak vaccination rate and lack of a convincing government strategy to contain the pandemic.

85. Apple has announced a first-of-its-kind carbon removal initiative called 'Restore Fund' of Million USD.

- (a) 100
- (b) 200
- (c) 250
- (d) 300
- (e) 400

Answer: B

Cupertino giant Apple on, April 15, announced a first-of-its-kind carbon removal initiative called 'Restore Fund'.

Under this new initiative investments will be made in forestry projects to remove carbon from the atmosphere.

The new initiative is part of Apple's broader goal of becoming carbon neutral across its entire value chain by 2030.

Launched with Conservation International and Goldman Sachs, this \$200 million fund aims to remove at least 1 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually from the atmosphere, which Apple

claims is equivalent to the amount of fuel used by over 200,000 passenger vehicles.

86. Civil rights lawyer Vanita Gupta recently became the Associate Attorney General of the US. This is highest post in the US Justice Department.

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 6th

Answer: B

Civil rights lawyer Vanita Gupta made history when the United States Senate voted to confirm her as Associate Attorney General, making her the first Indian American to serve as the US Justice Department's third-highest ranking official.

Gupta was narrowly confirmed by a vote of 51 to 49, with only one Republican breaking ranks to join the Democrats in approving her nomination.

Gupta would also be the first woman of colour and civil rights attorney to serve in this post.

In 2014, she was appointed by then-

President Barack Obama to serve as Acting Assistant Attorney General and head of the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

Until recently, she served as the Chief Executive Officer of the US' oldest civil rights coalition — The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

87. French firm Alstom recently manufactured and delivered its 100th Electric Locomotive to the Indian Railways. As a part of project, both the firms signed a contract of Rs crores

- (a) 25000
- (b) 20000
- (c) 15000
- (d) 10000
- (e) 5000

Answer: A

Alstom has successfully manufactured and delivered the 100th electric locomotive to the Indian Railways. Built in one of the country's largest integrated greenfield manufacturing facilities, Madhepura plant in Bihar, these are the most powerful made-in-India electric locomotives.

As part of the largest foreign direct investment (FDI) project of the railways, the Ministry of Railways and Alstom signed a contract worth 350 crore euros (Rs 25,000 crore) in 2015 and created a joint venture.

The contract allowed for the manufacture of 800 double-section, 12,000-horsepower electric locomotives for freight service and associated maintenance for a period of 11 years.

The scope also included the setting up of a manufacturing plant in Bihar's Madhepura for building the e-locos and two maintenance depots in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur and Maharashtra's Nagpur.

The project is touted to create more than 10,000 direct and indirect jobs in the country, primarily in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Deployed for operations on the major freight routes, including the dedicated freight corridors, the Prima T8 WAG-12B e-locos have already clocked close to 50 lakh kilometres, hauling a wide range of commodities.

88. CtrlS Datacenters has collaborated with which insurance company to enhance their overall technology infrastructure resilience?

- (a) Birla Sun Life Insurance
- (b) Aegon Life Insurance
- (c) Canara HSBC Oriental Bank Of Commerce Life Insurance
- (d) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance
- (e) SBI General Insurance

Answer: C

CtrlS Datacenters has collaborated with Canara HSBC Oriental Bank Of Commerce Life Insurance as a strategic technology partner to enhance their overall technology infrastructure resilience.

The company aims to provide seamless customer experience round the clock to its customers and therefore has been investing in upgrading the entire technology landscape including the architecture and infrastructure over the last couple of years.

The data center facilities provided by CtrlS are designed to respond to the increasing demand of hyperscalers and mission critical applications

backed by its operational excellence framework, zero downtime DC architecture, six to nine zone military grade security, to address the non-negotiable technology mandate of businesses today.

89. SEBI mandated mutual fund units to pay 20% salaries of its executives in the form of Mutual Fund schemes. The guideline will come into effect from

- (a) May 31
- (b) June 1
- (c) July 1
- (d) September 1
- (e) October 30

Answer: C

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), in a far-reaching mandated mutual fund (MF) industry that a fifth of the salary of top executives is be paid in the form of units of mutual fund schemes they oversee.

The market regulator said this has been done to “align the interests of the key employees of the asset management companies (AMCs) with the unitholders of the schemes”.

“A minimum of 20 percent of the salary/perks/bonus/non-cash compensation (gross annual cost-to-company) net of income tax and any statutory contributions (provident fund and national pension scheme) of the key employees of the AMCs shall be paid in the form of units of MF schemes in

which they have a role and oversight,” Sebi has said in a circular.

The circular prescribing allotment of units to the key employees as a part of compensation comes into effect from July 1, 2021.

The regulator has also directed mutual fund houses to disclose the quantum of units issued to key employees in each scheme as part of compensation on the website of the company.

90. The Central Bank of India recently launched a deposit scheme called Immune India Deposit Scheme to encourage people to get vaccinated. The scheme has a maturity period of days.

- (a) 1,111 days
- (b) 365 days
- (c) 730 days
- (d) 1299 days
- (e) 1825 days

Answer: A

The Central Bank of India recently launched a deposit scheme called Immune India Deposit Scheme in an attempt to encourage people to get vaccinated.

The scheme offers an interest rate of 25 basis points (bps) higher than the card rate to everyone who has been vaccinated.

The new product -- Immune India Deposit Scheme -- has a maturity of 1,111 days.

Senior citizens are eligible for extra interest as applicable.

91. The Government has set Foodgrains production target for the crop year 2021-22 atmillion tonnes.

- (a) 307 MT
- (b) 407 MT
- (c) 507 MT
- (d) 607 MT
- (e) 707 MT

Answer: A

Indian agriculture & farmers welfare minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated 'The National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign- 2021' on 30 April, 2021.

Tomar announced that the Government has set Foodgrains production target for the crop year 2021-22 at 307 million tonnes.

Season wise target – 151.43 MT in Kharif season & 155.83 MT in Rabi Season.

The government has also set targets for rice, wheat, pulses and other for the year 2021-22.

The target for rice, wheat, pulses are 121.1 MT, 110 MT, 25 MT respectively.

92. Motilal Oswal Private Equity (MOPE) has purchased a minority stake in which Finance Bank. for 185 crore rupees?

- (a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- (b) Capital Small Finance bank
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- (d) AU Small Finance Bank

(e) ESAB Small Finance bank

Answer: C

Motilal Oswal Private Equity (MOPE) has purchased a minority stake in Fincare Small Finance Bank. for 185 crore rupees.

The investment is through India Business Excellence Fund-III, a fund managed and advised by Motilal PE.

The firm did not disclose how much equity it will hold in the small finance bank.

This transaction provides a partial exit to True North Fund, which was one of the key investors in Fincare. Its current investor base includes TA Associates, LeapFrog Investments, Tata Opportunities Fund, among others.

The Bengaluru-based MFI-turned small finance bank started operations in Jul 2017.

93. Vijay Goel to take over the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of which electricity utility company in India with effect from May 01, 2021?

- (a) NTPC
- (b) THDC
- (c) NHPC
- (d) Tata power
- (e) Adani power

Answer: B

Electricity utility company THDC India Ltd (THDCIL) appointed Vijay Goel to take over the additional

charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of THDC India Ltd with effect from May 01, 2021.

Moreover, Goel has also been discharging the responsibility of Director (Personnel) of THDC India Ltd.

He joined the corporation in the year 1990 as Sr. Personnel Officer (SPO) from NHPC Ltd, and has more than 35 years of varied experience in the field of Human Resource Management.

During his tenure as General Manager (P&A) he was also In-charge of Corporate Communications, Law and Arbitration functions.

Goel's key areas of interventions include policy formation, manpower planning, establishment and estate functions, employee relations, compliance of labour laws and overall formulation and implementation of policies.

He has also played a vital role in putting in place initial HR systems immediately after the establishment of the corporation.

On March 25, 2020, NTPC had acquired approx. 75 percent of equity stake from the Government for about Rs 7,500 crore.

94. 'Another Dozen Stories' the book is translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar. Name the writer of the book.

- (a) Khushwant Singh
- (b) Satyajit Roy's
- (c) Vikram Seth
- (d) Chetan Bhagat

(e) Ruskin Bond

Answer: B

One of the greatest filmmakers and writers of our times, Satyajit Ray's 100 birth anniversary was marked on May 2, 2021.

'Another Dozen Stories' by Satyajit Ray is translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar and was out on May 2.

Aimed for kids aged nine years and above, the book is a collection of 12 magical, bizzare and spooky stories.

The stories translated by Indrani Majumdar highlight everything we have come to love and admire about Manik-da's multifaceted creativity.

95. Under the National Infrastructure Projects, how many projects will be implemented at a total outlay of ₹ 111 lakh crore by the year 2025?

- (a) 43000
- (b) 53000
- (c) 63000
- (d) 73000
- (e) 83000

Answer: D

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has set a target of road construction worth ₹ 15 lakh crore in the next two years.

Mr Gadkari said he was confident that the Ministry for Road Transport and Highways will achieve the target of 40 kilometres per day of highways construction in the current fiscal.

He said that the government is permitting 100 per cent FDI in the road sector.

The Minister said that in India, projects like the National Infrastructure pipeline (NIP) for 2019-2025 is the first of its kind and the government is committed to provide world-class infra to its citizens and improving the quality of their lives.

He said that under the NIP, there are over 7,300 projects to be implemented at a total outlay of ₹ 111 lakh crore by the year 2025.

96. Which of the following countries is not the part of the joining countries in the formation of the Net Zero Producers Forum?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Qatar
- (c) Norway
- (d) India
- (e) Saudi Arabia

Answer: D

Saudi Arabia has announced that it will be joining Canada, the US, Qatar and Norway in the formation of the Net Zero Producers Forum.

The Net Zero Producers Forum has been formed for the oil and gas producing countries. The Forum aims to discuss the ways to achieve net zero carbon emission targets to limit global warming.

The countries will also discuss ways to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Qatar, the US, Saudi Arabia, Canada and Norway are collectively responsible for 40% of global oil and gas production.

97. The MoFPI has issued guidelines for 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for food Processing Industries. The sale-based incentive under the PLI scheme shall be paid for how many years?

- (a) 4 years
- (b) 5 years
- (c) 6 years
- (d) 7 years
- (e) 8 years

Answer: C

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) recently issued detailed operational scheme **guidelines** and has launched an online portal for 'Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI).

The detailed guidelines of the scheme are available at the Ministry's website www.mofpi.nic.in.

The GoI had earlier approved the PLI Scheme for Food Processing under the "Atma Nirbhar Bharat" with an outlay of 10,900 crores of rupees.

The scheme is to be implemented between 2021-22 and 2026-27.

The Guidelines has divided the applicants of the scheme into the following categories:

- **Category 1:** Applicants are large entities who apply for Incentive based on Sales and Investment criteria. These applicants shall

undertake branding and marketing activities abroad. They shall also apply for grants.

- **Category 2:** Applicants belong to Small and Medium enterprises (SMEs). They manufacture innovative products. They apply for the grant under the scheme based on their sales
- **Category 3:** Applicants who apply for grant to undertake branding and marketing activities abroad.

The sale-based incentive under the PLI scheme shall be paid for six years between 2021-22 and 2026-27.

The base year to calculate incremental sales will be 2019-20 and the base year for the fifth and sixth year is to be 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively.

The grant provided on branding and marketing shall be extended to 50% of the expenditure. The maximum grant allowed is 3% of sales on food products or 50 crores of rupees per year (whichever is less).

98. As per the estimates of UNCTAD, which country reported the highest share of online sales?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) China
- (c) Britain
- (d) US
- (e) India

Answer: A

Online sales accounted for 19% of overall retail sales in 2020, up from 16% a year earlier, according to estimates from the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) based on national statistical offices in major economies.

South Korea reported the highest share at 25.9%, up from 20.8% the year before.

China had a 24.9% share, Britain 23.3% and the United States 14.0%.

About UNCTAD

Established: 1964

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Head: Rebeca Grynspan

Primary tag: International

Secondary tag: In-Depth

99. As per the report released by the Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021, which insurance brand leads the list in the world?

- (a) Mapfre
- (b) LIC
- (c) Ping An
- (d) Poste Italiane
- (e) None

Answer: D

State-owned insurance behemoth — Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) — has emerged as the third strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally,

The report was released by the Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021, a London-based brand valuation consultancy firm Brand Finance.

According to the report, the total value of the world's top 100 most valuable insurance brands declined by 6 per cent from \$462.4 billion in 2020 to \$433.0 billion in 2021.

However, LIC's brand value increased by almost 7 per cent to \$8.65 billion.

There are five Chinese insurance companies in the top 10 most valuable insurance brands globally, with Ping An Insurance emerging the world's most valuable insurance brand, despite recording a 26 per cent drop in brand value.

The US has two companies in the top 10, while France, Germany, and India have one insurance company each in the list.

As far as the strongest insurance brands are concerned, Italy's Poste Italiane leads the pack, followed by Mapfre of the US and LIC of India.

100. The Government is all set for setting up additional Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants in various states. Who will be the nodal agency for executing civil and electric work of these plants?

- (a)NHAI
- (b)NITI Aayog
- (c)NTPC
- (d)Ministry of Power
- (e)Ministry of defence

Answer: A

Government has identified 581 sites for setting up additional Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants in various states.

In a series of tweets, Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) will be the nodal agency for executing civil and electrical work for these plants and will complete them on war footing.

He said, our engineers will work with the doctors to ensure oxygen supply to needy patients.

The Minister said, like record speed in roads, NHAI will construct infrastructure in record speed to save the life of every Indian.

101. The RBI has recently joined as the member of the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System. The NGFS was launched in which year?

- (a)2015
- (b)2016
- (c)2017
- (d)2018
- (e)2019

Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as a Member.

The central bank joined the NGFS for Green finance assumed significance in the context of climate change.

Launched at the Paris One Planet Summit on December 12, 2017, the NGFS is a group of central banks and supervisors willing to share best practices and contribute to the development of environment and climate risk management in the financial sector, while mobilising mainstream finance to support the transition towards a sustainable economy.

102. BOB Financial has joined hands with which of the following to launch small business focussed QR code embedded credit cards to accept cashless payments?

- (a) Visa
- (b) Mastercard
- (c) Rupay
- (d) American express
- (e) Capital One

Answer: B

BOB Financial and Mastercard have jointly launched small business-focussed QR code embedded credit cards that will not only enable the cardholders to make payments but receive them as well.

BOB Financial is the credit card arm of Bank of Baroda. ConQR is a Mastercard QR on card solution that enables cardholders/ SMEs to accept cashless payments using their cards, the global payments giant said.

103 The US senate has recently passed a bill to convert which among the following district as the State of US?

- (a) Alaska
- (b) Columbia
- (c) Florida
- (d) Kansas
- (e) Nevada

Answer: B

The US House of Representatives narrowly voted, for the second time in less than a year, to make the District of Columbia the 51st state, sending it to the Senate where it faces stiff Republican opposition. By a vote of 216-208, the Democratic-controlled House approved the initiative with no Republican support.

The population of Washington, D.C., is heavily Democratic. As a state, it likely would elect two Democratic senators, potentially altering the balance of power in the Senate, which now has 50 Democrats and 50 Republicans.

104. The UK government is the first country to regulate the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways. What percentage of UK's new cars could have self-driving capabilities by 2035 as planned by the government?

- (a) 30%
- (b) 35%
- (c) 40%

(d)45%

(e)50%

Answer: C

The UK government became the first country to announce it will regulate the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways, with the first such cars possibly appearing on public roads as soon as this year.

Britain's transport ministry was working on specific wording to update the country's highway code for the safe use of self-driving vehicle systems, starting with Automated Lane Keeping Systems (ALKS) - which use sensors and software to keep cars within a lane, allowing them to accelerate and brake without driver input.

The government said the use of ALKS would be restricted to motorways, at speeds under 37 miles (60 km) per hour.

The UK government wants to be at the forefront of rolling out autonomous driving technology and the transport ministry forecasts by 2035 around 40% of new UK cars could have self-driving capabilities, creating up to 38,000 new skilled jobs.

105. Which country's government has signed an agreement with the Coal Mining industry to discontinue the practice of coal production in the country by 2049?

(a)China

(b)Russia

(c)Indonesia

(d)Poland

(e)Russia

Answer: D

Poland's government and unions signed an agreement with the coal mining industry, to phase out coal production by 2049.

Industry representatives agreed to shut all coal mines by the target date, with severance payments for workers in the Silesia coal basin.

The agreement marks the first time that the powerful coal mining sector has agreed to reduce its presence.

106. Which private sector lender has received a request from NIACL to reclassify it to public category from promoter category investor?

(a)ICICI Bank

(b)Axis Bank

(c)HDFC Bank

(d)Yes Bank

(e)Federal bank

Answer: B

Public sector insurer The New India Assurance Co Ltd has been reclassified as a 'public shareholder' of Axis Bank from being a 'promoter' earlier, the private sector lender said.

Last week, the country's third-largest private sector lender had received a request from NIACL to reclassify it to public category from promoter category investor.

In a regulatory filing, Axis Bank said a letter was placed for the consideration of the board at its meeting held on April 28, 2021.

107. A pedestrian suspension bridge that claims to be the longest in the world, situated in Portugal, measures _____ Meters in length.

- (a) 516 m
- (b) 418 m
- (c) 850 m
- (d) 625 m
- (e) 926 m

Answer: A

A pedestrian suspension bridge that claims to be the longest in the world, named 516 Arouca and measuring 516 metres in length, has opened in northern Portugal.

Built in the Arouca Geopark, the bridge is suspended 175 metres above the Paiva river and links two hills with granite cliff faces.

The structure is now Europe's longest pedestrian suspension bridge, surpassing Switzerland's 494-metre Charles Kuonen Bridge, which was completed in 2017.

108. Arun Raste has been appointed as the MD and CEO of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange by SEBI. He is currently the executive director of which of the following?

- (a) NDDB
- (b) IDFC First

- (c) Kotak Mahindra
- (d) NABARD
- (e) ACC Cement

Answer: A

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange said Arun Raste will be its next managing director and CEO for a period of five years. Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given approval to the appointment of Arun Raste as MD and CEO of NCDEX for a period of 5 years, the agri commodity exchange said in a statement.

Raste will join NCDEX in due course of time, the NCDEX added. Raste is currently associated with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) as an Executive Director and prior to NDDB, he has worked with organisations like IDFC First Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, NABARD, ACC Cement, and a non-profit NGO IRFT.

109. As per the BSE data, Wipro has surpassed HCL Technologies to become the third-largest Indian IT services company by market capitalization. Which among the following company leads the list?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Accenture
- (c) TCS
- (d) Tech Mahindra
- (e) Larsen & Toubro

Answer: C

Wipro Ltd, overtook Noida-headquartered HCL Technologies to become the third-largest Indian IT services company by market capitalization.

Intraday, the market valuation of Wipro was at Rs2,64,916.48 crore while that of HCL Tech was at Rs2,62,004.37 crore on the BSE.

TCS remains at the top of the list of IT companies with a market capitalization of Rs11.51 trillion, followed by Infosys with a market capitalization of Rs5.73 trillion. Wipro ranks 12th in terms of overall market capitalization, BSE data shows.

110.Soli Sorabjee, a senior Advocate, has passed away recently. He received the Padma Vibhushan for his defence of the freedom of expression and the protection of human rights in which year?

- (a)1990
- (b)1998
- (c)2002
- (d)2004
- (e)2005

Answer: C

Senior Advocate and eminent jurist Soli Sorabjee passed away at the age of 91 after contracting the coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

He was admitted to a private hospital in South Delhi. Sorabjee began his legal practice in 1953 in Bombay High Court and he was designated senior counsel of the Supreme Court in 1971.

He also served as Attorney-General for India from 1989 to 1990, and again from 1998 to 2004

In 2002, he received the Padma Vibhushan for his defence of the freedom of expression and the protection of human rights.

111..KV Anand, a famous director and cinematographer, has passed away recently. He directed the movies in which language?

- (a)Gujarati
- (b)Bengali
- (c)Kannada
- (d)Punjabi
- (e)Tamil

Answer: E

Tamil director-cinematographer KV Anand passed away in Chennai due to Covid-19 related complications. He was 54. Anand suffered a heart attack in the early hours of Friday and passed away at 3 am at a hospital

KV Anand was known for directing racy action thrillers such as Ko, Ayan ,Kaapan and Anegan. Some of his hit films as a cinematographer are Nerukku Ner, Mudhalvan, Boys and Sivaji: The Boss, among others.

112. Which among the following is the first Non - QUAD country to hold the "2+2 ministerial dialogue" with India?

- (a)USA
- (b)Japan
- (c)France
- (d)UK

(e)Russia

Answer: E

On the lines of 2+2 dialogue with the United States, India and Russia have decided to establish dialogue on the same pattern, to add further momentum to the strategic partnership between the two countries. India holds similar dialogues with the US, Australia and Japan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked President Vladimir Putin for Russia's help and support in India's fight against COVID-19 as the two leaders agreed to establish a "2+2 ministerial dialogue" between foreign and defense ministers to add further momentum to the bilateral strategic partnership.

Russia is the first non-QUAD member with which India is to hold the dialogue.

In 2021, President Vladimir Putin is to visit India to hold the India-Russia bilateral summit. The summit is alternatively held in India and Russia.

113. Which among the following ministries has signed an MOU with IIT Kharagpur to set up an Accelerator Centre for Research & Development in the Campus?

- (a) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Education
- (d) Ministry of Road, Transport & Highway
- (e) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Answer: A

IT Kharagpur and the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) have signed an MoU to set up an Accelerator Centre for Research & Development at the Institute.

The MoU will provide innovation & incubation assistance to carry out activities like technology & development.

The Affordable Sustainable Housing Accelerators-India (ASHA-India) initiatives under Global Housing Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India) is one of its kind innovations.

114. Which among the following bank has signed an MOU with BSNL to provide high-quality, uninterrupted telecom services?

- (a) United Bank of India
- (b) Allahabad bank
- (c) Bank of Baroda
- (d) Indian Bank
- (e) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer: D

Indian Bank signed an MoU with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to provide seamless telecom services to the Indian Bank at competitive market rates. This means the telco might be availing its services to the bank for a lower market rate than usual.

The bank is already using the services of BSNL and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited for its Wide Area Network across the country. Dr VK Sanjeevi, chief general manager of Chennai Telephones said

that BSNL and its subsidiary MTNL is connecting 5,000 branches and ATMs of Indian Bank.

About Indian Bank:

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

CEO; Padmaja Chunduru

Tagline: Your Own Bank, Banking that's twice as good

About BSNL:

Chairman & MD: Pravin Kumar Parvar

Headquarters: New Delhi

115. World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May. It was first started in which of the following cities of India?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Dehradun
- (e) Pune

Answer: B

World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.

This year the day falls on May 02, 2021.

More than 70 countries around the world celebrate

World Laughter Day on the first Sunday of May.

The World Laughter Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai, India.

The day was arranged by Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.

116. The State Disaster Response Fund of worth _____ Crore has been recently allotted by the Finance Minister in advance for the current fiscal year.

- (a) 6,873.6 crores
- (b) 7,873.6 crores
- (c) 8,873.6 crores
- (d) 9,873.6 crores
- (e) 4,436.8 crores

Answer: C

The Finance Ministry has released in advance to the states the first instalment worth Rs 8,873.6 crore of the state disaster response fund (SDRF) for the current fiscal.

Up to 50 per cent of the amount released, which is Rs 4436.8 crore, can be used by the states for COVID-19 containment measures.

Normally, the first instalment of SDRF is released in the month of June as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission.

117. Which aerospace agency has announced a USD 10 million emergency assistance package for India to support the country's response to the current surge in COVID-19 cases?

- (a) Boeing
- (b) Airbus
- (c) SpaceX
- (d) Rolls Royce
- (e) Blue Origin

Answer: A

US aerospace major Boeing announced a USD 10 million (about Rs 74 crore) emergency assistance package for India to support the country's response to the current surge in COVID-19 cases.

The assistance from Boeing will be directed to organisations providing relief, including medical supplies and emergency healthcare for communities and families battling the pandemic, the company said in a release.

Boeing has some 3,000 employees working in India, besides local customers, suppliers, and business partners.

118. 'Mayflower 400' is the world's first artificial intelligence-powered ship. Which of the following countries have contributed in the form of technology to build the ship?

- (a) India
- (b) USA
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Both b & c
- (e) All a, b, c

Answer: E

A team of researchers from the marine research organization ProMare in collaboration with IBM built the world's first AI ship, the 'Mayflower 400'.

Mayflower 400 is a completely autonomous ship. It is a 15-m-long trimaran that weighs nine tons. It will begin its transatlantic voyage on May 15, 2021, to track aquatic mammals, analyze plastic in the water, and study marine pollution.

It is powered by Artificial Intelligence and the Sun's energy via solar panels.

ProMare invested \$1 million along with global contributions in the form of technology from India, the United States, and Switzerland to build the ship. The ship, equipped with a smart captain, six high-tech cameras and radars, has been trained with audio data to avoid collisions, correct its course, detect marine animals, and gather information of the population of the aquatic animals.

The ship can also listen to whales with a self-activating hydrophone.

Currently, the ship is trained to handle fifty meters high waves.

Mayflower 400 autonomous ship provides an edge to the scientists in exploring the rough seas as the ship will be unmanned.

119. Airtel Payments Bank has become the first payments bank in the country which has increased the day-end balance limit to _____.

- (a) 50000
- (b) 75000
- (c) 1 Lakh
- (d) 2 Lakh
- (e) 2.5 Lakh

Answer: D

In-line with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) guidelines, Airtel Payments Bank has become the first payments bank in the country to enable ₹2 lakh day-end balance account limit. The bank has

increased the day-end balance limit to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 1 lakh.

Customers having an account with Airtel Payments Bank will now be able to save more with this increased limit. The Bank deposits are insured under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI.

120. 'Operation Samudra Setu-II' has been launched by the Defence Minister to meet the oxygen requirement in the country. How many ships have been deployed under the operation?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 9
- (d) 11
- (e) 13

Answer: B

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the Indian Navy has launched 'Operation Samudra Setu-II' to meet the oxygen requirement in the country.

Under the Samudra Setu-II, the Navy has deployed seven ships Kolkata, Kochi, Talwar, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa and Airavat for shipment of liquid medical oxygen-filled cryogenic containers and associated medical equipment from various countries.

The Defence Ministry informed that INS Kolkata and INS Talwar were the first batch of ships that were immediately diverted for the task and entered port of Manama, Bahrain on April 30.

While, INS Talwar, with 40 metric tonnes Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) embarked, is headed back to India.

121. Name the Senior Technical Director of the National Informatics Center, who passed away recently in New Delhi due to COVID-19.

- (a) Satish Kaul
- (b) Prakash Kumar Pankaj
- (c) Venkata Subba
- (d) Rahul Vohra
- (e) Srikumar Banerjee

Answer: B

Shri Prakash Kumar Pankaj, Senior Technical Director of the National Informatics Center, passed away today in New Delhi due to complications caused by COVID. He was 51 years old.

Shri PK Pankaj began his career at NIC from NIC Headquarters, as Scientist B in March 1993 and worked with the Department of Information and Broadcasting and related organizations (RNI, Publications Divisions) at the time of his death.

122. Which among the following Ministry has exempted Telangana for deployment of drones to conduct experimental delivery of covid-19 vaccines?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (d) Ministry of Education
- (e) Ministry of Civil Aviation

Answer: E

The Centre has granted conditional exemption to the Telangana government for deployment of drones to conduct experimental delivery of covid-19 vaccines, the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

"The drone usage permission has been granted for conducting experimental delivery of Covid-19 vaccines within Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) Range using drones.

The permission exemption is valid for a period of one year or until further orders,

123. Which of the following has joined hands with Yono, SBI to launch a B2C Farm accounting mobile application, 'Farmizo Khata'?

- (a) Farm ERP
- (b) AgroStar
- (c) Fasal
- (d) Shivrai Technologies
- (e) Crofarm

Answer: D

Shivrai Technologies, Indian AgTech company, recently announced the launch of their B2C Farm accounting mobile application, Farmizo Khata. Joining hands with Yono by SBI, they aim to help farmers across the country to manage their accounts efficiently, thus cutting down on losses. Shivrai also owns their own B2B brand, FarmERP. Shivrai Technologies recently coined their 25-year mark of incorporation. Known for their formidable solutions in the space of AgriTech, they are all set to

dip their foot into the B2C pool. Through this new venture with Yono by SBI, they aim to make their application increasingly accessible.

124. Which among the following automaker companies has deployed its car to deliver oxygen cylinders to different parts of the country to help people?

- (a) Mahindra & Mahindra
- (b) Maruti Suzuki
- (c) Hindustan Motors
- (d) Eicher Motors
- (e) Bajaj Autos

Answer: A

Mahindra and Mahindra is the latest Indian car manufacturer which has come forward to help people amid the ongoing Covid-19 crisis across the country. At a time when the oxygen crisis has seen many Covid-19 patients die, the carmaker has taken an initiative to help reach oxygen cylinders to different parts of the country to help people.

Anand Mahindra, Chairman of the Mahindra Group, has announced that the company has lined up around 70 Bolero pickup trucks to deliver oxygen cylinders.

125. Microblogging and social networking service Twitter has added a new feature in their Timeline to provide up-to-date information on the COVID-19 vaccinations. Name the feature.

- (a) Covid Toolkit

- (b)Vaccine Tool Box
- (c)Vaccine Fact Box
- (d)Covid Fact Kit
- (e)None

Answer: C

Microblogging and social networking service Twitter has come up with a new feature to add a fact box on users' timelines to help promote the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination effort.

The new feature will provide people around the world with the latest vaccine information in their particular country, reported The Verge.

The feature will appear as a massive unmissable box at the top of users' Twitter feeds on the iOS and Android apps, prompting users to "make sure you have the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccinations."

126.Who among the following was crowned as Miss Teen India International at the Miss Teen Diva 2020 pageant in January 2021?

- (a)Yessenia Garcia
- (b) Katherine Clark
- (c) Aayushi Dholakia
- (d) Francesca Beatriz Abalajon
- (e) Rashi Parasrampur

Answer: E

Rashi Parasrampur was crowned as Miss Teen India International at the Miss Teen Diva 2020 pageant in January 2021.

She was crowned as the successor to Aayushi Dholakia.

Miss Teen International is the world's biggest teen pageant and Rashi will be representing India at the pageant. Miss Teen International has been happening since 1966. India will be aiming for a back-to-back win at Miss Teen International.

127.The world-leading supercomputing capability for forecasting weather and climate has been designed by which among the following in collaboration with the Met Office?

- (a)Apple
- (b)Google
- (c)Microsoft
- (d)IBM
- (e)Oracle

Answer: C

The Met Office has signed a multimillion-pound agreement with Microsoft for the provision of a world-leading supercomputing capability that will take weather and climate forecasting to the next level and help the UK stay safe and thrive.

This new supercomputer – expected to be the world's most advanced, dedicated to weather and climate – will be in the top 25 supercomputers in the world and be twice as powerful as any other in the UK.

128. Which of the following IITs has directed a new technology to convert nitrogen into oxygen amid the oxygen crisis in the country?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Madras
- (e) IIT Kharagpur

Answer: A

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay is piloting a new technology to convert nitrogen into oxygen amid the oxygen crisis in the country. Initial tests have shown promising results. According to a statement, oxygen production could be achieved at 3.5 atm pressure, with a purity level of 93-96%.

The institute said in a statement that Milind Atrey, professor and dean (R&D), who specialises in Cryogenic Engineering took up a pilot project with Tata Consulting Engineers (TCE) to evaluate the conversion of PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption) Nitrogen Unit to PSA oxygen unit.

129. The labour ministry has hiked the maximum sum assured payable under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 to Rs 7 lakh. What was the earlier sum assured?

- (a) 3 Lakh
- (b) 4 Lakh
- (c) 5 Lakh
- (d) 6 Lakh

(e) None

Answer: D

The labour ministry has implemented a decision of retirement fund body EPFO's trustees to hike the maximum sum assured payable under the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 to Rs 7 lakh from the existing Rs 6 lakh. The Employees Provident Fund Organisation's (EPFO) Central Board of Trustees (CBT), headed by Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar, had decided to hike the maximum sum assured under the EDLI scheme to Rs 7 lakh at its virtual meeting held on September 9, 2020.

130. Edi Rama has been elected as the Prime Minister of Albania. It is his _____ consecutive win.

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 6th

Answer: B

Albania's left-wing Socialist Party has secured its third consecutive mandate in a parliamentary election, winning nearly half of votes and enough seats in parliament to govern alone, electoral authorities said.

The Central Election Commission said that, with 98 percent of the ballots from Sunday's voting counted,

Prime Minister Edi Rama's Socialists had won 49 percent of the vote and 74 of parliament's 140 seats. That is the same number of seats they won in the previous election.

131. Noted Hindi litterateur and Padma Shri awardee Manzoor Ahtesham has died of COVID-19. He hailed from which among the following places?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Kanpur
- (c) Ahmadabad
- (d) Bhopal
- (e) Jammu

Answer: D

Noted Hindi litterateur and Padma Shri awardee Manzoor Ahtesham has died of COVID-19 in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.

He was 73.

He died on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday at a private hospital here after being admitted a week back for COVID-19, a hospital functionary said.

Manzoor was a recipient of several awards such as Shikhar Samman, Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad Puruskar, Vir Singh Deo Award, and several others.

The government of India honoured him with the Padma Shri, the fourth highest Indian civilian award, in 2003.

132. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has directed the health insurers to

settle and approve the cashless Covid-19 treatment that claims within _____ minutes.

- (a) 30 mins
- (b) 60 mins
- (c) 120 minutes
- (d) 150 minutes
- (e) 90 minutes

Answer: B

Amid the raging second wave of the pandemic in the country, the insurance regulatory body Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has directed health insurers to settle and approve cashless Covid-19 treatment claims within 60 minutes.

The Delhi High Court had recently asked insurers to communicate cashless approvals within 30-60 minutes so as to accommodate maximum number of patients and prevent delays in discharging treated patients

133. JSW Renew Energy Ltd has signed a PPA with Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd to supply 540 MW of wind energy. What is the total capacity of the plant?

- (a) 750 MW
- (b) 810 MW
- (c) 850 MW
- (d) 920 MW
- (e) 960 MW

Answer: B

JSW Renew Energy has inked a power purchase agreement for supply of 540 MW from a total blended wind capacity of 810 MW, which was bagged through a competitive bidding process. JSW Renew Energy Ltd -- a wholly-owned subsidiary of JSW Future Energy Ltd -- has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) for the contracted capacity of 540 MW out of the total awarded capacity of 810 MW, as per a BSE filing said.

134. In order to strengthen medical infrastructure and oxygen supply chains, which among the following has launched the Operation called 'CO-JEET'?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) India Army
- (c) Indian Air Force
- (d) Ministry of Defence
- (e) DRDO

Answer: B

Treating the current coronavirus wave like a war, the armed forces have launched operation "CO-JEET" to aid anti-COVID-19 efforts, like strengthening medical infrastructure and oxygen supply chains, as well as take measures to ensure mental wellbeing of people.

Lt Gen Kanitkar, who is the third woman to become a three-star general in the armed forces, is working

round the clock to strategise and monitor steps to provide relief to COVID-19 patients.

135. Which country has set up a no-fly zone over Olympic venues from July 21 to September 5, as part of anti-terrorism measures during the summer games?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Singapore
- (c) China
- (d) Myanmar
- (e) South Korea

Answer: A

The Japanese government will set up a no-fly zone over Olympic venues from July 21 to September 5 as part of anti-terrorism measures during the summer games in Tokyo.

According to the ministry, the no-fly zone will be set up two hours before the start of the competition or ceremony and lifted an hour after.

The zone will cover about a 3-kilometer (1.8 miles) radius from venues during competitions and extended to a 46-kilometer radius from the National Stadium during ceremonies.

Similar measures will also be applied to the Olympic events, such as marathons, held outside of Tokyo. However, departing or arriving flights at the Tokyo International Airport will not be affected.

136. Which country has officially declared the end of the 12th Ebola outbreak, which killed six people in one of its cities?

- (a) Uganda
- (b) Congo
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Gabon
- (e) Guinea

Answer: B

The Democratic Republic of the Congo officially declared the end of the 12th Ebola outbreak, which killed six people in its eastern province of North Kivu. The outbreak infected 12 people in North Kivu, killing six of them.

The outbreak was contained using Merck's Ebola vaccine, which was given to more than 1,600 of the patients' contacts and contacts of contacts, the aid group Doctors Without Borders (MSF), said.

The cases were genetically linked to the 2018-20 Ebola epidemic that killed more than 2,200 people, the second-highest toll recorded in the disease's history.

137. The All India Chess Federation has launched the 'Checkmate Covid Initiative' to help the chess community affected by the pandemic. Name the President of the World Chess Federation.

- (a) Arkady Dvorkovich
- (b) Viswanathan Anand
- (c) Sanjay Kapoor

(d) Bharat Singh Chauhan.

(e) Koneru Humpy

Answer: C

The All India Chess Federation launched the 'Checkmate Covid Initiative' to help the chess community affected by the pandemic.

The initiative was launched at an online event in the presence of FIDE (World Chess Federation) president Arkady Dvorkovich, five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand, World Rapid Chess Champion Koneru Humpy, AICF president Sanjay Kapoor and secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan.

The AICF said the idea is to not just help the chess community affected by COVID through financial aid, but also have a team of doctors that works round-the-clock to provide the right assistance.

138. Who among the following has been appointed as the interim envoy to India by US President Joe Biden?

- (a) Daniel Smith
- (b) MaryKay Carlson
- (c) Donald Heflin
- (d) Kenneth Juster
- (e) Richard Verma

Answer: A

US President Joe Biden is sending top American diplomat Daniel Smith as its interim envoy to India amidst the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the country to spearhead close cooperation with it and

ensure the two nations continue to advance their shared priorities, including overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic. The position of US Ambassador to India has been vacant since January 20, when Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States. The position needs a Senate confirmation. The confirmation process after the nomination generally takes several months.

139. Who among the following has been conferred the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for her exemplary contribution towards the cause of improving access to justice for women?

- (a) Indira Banerjee
- (b) Gita Mittal
- (c) Ruma Pal
- (d) Sudha Misra
- (e) Sujatha Manohar

Answer: B

Justice Gita Mittal has been conferred the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for her exemplary contribution towards the cause of improving access to justice for women.

The award is presented to a sitting or retired woman judge to recognize her long-term contribution to the IAWJ and the IAWJ's goals.

Members of the IAWJ are expected to exhibit integrity and commitment towards ensuring equal justice for women and upholding the rule of law.

Besides her, Margarita Luna Ramos from Mexico has also been chosen for the award.

140. Who among the following was chosen for the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize that was held in Namibia on May 2?

- (a) Martha Gellhorn
- (b) Nora Ephron
- (c) Hannah Arendt
- (d) Maria Ressa
- (e) Marilu Mastrogiovanni

Answer: D

Ms. Ressa was chosen for the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize following the recommendation of an international jury of media professionals.

"Maria Ressa's unerring fight for freedom of expression is an example for many journalists around the world.

Her case is emblematic of global trends that represent a real threat to press freedom, and therefore to democracy", Marilu Mastrogiovanni, Chair of the Prize's international jury and an investigative journalist from Italy.

The award ceremony took place on 2 May in Windhoek, Namibia, during the World Press Freedom Day Global Conference. It will be streamed online.

141. UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres Honoured whom during the annual memorial service in May 2021?

- (a) Inderjit Rikhye
- (b) R K Mehta
- (c) Yuvraj Singh
- (d) Om Prakash Gupta
- (e) Abinav Kumar

Answer: C

An Indian peacekeeper, who lost his life in the line of duty in **2020**, was honoured at a solemn memorial service here that paid tribute to over 300 United Nations personnel who died last year, the highest number of UN colleagues lost in a single year.

Corporal Yuvraj Singh was among the 336 UN personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty and due to the **COVID-19** and related circumstances between January 1 and December 31, 2020.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres led the annual memorial service honouring the United Nations personnel.

In his remarks at the memorial, Guterres said the year 2020 was like no other in the history of the United Nations, when the world faced a merciless pandemic that continues to sow tremendous suffering.

142. The DMK Leader MK Stalin has been elected as the Chief Minister of which of the following states along with 33 ministers of his party?

- (a) Tamil Nadu

- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Manipur
- (e) None of the Above

Answer: A

DMK leader MK Stalin took oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (May 7). Stalin, along with 33 ministers from his party, including 19 former ministers and 15 new faces were sworn in at the Raj Bhawan.

Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit approved the recommendations made by Stalin regarding MLAs to be appointed ministers and their portfolios. After a gap of 10 years, the DMK comes back to power, with Stalin at the helm. Governor Purohit administered Stalin the Oath of Office and Secrecy.

143. Name the Bengaluru teacher who has conferred with 'The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays' for spreading the Japanese Language in the state.

- (a) Shuvajit Payne
- (b) Ranjit Singh Disale
- (c) Vineeta Garg
- (d) Shyamala Ganesh
- (e) MV Usha Thanmayi

Answer: D

Bengaluru teacher Shyamala Ganesh, the former director of the Japanese Language School, will be conferred the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays.

In a press release, Consulate-General of Japan, Bengaluru highlighted Ms. Ganesh's contribution to the spread of the Japanese language and culture in Karnataka.

The decision to confer the decoration is the first of its kind since the establishment of the Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru, the release stated. Ms. Ganesh is also former President of the Bengaluru Chapter of Ohara-ryu Ikebana, and helped popularise not just the language but also other cultural traditions such as Ikebana, Japanese flower arrangements, and hosting exchange events.

144. The Portuguese Grand Prix has won by Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes by defeating Max Verstappen of _____.

- (a) Mercedes
- (b) Red Bull
- (c) Porsche
- (d) Rolls Royce
- (e) Bugatti

Answer: B

The 66-lap 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix saw Lewis Hamilton claim his 96th career victory. Red Bull was unable to take the challenge to Hamilton's Mercedes as Max Verstappen was forced to settle for second.

Valtteri Bottas brought his Mercedes home in third place despite a great race start.

Both Mercedes and Red Bulls started the race with medium tyres, but Verstappen caught Hamilton napping on the safety car restart on lap 6 to pass

him for P2. However, soon enough, the Dutchman's Red Bull was struggling for grip and Hamilton made the pass to take back second place. Hamilton then started his charge to his teammate, hungry for victory.

145. LIC-controlled IDBI Bank turned profitable in FY 21 with a net profit of Rs 1,359 crore for the year. The bank gained profit after how many years?

- (a) 2 years
- (b) 3 years
- (c) 4 Years
- (d) 5 years
- (e) 6 years

Answer: D

LIC-controlled IDBI Bank turned profitable in the fiscal year ending in March 2021 after five years, posting a net profit of Rs 1,359 crore for the year. In 2019-20, the lender had posted a net loss of Rs 12,887 crore. IDBI Bank is back in black after five years.

In the last quarter of the fiscal year 2020-21, the bank reported a nearly four-fold jump in its net profit to Rs 512 crore, IDBI Bank said in a release. The bank had posted a profit of Rs 135 crore in the year-ago quarter.

146. In May 2021, China has suspended an economic agreement with which among the following country?

- (a) USA

- (b) India
- (c) Australia
- (d) Japan
- (e) Germany

Answer: C

China had suspended an economic agreement with Australia, in an apparent tit-for-tat response to Canberra's scrapping of a Belt and Road infrastructure pact and threat to undo a deal leasing Darwin Port to a Chinese company.

Relations between the two sides have collapsed after Canberra called for an independent probe into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic and banned telecoms giant Huawei from building Australia's 5G network.

China -- Australia's biggest trading partner -- has already imposed tariffs on more than a dozen key industries, including wine, barley and coal, decimating exports.

147. Name the internationally acclaimed Indian-origin author and playwright, who was also the recipient of the Order of Ikhamanga, passed away in South Africa due to Covid-19.

- (a) Ronnie Govender
- (b) Girish Karnad
- (c) Abhishek Majumdar
- (d) Mahesh Dattani
- (e) Manav kaul

Answer: A

Ronnie Govender, an internationally acclaimed Indian-origin author and playwright known for his books and theatre efforts reflecting the difficulties of the Indian and African communities under apartheid, has died of age-related illness. He was 87.

Govender, who died in South Africa's city of Cape Town, was the recipient of the Order of Ikhamanga, among the country's highest national orders, in 2008 for his contributions to democracy, peace and justice in the country through theatre

148. In May 2021, India has signed an MoU with Great Britain and Northern Ireland for which of the following purposes?

- (a) Defence
- (b) Climate change
- (c) Migration & Mobility
- (d) Telecommunication
- (e) Mitigating Terrorism Risk

Answer: C

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Migration and Mobility Partnership between the Government of the Republic of India and Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland .

The MoU is aimed at Liberalising issuance of visas promoting mobility of students, researchers and skilled professionals and strengthen cooperation on

issues related to irregular migration and human trafficking between the two sides.

149. Name the legendary sitarist, who belonged to the Senia Gharana of music, has passed away due to Covid-19.

- (a) Ravi Shankar
- (b) Shujaat Khan
- (c) Debanjan Bhattacharya
- (d) Aashish Khan
- (e) Devabrata Chaudhuri

Answer: E

Sitar maestro Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri died of Covid-19 related complications. He was 85.

Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri's son Prateek Chaudhuri took to Facebook to share the news of his father's demise.

The sitarist, among India's best known, belonged to the Senia Gharana of music. He had been awarded the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri.

150. Which among the following has signed an MOU with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd to establish packaging, installation, marketing and services support for MT30 marine engines in India?

- (a) Rolls Royce
- (b) Mercedes
- (c) BMW
- (d) Audi
- (e) Renault

Answer: A

State-run Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and UK's Rolls-Royce have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish packaging, installation, marketing and services support for Rolls-Royce MT30 marine engines in India.

"Through this MoU, The MT30 is billed as the world's most power-dense, best-in-class naval gas turbine currently in-service with naval programmes worldwide in various propulsion arrangements across seven ship types. Rolls-Royce and HAL will...work together in the area of marine applications for the first time.

151. On 5th May, the National Dairy development Board inked a pact with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd to promote renewable technology in the dairy Industry. When was the EESL established?

- (a) 2009
- (b) 2010
- (c) 2011
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2013

Answer: A

On May 5, 2021, The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) virtually to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was in Ananda, Gujarat by NDDB Executive Director Meenesh Shah and EESL Director (Projects)

Venkatesh Dwivedi in the presence of senior officials.

As per the agreement, EESL will conceptualise, propose and design technically sound alternate energy generation solutions for plants in the dairy cooperative sector across the country.

It will also arrange necessary technical and funding support for the design, development and operation of the non-conventional energy generation models.

Whereas National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) will extend its expertise in dairy business to facilitate development and implementation of the alternate energy generation models.

About NDDB:

Established: 1965

Headquarters: Ananda, Gujarat

Chairman: Varsha Joshi

About EESL:

Established: 2009

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairman: RK Singh, Rajeev Sharma

152. As per the 5th Annual Report by the Global Network Against Food Crisis, more than 155 million people experienced acute food insecurity in 2020. GNAFC report focuses on 55 countries that account for _____ of the humanitarian assistance.

- (a) 77%
- (b) 97%
- (c) 84%
- (d) 65%

(e) 91%

Answer: B

The Global Network Against Food Crises (GNAFC) recently released the “2021 Global Report on Food Crises”.

As per the report the conflicts, extreme weather and economic shocks related to COVID-19 pushed millions of people into food insecurity.

According to the report, more than 155 million people experienced acute food insecurity in 2020.

This has increased by 20 million as compared to that of 2019. Of this, 133,000 people are under the most severe phase of food insecurity.

Between 2016 and 2020, the population affected by food insecurity had increased from 94million to 147 million.

Around 75 million children were stunted globally and 15 million were wasted.

Two out of three people facing food insecurity were from African continent.

The report also states that most of the people facing acute food insecurity depend on agriculture.

About GNAFC:

It was founded during the first World Humanitarian Summit in 2016. It was jointly found by

- European Commission for International Cooperation and Development,
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and
- The World Food Programme (WFP)

The report focuses on 55 countries that account for 97% of the humanitarian assistance.

153. Kotak Mahindra Bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market , eNAM. In which year, eNAM was created?

- (a)2012
- (b)2014
- (c)2016
- (d)2018
- (e)2019

Answer: C

Kotak Mahindra Bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM), a pan-India electronic trading portal for farm produce.

The bank will facilitate the online transactions for all stakeholders on the eNAM platform, including farmers, traders and farmer producer organisations.

Through this partnership, Kotak will provide payment, clearing and settlement services on the eNAM platform to ensure smooth trade between a buyer and seller of agri produce.

About eNAM:

- eNAM was created on 14th April 2016 as a unified national market for agricultural commodities.
- It currently covers 1,000 mandis across 18 states and three union territories.
- There are around 1.68 crore farmers registered on the platform.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank:

- Established in 1985, Kotak Mahindra Group is an Indian financial services conglomerate.
- In February 2003, it received banking license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), becoming the first non-banking finance company in India to convert into a bank – Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.

154.6th May is annually observed as 'International No Diet' Day. It was first observed in which country?

- (a)USA
- (b)UK
- (c)Russia
- (d)China
- (e)Singapore

Answer: B

International No Diet Day is an annual celebration held on **May 6th**.

This day is dedicated to promoting a healthy life style with a focus on health at any size.

It is also raise awareness about the various dieting disorders which exist such as anorexia and bulimia.

Light Blue Ribbon is the symbol of the day.

The first International No Diet Day was celebrated in the UK in 1992 by Mary Evan Young, the director of Diet Breakers, a British group.

155.A new species of snakes named 'Xylophis deepaki' has discovered in the Western Ghats from Kanya Kumari, Tamil Nadu.The discovery of the

new species has increased the total number of recognised wood snakes to _____.

- (a)5
- (b)7
- (c)9
- (d)11
- (e)13

Answer: A

A new species of tiny snake named 'Xylophis deepaki' was found on a coconut plantation in the Western Ghats from Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. It is a tiny snake of just 20 cm length with iridescent scales and has been named in honour of Indian herpetologist Deepak Veerappan for his contribution in erecting a new subfamily Xylophiinae to accommodate wood snakes.

These are harmless (non-venomous), sub-fossorial and often found while digging soil in farms and under the logs in the Western Ghat forests. They feed on earthworms and possibly other invertebrates.

The discovery of the new species has increased the total number of recognised wood snakes to 5.

156. The NASA's spacecraft Parker Solar Probe has discovered a natural radio signal from Venus recently. The Parker Solar Probe mission was launched to analyse _____.

- (a)Sun
- (b)Venus
- (c)Mars

- (d)Jupiter
- (e)Saturn

Answer: A

The American space agency NASA has found a strange radio signal coming from the planet Venus. The naturally occurring signal was picked up by Parker Solar Probe which revealed that the spacecraft had flown through the planet's upper atmosphere.

The space agency also mentioned that this was the first direct measurement of the Venusian atmosphere in nearly 30 years.

The Parker Solar Probe was launched in 2018 as a solar mission to analyze the Sun.

The entire mission is managed by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland.

The signal was detected by one of Parker Solar Probe's instruments is FIELDS when the spacecraft was closest to Venus for just seven minutes.

The probe also took an image of Venus when it came within 517 miles of the planet's surface.

157. What is the financial assistance allotted by India to re -built small hydropower plant located in Nepal's remote mountainous of Jumla district?

- (a)16.29 million
- (b)26.39 million
- (c)36.49 million
- (d)46.59 million
- (e)56.69 million

Answer: B

A small hydropower plant located in Nepal's remote mountainous district Jumla has been re-built with India's financial assistance.

The newly rehabilitated small hydropower plant re-built with a financial assistance of Rs. 26.39 million was inaugurated amidst a function by officials from Indian Embassy and chief of District Coordination Committee, Jumla.

The hydropower plant at Chandannath Municipality in Jumla district was built in 1983 by Nepal Electricity Authority with power production capacity of 200 KW.

The Indian financial assistance, under 'Nepal-Bharat Development Cooperation', was utilized for construction of reservoir tank and rehabilitation of hydropower plant.

The power plant would benefit around 20,000 people of the region.

158. Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, has launched 'Mission Bharat O2' to set up more than _____ oxygen generation units in the next 6-8 weeks.

- (a) 10000
- (b) 20000
- (c) 30000
- (d) 40000
- (e) 50000

Answer: B

A team at the Start up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)

Kanpur, has launched 'Mission Bharat O2' challenge to develop indigenous solutions for solving India's oxygen crisis.

The team aims to build a mechanism to support innovative minds of India to set up more than 20,000 oxygen generation units in the next 6-8 weeks, an official statement said.

SIIC aims to work with a set of manufacturers in different regions of India with a target production capacity of 100 units per day with the possibility of scaling up, it added.

Last year, SIIC had supported its incubated companies to develop indigenous products including the Swasa N-95 mask and the Noccarc V310 ventilators.

159. TEMA has signed a MoU with the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce to jointly promote AtmaNirbhar Bharat. Where is the headquarters of TEMA located?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Chennai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Hyderabad

Answer: C

The Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India TEMA has signed a pact with Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce ICCC to jointly promote AtmaNirbhar Bharat initiative.

They will focus to attain the objectives set under Atma Nibhar Bharat and Make in India.

The partnership will pave the way for Investment and manufacturing in Telecom, ICT, Railways, Infrastructure, Healthcare, Agriculture, Video Surveillance, Smart Cities sectors.

The MoU will also lead to having enhancement in cooperation for Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between Canada and India.

About TEMA:

HQ of TEMA: New Delhi

Chairman of TEMA: Ravi Sharma

About ICCC:

HQ of ICCC: Toronto, Canada

160. The labour ministry has notified the section 142 of the social security code, which made Aadhaar mandatory for availing social security benefits.

Social Security Code was introduced in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

Answer: E

The Union government has made Aadhaar mandatory for availing social security benefits, and for registration on a national informal workers' database being developed for migrants.

The labour ministry has notified section 142 of the social security code.

It allows authorities to collect Aadhaar details for the database of beneficiaries under various social security schemes.

The move will be applicable to both formal and informal workers and may also help in curbing duplication of data by keeping imposters at bay, authorities said.

However, people who don't have Aadhaar will not be denied of benefits, the ministry claims.

About Social Security Code, 2020:

The code on Social Security 2020, was introduced in 2019.

The aim is to introduce universal social security for unorganised workers.

The code merged the 9 existing laws relating to social security, retirement and employment benefits.

The social security code 2020 is yet to be implemented in India.

About Section 142:

It says that Aadhaar details are compulsory for an employee or unorganised person or any other person to get benefits of government schemes.

The benefits can be in kind of cash for medical sickness, availing services of career centre, maternity benefits, receiving payment as insured person, etc.

161. In May 2021, Which of the following state government's Cooperative Department has partnered with the state's auto driver's association for quick home delivery of fresh vegetables in one of its city?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Odisha

Answer: D

Bihar government's cooperative department has **partnered** with the **state auto drivers'** association for quick **home delivery of fresh vegetables** in **Patna**.

The auto drivers' association members have begun the deliveries at a time when the city is under total lockdown, making the service effective and valued.

Rajkumar Jha, general secretary of the All-India Road Transport Workers Federation in Bihar, said this work has provided auto drivers a much needed source of earning.

The cooperative department has offered to open bank accounts in the cooperative bank for the drivers involved in the programme.

It is planning a direct money transfer to these accounts, he added.

Jha said the delivery facility could also be launched in other cities of the state if the experiment succeeds in Patna.

162. Madhya Pradesh has recently made the RT-PCR test compulsory for staffers of zoos involved in animal rescue operations. The state is the home to how many tigers?

- (a) 526
- (b) 539
- (c) 578
- (d) 598
- (e) 560

Answer: A

In MP, which is home to the highest number of tigers in the country i.e., 526, RT-PCR test has been made compulsory for staffers of zoo, field officers and forest guards of national parks and Tiger reserves involved in animal rescue operations, said Alok Kumar, principal chief conservator of forest (wildlife). In Indore, Gwalior and Bhopal zoological parks, all the staff members will give samples for RT-PCR test.

They have also been asked to follow all the guidelines of the ministry of environment and forests (MoEF)," said VS Parihar, field director Pench Tiger Reserve.

163. Name the senior journalist and an expert on foreign policy, who passed away recently due to Covid-19.

- (a) Rohit sardana
- (b) Shesh Narain
- (c) Sunil Jain
- (d) Ashish Yechurry

(e) Radhakrishna Muralidhar

Answer: B

Senior journalist Shesh Narain Singh passed away due to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) on Friday. He was undergoing treatment for the disease at a hospital in Noida.

A columnist, political commentator and an expert on foreign policy, Shesh Narain Singh had a career spanning over two decades.

Singh was a respected journalist who appeared across a spectrum of TV debates and had immense knowledge of the political system of India.

164. Which state government has launched a new scheme to provide free treatment and approx 60000 Beds in government & private hospitals to the patients of Coronavirus in the state?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: C

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has launched a new scheme under which free treatment will be provided to the patients of Coronavirus in the state.

The scheme by the state government will benefit the poor and even the middle class, who will be able to get free COVID treatment at contracted private hospitals.

Under the scheme, the state government will empanel private hospitals for COVID treatment, and tests such as the remdesivir injections, medicines, CT Scan, oxygen, etc. will be made available free of cost.

After the scheme is implemented, a total of 60,915 beds will be available in the government and private hospitals for the treatment of COVID to the beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Madhya Pradesh.

165. The researchers of which of the following country have published the 1st structural images of a mutation in the B.1.1.7 variant of the Covid-19 virus?

- (a) UK
- (b) US
- (c) Canada
- (d) Russia
- (e) Italy

Answer: C

Canadian researchers have published the first structural images of a mutation in the B.1.1.7 variant of the Covid-19 virus that may explain why it has proved far more infectious than the previous strain, causing a rapid rise in cases.

The B.1.1.7 variant, first reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) in mid-December last year, has an unusually large number of mutations.

Primary tag: International

Secondary tag: Outline

166. In May 2021, which state has announced the financial assistance of Rs 5000 per day for below the poverty line patients admitted in private hospitals who are in ICU?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) West Bengal

Answer: B

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced a medical assistance scheme for BPL cardholders seeking treatment at private hospitals in the state amid the raging Covid-19 pandemic.

Khattar said his government will provide an assistance of Rs 5,000 per patient per day, subject to a maximum of seven days with a ceiling of Rs 35,000, to those belonging to the below poverty line (BPL) category.

The chief minister also said rates of beds and other facilities have been fixed by the government for Covid-19 patients of all categories, whether from Haryana or outside, undergoing treatment at private hospitals of the state and warned those found overcharging.

However, the private Covid-19 designated hospitals giving preference in admissions to Haryana residents would be given an incentive of Rs 1,000 per patient per day.

167. Which of the following state has become the first state to give both doses of vaccine to the highest number of citizens?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B

Maharashtra has emerged as the leader in the COVID-19 vaccination drive as it crossed the 1.67 crore inoculation mark today in comparison to other states.

It also became the first among the states to give both doses to the highest number of citizens.

So far, the state has administered 1,67,81,719 doses.

168. Which University in Punjab has established the Directorate of Online Education to fulfil the demand of the Punjabi diaspora?

- (a) University of Punjab
- (b) Chandigarh university
- (c) LPU
- (d) Guru Nanak Dev University
- (e) Chitkara University

Answer: D

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh digitally launched online programmes/courses

started by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, for the Punjabi diaspora settled across the globe.

Reviewing the functioning of the Higher Education and Languages department, the Chief Minister also ordered the immediate release of Rs 5 crore for establishing a language award to promote Punjabi.

This endeavour would also keep Punjabi youth abreast Punjab's rich and glorious cultural heritage, thus connecting them with their ancestral roots.

He also pointed out that GNDU being a Category-I University has established the Directorate of Online Education to fulfil this demand of the Punjabi diaspora.

Earlier, the university was conferred with 'University with Potential for Excellence' and 'Category-I' status by the UGC, New Delhi.

169. Which among the following country has developed a paper-based sensor that can detect antimicrobial pollutants in water bodies in collaboration with IIT Madras?

- (a)UK
- (b)US
- (c)Australia
- (d)UAE
- (e)Germany

Answer: A

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras and hailing from the United Kingdom have developed a paper-based sensor that can detect

antimicrobial pollutants which induce antimicrobial resistance in water bodies.

According to IIT-M, the sensor works on a 'see and tell' mechanism that makes it logistically effective for wide implementation.

The research on developing the paper-based sensor to detect anti-microbial pollutants was funded by the department of science and technology in collaboration with the United Kingdom's Natural Environment Research Council under the Indo-UK Water Quality Research programme.

Some of the practical applications of the sensors include -- environmental monitoring, food safety analysis and health care monitoring

170. The BCCI has granted 'No Objection Certificates' to 4 Indian women cricketers to play in the inaugural 'Hundred' tournament in the UK . Who among the following is not among them?

- (a)Smriti mandhana
- (b)Harmanpreet Kaur
- (c)Vineeta gupta
- (d)Jemimah Rodrigues
- (e)Deepti Sharma

Answer: C

Four India women's cricketers, including opener Smriti Mandhana and T20 captain Harmanpreet Kaur, Deepti Sharma and Jemimah Rodrigues have been granted No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to play in the inaugural edition of The Hundred tournament in the UK.

The Hundred, which will feature 100 deliveries per innings, will get underway in the UK from July 21. The women's tournament will also have 8 teams that are corresponding to the men's team in the Hundred.

The tour begins with a one-off Test at Bristol on June 16 and concludes with the third and final T20 on July 15.

171. Mumbai-based Mogae Media has acquired four agency brands in May 2021. Name the brand which is not among them.

- (a) Adam & Eve
- (b) Rediff Direct
- (c) Rediff Health
- (d) Everest
- (e) Rediffusion

Answer: A

Mumbai-based integrated communications and marketing agency Mogae Media has acquired 48-year-old home-grown advertising agency Rediffusion India.

As part of the agreement, four agency brands—Rediffusion, Everest Advertising, Rediff Health and Rediff Direct—are being bought by Mogae Media, which is owned by advertising veteran and former Rediffusion employee Sandeep Goyal.

All the four brands will operate as independent agencies.

The entire buyout is estimated to be range in 75 crores to 100 crores which will be executed in two or three years.

About Rediffusion:

Rediffusion was founded by Diwan Arun Nanda, Ajit Balakrishnan and Mohammed Khan in 1973. Khan exited Rediffusion to start his own agency, Enterprise, in 1983.

172. As per the, ICC Twenty20 team rankings, released in May 2021, which country has placed at 10th spot on the point table?

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) West Indies
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Sri Lanka

Answer: C

As per the latest T20 rankings released by ICC on 3 May 2021, England with 277 rating is placed at the top of the points table.

India with 272 rating is on the second spot. New Zealand with 263 rating occupies the third place. Pakistan is on fourth, Australia on fifth, South Africa on sixth, Afghanistan on seventh, Sri Lanka on eight, Bangladesh on ninth and West Indies on the tenth place.

173. Mahatma Gandhi's former personal secretary V Kalyanam has died recently. He participated in

which of the following Freedom struggle movements?

- (a) Quit India Movement
- (b) Anti-Rowlatt Satyagraha
- (c) Non-Cooperation Movement
- (d) Khilafat Movement
- (e) Civil disobedience Movement

Answer: A

Mahatma Gandhi's former personal secretary V Kalyanam died in Chennai on Tuesday, his daughter said.

Kalyanam (99) died due to old age related ailments.

He was Gandhi's personal secretary from 1943 to 1948, when the Mahatma was assassinated.

He joined the freedom struggle during Quit India Movement in 1942, and then worked with Gandhi till Gandhi's assassination.

174. Singer Pink would be honoured with the Icon Award at the 2021 Billboard Music Awards . The Award show will be hosted by whom among the following?

- (a) Lady Gaga
- (b) Rihanna
- (c) Nick Jonas
- (d) Jennifer Lopez
- (e) Niel Diamond

Answer: C

Singer Pink will be honoured with the Icon Award at the 2021 Billboard Music Awards (BBMAs).

The award aims to recognise artistes who have achieved success on the Billboard charts and left an indelible impact on music.

Pink joins previous honourees that include Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder, Prince, Jennifer Lopez, Celine Dion, Cher, Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey and Garth Brooks.

Singer-actor Nick Jonas will host the 2021 edition of the Billboard Music Awards, which are scheduled to take place on May 23.

175. The Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Centre' has inaugurated at which place of Mumbai?

- (a) Andheri
- (b) Bandra
- (c) Dadar
- (d) Juhu
- (e) Borivali

Answer: C

The Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Centre' was inaugurated by MP Rahul Shewale in Mumbai.

This centre has been set up in the parking lot of Kohinoor Square Tower at Dadar.

This first of its kind 'Drive in Vaccination Centre' facility has been made available to the citizens at a time when people with disabilities are facing difficulties in getting to the vaccination centre.

The centre also provides transportation facilities to the citizens who do not have their own vehicles.

176. The world's largest airplane 'Roc' has a wingspan of 117 metres and is powered by 6 Boeing 747 engines. Which among the following has designed the plane?

- (a) Northrop Grumman
- (b) United Technologies
- (c) Airbus
- (d) Stratolaunch
- (e) Lockheed Martin

Answer: D

The world's largest airplane, longer than a football field, has completed its second test flight from Mojave Air and Space Port in California.

The aircraft named 'Roc' is designed to transport hypersonic vehicles and facilitate easy access to space.

The plane named 'Roc' has a wingspan of 117 metres and is powered by 6 Boeing 747 engines.

The plane has been designed by Stratolaunch, the aerospace firm, founded by the late Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

177. Every year on May 2, world Tuna Day has been observed. The day was established by which among the following?

- (a) UNICEF
- (b) UNGA
- (c) UNSC
- (d) WHO
- (e) EU

Answer: B

Every year on May 2, world Tuna Day is observed to spread awareness among people about Tuna fish regarding sustainable fishing practices.

This day was established by United Nations in 2016 by the UN General Assembly to preserve the Tuna fish.

Tuna fish has declined by more than 97 per cent due to overfishing and illegal fishing.

Tuna is a significant source of food for humans as the fish has several rich qualities such as Omega 3, Vitamin B12, proteins and other minerals.

Owing to the growing concerns of COVID-19 in the world, the UN is going to organise a virtual conference and exhibition to observe this day.

178. In May 2021, Max Hodak left Neuralink that was started with Elon Musk in 2016. Elon Musk is the founder of which company?

- (a) United Launch Alliance
- (b) Blue Origin
- (c) Boeing
- (d) Virgin Orbit
- (e) None of these

Answer: E

Max Hodak, the president of Neuralink, a company that aims to connect human brains with computers which was cofounded by Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, has said he left the company a few weeks ago.

Hodak did not provide any reason for his departure.

Elon Musk is the founder & CEO of SpaceX.

179. Railways' freight loading continues to maintain the high momentum in the month of April 2021.

What was the figure of loading in the April 2021?

- (a) 145.67 million
- (b) 133.57 million
- (c) 122.47 million
- (d) 111.47 million
- (e) 110.27 million

Answer: D

The freight figures continue to maintain the high momentum in terms of earnings and loading in the month of April 2021 for Indian Railways, stated the Railways ministry.

It also stated railways recorded more than 10 per cent increase in freight loading in FY 2020-2021 as compared to the normal year of 2019-20.

The ministry stated that Indian Railways' freight loading for the month of April 2021 was 111.47 million tonnes which includes 51.87 million tonnes of coal, 14.83 million tonnes of iron ore, 3.47 million tonnes of foodgrains, 2.53 million tonnes of fertilisers, 3.58 million tonnes of mineral oil, 7.1 million tonnes of cement (excluding clinker) and 4.88 million tonnes of clinker.

Railways was able to use COVID-19 as an opportunity to improve all round efficiencies and performances, stated the ministry

180. Essar group has set up an exclusive 100-bed covid care centre, equipped with oxygen support at which district of Gujarat?

- (a) Ahmadabad
- (b) Amreli
- (c) Anand
- (d) Bharuch
- (e) Dwarka

Answer: E

Essar Group has set up an exclusive 100-bed covid care centre, equipped with oxygen support at Devbhumi Dwarka district of Gujarat.

The facility will be operated by the Khambaliya Civil Hospital.

The centre has 40 double-occupancy rooms and 20 single-occupancy rooms

With this new facility, the state now has one lakh Covid beds while its oxygen usage is over 1,100 metric tonnes, the CM said.

181. Which country has recently extended its support to India by Supplying medical essentials including 9000 vials of Remdesivir to aid the country in its fights against coronavirus?

- (a) US
- (b) Germany
- (c) Russia
- (d) Belgium
- (e) France

Answer: D

Many countries like US, Germany, France, Uzbekistan have extended their support to India by supplying medical essentials and equipments to aid the country in its fight against the COVID-19 crisis. The latest in line to provide medical aid to India is its 'EU partner', Belgium.

A special flight from Belgium carrying COVID-19 drugs arrived at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi on 2 May 2021.

The flight brought in a consignment which included 9,000 vials of Remdesivir.

182. The Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha formed a crisis management panel of 5 members in May 2021 to tackle the Covid-19 situation. Name the head of the panel.

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) BVR Subramanyam
- (c) Meenakshi Lekhi
- (d) Girish Bapat
- (e) Rajendra Aggarwal

Answer: B

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has constituted a five-member Crisis Management Group (CMG) to monitor the prevailing Covid-19 situation in the Union Territory to take preventive and mitigating measures accordingly.

The CMG will be headed by Chief Secretary, BVR Subrahmanyam, and will have four senior officers as members.

The group will meet daily, and more often if

necessary to review the rapidly evolving Covid-19 in terms of cases, testing rates, positivity, mortality, recovery, hospital occupancy and other parameters. The CMG will also take immediate measures for preventing the spread, controlling the infection and managing the availability of resources”.

183. Chandigarh has banned the private sale of Remdesivir injection to treat Covid patients. Remdesivir was originally developed to treat _____.

- (a) Ebola
- (b) Hepatitis C
- (c) Marburg
- (d) Only (A) & (B)
- (e) All a, b, c

Answer: E

Chandigarh has banned the private sale of remdesivir injection, used to treat Covid patients, and decided to itself distribute it among hospitals. The health department will procure the medicine from open market or central allocation and distribute it among all government and private hospitals treating Covid patients.

While the antiviral drug does not reduce mortality, as reiterated by PGIMER recently, it is found to reduce hospitalisation duration, only if started within eight days of onset of symptoms.

The injections will be provided subject to justification of demand, provision of medical records and stock available with the department.

All hospitals have been directed to submit a daily report of the medicine usage.

Remdesivir was originally developed to treat hepatitis C, and was subsequently investigated for Ebola virus disease and Marburg virus infections before being studied as a post-infection treatment for COVID-19.

184. Reliance Industries has become India's largest producer of medical-grade liquid oxygen (LMO) from a single location. It produces _____% of India's total production of liquid medical oxygen.

- (a) 10%
- (b) 11%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 13%
- (e) 14%

Answer: B

Reliance industries has become India's largest producer of medical grade liquid oxygen from a single location.

It now produces over 11% of India's total production of Liquid medical oxygen as its refinery-cum-petrochemical facility in Jamnagar and other plants. This much production is capable of meeting the needs of nearly 1 in 10 patients in the country.

185. Kanupriya has passed away in April 2021. He had not appeared in which of the TV shows?

- (a) Bhanwar

(b) Savdhaan India

(c) Ananro

(d) Meri Kahani

(e) Tumhara Intezar Hai

Answer: B

TV actor and anchor Kanupriya passed away due to Covid-19 complications.

The actor, who has appeared on TV shows such as Bhanwar, Ananro, Kahi Aek Gaon, Kartavya, Meri Kahani, Tesu Ke Phool and, Tumhara Intezar Hai. She was popular as the host of Awakening of Mind with Brahma Kumaris.

Kanupriya started her career as a Doordarshan anchor and went on to take up acting. She appeared in over 80 shows. She also established herself as a TV show host and filmmaker.

186. Name the element recently discovered by the scientists, which is the lightest ever known element of its kind.

- (a) Helium
- (b) Hydrogen
- (c) Aluminium
- (d) Barium
- (e) Uranium

Answer: E

Scientists have discovered a new type of uranium that is the lightest ever known.

The newfound uranium, called uranium-214, is an isotope, or a variant of the element, with 30 more

neutrons than protons, one fewer neutron than the next-lightest known uranium isotope.

187. In May 2021, the US President Joe Biden has announced to raise the maximum number of refugees allowed in the country in the next fiscal year to _____.

- (a) 62,500
- (b) 95,000
- (c) 125,000
- (d) 165,000
- (e) 180,000

Answer: C

President Joe Biden announced, after coming under fierce criticism, that he was raising the maximum number of refugees allowed into the United States this year to 62,500 -- up from the 15,000-cap imposed by his predecessor Donald Trump.

Since the fiscal year began last 1 October, just over 2,000 refugees have been resettled in the US.

Next fiscal year, Biden said he will commit to further increase the cap to 125,000.

188. Name the Covid-19 vaccine which has an efficacy rate of 79.4% in a single dose.

- (a) CoviShield
- (b) Pfizer
- (c) Moderna
- (d) Sputnik V
- (e) Covaxin

Answer: D

Russian developers of the Sputnik V vaccine informed on May 6, 2021 that a single dose of Sputnik Light vaccine demonstrated 79.4 percent efficacy against COVID-19.

They added that it is also effective against all new strains of COVID-19.

The efficacy rate of the dose was calculated on the basis of the data obtained from the Russians who have been vaccinated with a single dose and have not received the second one for some reason or other during the mass vaccination programme that was undertaken between December 5 and April 15. The cost of the Sputnik Light vaccine globally is less than USD10.

The vaccine requires basic simple storage requirements. It can be kept at 2-8 degrees, which ensures easy logistics.

It has been developed by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology.

189. In a first-of-its-kind trilateral cooperation, which country based company 'Ecoppia' would produce solar cleaning technology in India for a project in UAE?

- (a) France
- (b) Japan
- (c) Iran
- (d) Israel
- (e) Norway

Answer: D

The Embassy of Israel in India informed that under the leadership of the ambassador of Israel to India, Ron Malka, a trilateral partnership between India, Israel, and UAE has been initiated by the IFIICC (International Federation of Indo-Israel Chambers of Commerce).

Through this partnership an Israeli-based company, Ecoppia has been producing an innovative robotic solar cleaning technology in India for a landmark project in the United Arab Emirates.

The mentioned business partnership between UAE and Israel is because of the Abraham Accords which was reached on August 13, 2020. It is a joint statement between the United States, the United Arab Emirates, and Israel.

190. The USA has placed how many countries (including India) on the Priority Watch List for IP protection and enforcement?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 9
- (d) 8
- (e) 6

Answer: C

The United States placed India and eight other countries on the Priority Watch List for IP protection and enforcement.

The other countries that have been put on the list are Argentina, Chile, China, Indonesia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Ukraine and Venezuela.

Priority Watch List" and "Watch List" countries are identified by the annual Special 301 Report. "Priority Watchlist countries" are judged by the USTR (United States Trade Representative) as having "serious intellectual property rights deficiencies" that require increased USTR attention. The Special 301 Report identifies trading partners that do not adequately or effectively protect and enforce intellectual property (IP) rights or otherwise deny market access to U.S. innovators and creators that rely on protection of their IP rights.

191. 'Jungle Cry' has won the Best Film (Jury) award at the 11th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021. It was directed by whom among the following?

- (a) Sagar Ballary
- (b) Mohanlal
- (c) Subhash ghai
- (d) Vishal Bhardwaj
- (e) Biswajeet Chatterjee

Answer: A

'Jungle Cry' directed by Sagar Ballary won the Best Film (Jury) award at the 11th Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021.

It is based on a true story of 12 underprivileged tribal children from KISS Odisha who won the World Rugby Championship held in the UK in 2007.

The jury this year for the prestigious award included playback singing queen Asha Bhosle, director-producer of Saudagar- Subhash Ghai, Malayalam

icon Mohanlal, music director and singer Shankar Mahadevan and Biswajeet Chatterjee.

192. SpaceX has launched another batch of 60 Starlink satellites to orbit. This is the _____ Starlink launch in total.

- (a) 25th
- (b) 24th
- (c) 23rd
- (d) 22nd
- (e) 21st

Answer: B

SpaceX has launched another batch of Starlink satellites, adding 60 more to the constellation on orbit.

This is the 24th Starlink launch in total, and means SpaceX has now sent up more than 1,500 Starlink spacecraft, with around 1,438 of those still in operation.

This is the first Starlink launch since April 7 — which, surprisingly, is the biggest gap between these launches in quite a while.

It has two or three additional Starlink launches tentatively scheduled to happen in May.

193. The Centre would provide 5 kg of food grains free-of-cost to around 80 crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana beneficiaries during May and June 2021. What is the total outlay of the scheme?

- (a) 20000 crore

- (b) 22000 crore
- (c) 24000 crore
- (d) 26000 crore
- (e) 28000 crore

Answer: D

The Centre would provide 5 kg of food grains free-of-cost to around 80 crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) beneficiaries during May and June 2021 amidst the second wave of COVID-19 cases.

The Centre will spend Rs 26,000 crore under the scheme.

The government had announced PM-GKAY in March last year when the first nationwide lockdown was imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Later in June, the scheme was extended till November.

194. In May 2021, the Walt Disney Company and Star India pledged the financial support of Rs 50 crore for India's ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts. What was the amount that could be contributed by the company last year?

- (a) 25 crore
- (b) 28 crore
- (c) 30 crore
- (d) 32 crore
- (e) 35 crore

Answer: B

The Walt Disney Company and Star India pledged a financial support of Rs 50 crore for India's ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts.

The proceeds will be utilised to aid relief efforts and towards the procurement of critical healthcare equipment, including oxygen concentrators and ventilators along with setting up oxygen plants across hospitals, a statement said.

This is in addition to Rs 28 crore that The Walt Disney Company and Star India contributed towards COVID-19 relief in 2020.

195. Which among the following countries has given its approval to set up solar energy project in the country's desert to power 90000 homes?

- (a) US
- (b) UK
- (c) Russia
- (d) India
- (e) France

Answer: A

The Government of the United States of America announced on May 3, 2021, that it has given its approval to a major solar energy project in the California desert.

The solar energy project will be capable of powering nearly 90,000 homes.

The announcement of approving the project comes as US President Joe Biden promised to enhance the development of the renewable energy projects on the public lands of the country.

The expansion is part of the broader agenda to create jobs, fight climate change, and reverse the former President Trump's emphasis on maximizing fossil fuel extraction.

The solar energy project is being developed by the Canadian Solar Unit Recurrent Energy and it will be delivering power to California Utility Southern California Edison.

The agreement of the plan was signed between the Obama administration and the state of California that aside areas for the wind and solar projects.

196. Recently, Delhi has decided to give free ration to all ration cardholders for the next two months. How much amount has been given to auto rickshaw and taxi drivers as a financial assistance?

- (a) ₹ 1500
- (b) ₹ 2500
- (c) ₹ 5000
- (d) ₹ 1000
- (e) ₹ 3000

Answer: C

As Covid-19 cases surge across the country, resulting in several curbs on business activities, the **Delhi** government has decided to give free ration to all ration cardholders in the national capital for the next two months.

This will help 72 lakh families in Delhi tide over the financial hardships caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal also announced financial assistance for auto rickshaw and taxi drivers.

The CM further announced financial assistance of ₹5,000 each for all autorickshaw and taxi drivers in Delhi

197. The Central Pollution Control Board has identified 30 industries to modify their _____ plants for the production of medical oxygen.

- (a) Hydrogen plants
- (b) Solar plants
- (c) Nitrogen plants
- (d) Geothermal power plants
- (e) Solar plants

Answer: C

The Central Pollution Control Board has identified 30 industries to modify their nitrogen plants for the production of medical oxygen.

Some of these plants can be shifted to nearby hospitals for supplying oxygen and some plants, where it is not feasible to shift the plants, can produce oxygen on-site, the CPCB said.

Such modified plants can be set up in 4-5 days while installation of a new oxygen plant may take a minimum of 3-4 weeks.

198. The goods and services tax (GST) collections has touched a record high at Rs 1.41 trillion in April.

The collections were _____ % higher than the previous month.

- (a) 10%
- (b) 11%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 13%
- (e) 14%

Answer: E

The goods and services tax (GST) collections touched a record high at Rs 1.41 trillion in April, surpassing the Rs one trillion mark for the seventh straight month in a row during 2020-21.

The mop up is higher than the previous record of Rs 1.24 trillion in March.

The collections remained over the Rs 1.1 trillion mark for the fifth time in a row.

Till now, GST revenues have crossed Rs 1.1 trillion six times since the introduction of GST.

At Rs 1.41 trillion, the GST collections grew by nearly 24 per cent during the month compared to Rs 1.13 trillion in the same month last year.

The collections were 14 per cent higher compared to Rs 1.24 trillion in the previous month.

199. Which state government has suspended the third phase of Covid vaccination drive for people aged 18 to 44, after the high court's order?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Bihar

(e) Maharashtra

Answer: A

The Chhattisgarh government has suspended the third phase of Covid vaccination drive for people aged 18 to 44, after the high court's order to modify the plan that prioritised inoculation of the economically weaker sections of society.

The State government has constituted a committee headed by the State's Chief Secretary to finalise a fresh plan to distribute vaccines in the third phase in an equitable manner.

Chhattisgarh High Court had asked the state government to fix a reasonable ratio of allotment of vaccines to the 'Antodaya group' -the economically weaker sections-the persons belonging to the Below Poverty Line and persons Above Poverty Line for vaccination against CoVID for people of 18 to 44 age group.

A division bench of Chief Justice P R Ramachandra Menon and Justice P P Sahu said the state shall fix a reasonable ratio for vaccines with reference to all the relevant aspects including the vulnerability, chance to spread the disease and the number of eligible persons in the group.

200. Name the company which donated 20 oxygen-generating plants and 20 cryogenic containers for oxygen storage and transportation.

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Walmart
- (c) Google
- (d) Walgreens
- (e) Microsoft

Answer: B

Walmart will donate up to 20 oxygen-generating plants and 20 cryogenic containers for oxygen storage and transportation, as well as more than 3,000 oxygen concentrators and 500 oxygen cylinders for delivering oxygen therapy to patients at home or in hospital.

These are being sourced globally and will be donated to hospitals and NGOs in India for distribution.

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have also committed to fund an additional 2,500 oxygen concentrators as part of the US-India Business Council and US-India Strategic Partnership Forum's joint relief effort.

May 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Madhya Pradesh recently implemented the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana to freely treat the poor. What was the maximum limit of financial

assistance of special tests like CT scan or MRI for each family per year before Covid - 19?

- (a) 1000
- (b) 2000

(c)3000

(d)5000

(e)7000

Answer: D

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently implemented the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana to provide free treatment for Covid to all the economically weaker families of the state.

Under this scheme, important decisions have also been taken for free Covid treatment of families possessing Ayushman cards.

As per the scheme, the Government has increased the rates of Ayushman package by 40 percent, it has been bought at par with the rates of private hospitals for treatment at present.

In this, the maximum limit of special tests like CT scan, MRI etc. which was earlier Rs 5 thousand per family per year, has been revised to treat Covid-19 in the year 2021-22.

At present, only 288 hospitals with medicine expertise, out of 579 hospitals identified for Covid treatment are empanelled under the Ayushman Yojana in the state.

2. Uttarakhand has signed an MoU with 5 PSUs to redevelop Badrinath Dham.

As per the MoU the Oil & Gas PSUs will contribute how much crore in the first phase of development?

(a)59.20 crores

(b)69.30 crores

(c)79.40 crores

(d)89.50crores

(e)99.60 crores

Answer: E

To redevelop Badrinath Dham in [Uttarakhand](#) as a 'Spiritual Smart Hill Town', a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) was signed by 5 Oil and Gas PSUs and Shri Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust.

The Oil and Gas PSUs include [Indian Oil](#), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited ([BPCL](#)), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), [Oil and Natural Gas Corporation](#) ([ONGC](#)), and GAIL.

According to the MOU, the Oil and Gas PSUs will be contributing Rs 99.60 crore in the first phase of the developmental activities, including river embankment work, building all-terrain vehicular path, building bridges, beautifying existing bridges, establishing gurukul facilities with accommodation, creating toilet and drinking water facilities, installing streetlights and mural paintings.

The MOU was signed in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan, state's [Tourism](#) Minister Satpal Maharaj, and other senior officers of the state government and Oil and Gas PSUs.

3. Which of the following states has recently announced the 'Manoj Das International Literary Award' in memory of eminent litterateur Manoj Das?

(a)West Bengal

- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Odisha

Answer: E

Odisha Chief Minister [Naveen Patnaik](#) recently announced the 'Manoj Das International Literary Award' in memory of eminent litterateur Manoj Das. The award will be conferred on litterateurs from Odisha for their creative contribution to English literature every year.

It will carry a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh, a statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office said.

Besides it, high school students will be presented with the 'Manoj-Kishore Literary Talent Award' for their creative works in order to develop interest among youths in both Odia and English literature. The award will be announced both in English and Odia categories and carry a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh.

Manoj Das, an eminent Indian author who wrote both in Odia and English language, passed away at the age of 87 on April 27.

4. Senior IAS officer Dr. V Irai Anbu was appointed as the Chief Secretary of which among the following state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

- (e) None

Answer: C

Senior IAS officer Dr. V Irai Anbu was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu on Friday.

Anbu was heading Anna Institute of Management during the AIADMK regime before being given the plum post.

Irai Anbu along with Vikram Kapur, Dr. Atulya Mishra, D Sabitha, and Jatindra Nath Swain were appointed as additional chief secretaries in 2019.

He is a columnist, a teacher as well as a motivational speaker.

5. As per the report released by the Automotive Industry Export Council, India accounts for how much percentage of total passenger cars and light commercial vehicles imported in South Africa?

- (a) 23.2%
- (b) 33.2%
- (c) 43.2%
- (d) 53.2%
- (e) 63.2%

Answer: C

As per the Automotive Export Manual report released by the Automotive Industry Export Council, India has been established as the top country of origin for entry-level and small vehicles.

India topped the list for passenger cars and Light commercial vehicles import in South Africa despite the lengthy COVID-19 lockdowns and overall

declines in vehicle sales in 2020, according to the latest 2021 auto report.

The 87,953 units imported from India accounted for 43.2 percent of total passenger cars and light commercial vehicles imported by South Africa.

India is followed by Japan, Germany, South Korea for the top countries of origin.

About AIEC:

Headquarters: Pretoria, south Africa

Chairman: Renai Moothilal

6. The Labour Ministry has notified the changes in the investment pattern of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). The new investment pattern will be effective from _____.

- (a) 1 March, 2021
- (b) 15 March, 2021
- (c) 31 March, 2021
- (d) 15 April, 2021
- (e) 1 May 2021

Answer: B

The Labour Ministry has notified the changes in the investment pattern of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), which allowed it to make an investment of up to 5 percent of its investible surplus in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).

The new investment pattern will be effective from March 15, 2021.

The changes came after a significant amendment in the investment regime for Non-Government Provident Funds, Superannuation Funds and

Gratuity Funds (together referred herein as "Provident Funds").

Such Private Provident Funds have been permitted to invest their funds into units of Category I and Category II Alternative Investment Funds ("AIFs"), in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012 ("AIF Regulations").

However, the Notification does stipulate certain restrictions and thresholds, while opening up the avenue of investing in AIFs for such Provident Funds.

7. Which of the following has recently launched 'Savdhan Rahein. Safe Rahein' to educate customers and the public at large on financial fraud risks and how to stay protected?

- (a) Bajaj Finserv
- (b) SBI Cards
- (c) HDFC Asset Management Ltd
- (d) IDFC First Bank
- (e) Muthoot Finance

Answer: A

Bajaj Finserv has launched its public awareness campaign, 'Savdhan Rahein. Safe Rahein', across digital and social media platforms, to educate customers and the public at large on financial fraud risks and how to stay protected.

This campaign highlights how and what customers need to verify the policy authenticity; differentiating between a genuine and fake policy

The #SavdhanRaheinSafeRahein public awareness campaign is live on Bajaj Finserv's digital and social media platforms.

The campaign has a catchy jingle 'Na Ji Na Ji' with an endearing character named 'Gupta Ji'.

About Bajaj finserv:

Chairman: Sanjiv bajaj

Headquarters: Pune

8. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated on the second Saturday in May and in October across the globe. The day was initiated in which year?

- (a) 2003
- (b) 2004
- (c) 2005
- (d) 2006
- (e) 2007

Answer: D

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

The day was initiated in 2006

The day is celebrated on the second Saturday in May and in October.

In 2021, it will be celebrated on 8 May and 9 October.

WMBD is organized by a collaborative partnership among two UN treaties -the [Convention on Migratory Species](#) (CMS) and the [African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement](#) (AEWA) -and the

non-profit organization, Environment for the Americas (EFTA).

"Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!" is the theme of this year's World Migratory Bird Day.

9. Raghunath Mohapatra has died recently at the age of 77. He was the first nominated Rajya Sabha member from which among the following state in 2018?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Gujarat

Answer: D

Eminent sculptor and Rajya Sabha member Padma Vibhushan Raghunath Mohapatra passed away at 77.

In 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind nominated Mr. Mohapatra (first person from Odisha) to the Rajya Sabha. As a doyen of stone sculpture, he was chosen for India's second highest civilian award Padma Vibhushan in 2013.

He was just 22 in 1964 when he got national award for sculpture and in 1975, Padma Shri was bestowed upon him. In 2001, he was felicitated with the Padma Bhushan

10. CBSE has launched the CBSE Dost For Life app for psychosocial well-being of students. The app is

available for students from classes _____ to help them maintain their psycho social wellness.

- (a) Class 6 to 10
- (b) Class 9 to 12
- (c) Class 6 to 8
- (d) Class 9 to 10
- (e) Class 1 to 5

Answer: B

CBSE has launched a new app to help students deal with mental trauma amid the present situation of Covid-19. The Central Board of Secondary Education has launched the CBSE Dost For Life app for psychosocial well-being of students.

The app is available on Google Play Store. The app is available for students from classes 9 to 12 in order to help them maintain their psycho social wellness. Earlier, the board was giving counselling through toll-free numbers across the country. The students and parents can choose any of the two time slots: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm or 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm and connect through a Chatbox as per their convenience.

11. The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is annually observed across the globe on 8th May to commemorate the birth anniversary of whom among the following?

- (a) Bob Hope
- (b) Ray Kroc
- (c) Henry Dunant
- (d) Louis Armstrong

(e) Spencer Tracy

Answer: C

The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is annually observed across the globe on 8th May to celebrate and acknowledge the volunteers, members and staff who support the people in need.

The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The theme of the World Red Cross Day 2021 is Together we are #unstoppable!

World Red Cross Day was adopted on 8 May, 1948, the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant.

In 1984 officially it was named "World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day".

12. IIT - Madras has developed a blockchain-based secure medical data and information-exchange system for a mobile phone-based application named _____.

- (a) BlockMed
- (b) BlockEx
- (c) BlockSecure
- (d) BlockTrack
- (e) BlockTrace

Answer: D

Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras have developed a first-of-its-kind blockchain-based secure medical data and information-exchange system for a mobile phone-based application called BlockTrack.

The system, 'BlockTrack', is currently being field-tested at IIT Madras Institute Hospital.

The project has been undertaken with CSR support from Infosys originating during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

BlockTrack aims to securely digitise healthcare information systems while ensuring the protection of sensitive personal information and medical records by decentralising the control and ownership of patient data through a blockchain-based innovation.

The BlockTrack innovation is now protected through a provisional IP filed with the Indian Patent Office.

13. Who among the following has declared 11 May as National Technology Day to commemorate the achievements of scientists, researchers, engineers in the field of science and technology?

- (a) Manmohan Singh
- (b) A P J Abdul Kalam
- (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- (d) Vallabh Bhai Patel
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer: C

Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared 11 May as National Technology Day to commemorate the achievements of scientists, researchers, engineers and all others involved in the field of science and technology.

The day was first observed on May 11, 1999.

On 11 May 1998, India successfully conducted three nuclear tests at Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan.

The tests were conducted under operation Shakti.

All the tests were led by the late A P J Abdul Kalam, who went on to become India's eleventh president.

On this day, the Ministry of Science and Technology organises various seminars and workshops

The theme of National Technology Day 2021 is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future".

14. Three Indian-American CEOs Sunder Pichai from Google, Punit Renjen from Deloitte and Shantanu Narayen from _____ added to the list of the steering committee in May 2021.

- (a) IBM
- (b) Adobe
- (c) FedEx
- (d) Accenture
- (e) Amazon

Answer: B

Three Indian-American CEOs Sunder Pichai from Google, Punit Renjen from Deloitte and Shantanu Narayen from Adobe have joined the steering committee of the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response, which is overseeing an unprecedented corporate sector initiative to help India successfully fight COVID19.

The names of the three Indian-American CEOs were added to the list of the steering committee in May 2021.

The three CEOs have been active in organising US companies' response to the COVID-19 crisis in India.

The task force is a newly formed public-private partnership organised by the US Chamber of Commerce and supported by Business Roundtable. It is working with the Chamber's US-India Business Council and the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum to take immediate actions to help address the COVID-19 surge in India.

15. Which among the following company has partnered with NITI Aayog to release a report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'?

- (a) Visa
- (b) Mastercard
- (c) Europay
- (d) Paypal
- (e) UPI

Answer: B

NITI Aayog and Mastercard released a report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'. The report identifies challenges in accelerating digital financial inclusion in India and provides recommendations for making digital services accessible to its 1.3 billion citizens. The report highlights key issues and opportunities, with inferences and recommendations on policy and capacity building across agriculture, small business (MSMEs), urban mobility and cyber security. NITI Aayog was a knowledge partner in this endeavour.

16. Who has been recently appointed as an Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) M Rajeshwar Rao
- (b) Lily Vadera
- (c) MK Jain
- (d) Jose J Khattoo
- (e) CS Ghosh

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed [Jose J Kattoor](#) as Executive Director (ED), the central bank. Prior to being promoted as ED, Kattoor was heading Bengaluru Regional Office of the Reserve Bank as Regional Director for Karnataka. He will look after the Human Resource Management Department, Corporate Strategy and Budget Department and Rajbhasha Department.

17. Billie Jean King of USA has received the Lifetime Achievement award. He is associated with which among the following sports?

- (a) Volley Ball
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Tennis
- (d) Hockey
- (e) Football

Answer: C

Japan's Naomi Osaka has been named Sportswoman of the Year at the Laureus World Sports Awards, with fellow Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal the men's winner.

German football champions Bayern Munich, who won last season's Champions League, were named Team of the Year.

Tennis legend Billie Jean King of USA received the Lifetime Achievement award.

World Breakthrough of the Year Award: Patrick Mahomes of USA

World Comeback of the Year Award: Max Parrot of Canada

Sport for Good Award: Kickformore by Kickfair

Athlete Advocate of the Year Award: Lewis Hamilton of UK

Sporting Inspiration Award: Mohamed Salah of Egypt

Sporting Moment of the Year Award: Chris Nikic of USA

18. Arun Kumar Singh has recently appointed as the chairman and managing director of which of the state-run oil refining and marketing firms?

- (a)BPCL
- (b)IOCL
- (c)ONGC
- (d)RIL
- (e)NEL

Answer: A

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), has picked Arun Kumar Singh as the chairman and managing director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).

Arun Kumar Singh is currently director, marketing at BPCL and holding additional charge of Director, Refineries.

Singh's selection will have to be ratified by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet led by prime minister Narendra Modi.

19. DRDO created an artificial intelligence (AI) algorithm to help detect Covid-19 from chest X-rays. The tool showed an accuracy rate of approximately how much percent?

- (a)92%
- (b)93%
- (c)94%
- (d)95%
- (e)96%

Answer: E

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR) have created an artificial intelligence (AI) algorithm to help detect Covid-19 from chest X-rays.

According to its developers, the tool named Atman AI used for Chest X-ray screening has shown an accuracy rate of 96.73 per cent can classify the images into Normal, Covid-19 and Pneumonia classes using a limited number (few hundreds) of sample images.

The Software developed by DRDO's CAIR has been tested and validated by the doctors from HCG Centre for Academics and Research, Bengaluru and

Ankh Life Care, Bengaluru, and have also provided data and relevant medical domain knowledge.

20. The Reserve [Bank](#) of (RBI) will be conducting one special long term repo operation (SLTRO) for [small finance banks](#) (SFB). The operation will remain valid for how many years?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Answer: C

The Reserve [Bank](#) of (RBI) will be conducting one special long term repo operation (SLTRO) for [small finance banks](#) (SFB) for each month, totalling Rs 10,000 crore.

The first auction of Rs 10,000 crore will take place on May 17, and the unutilised portion will be auctioned on June 15. Like this, the SLTROs will continue till October 14, or till the unutilised amount is fully utilised.

The SLTRO will be valid for three years.

All SFBs will be eligible to participate in the scheme, which was announced by [RBI](#) Governor [Shaktikanta Das](#) on May 5 to mitigate Covid related dislocations.

The fresh lending can be done for loans of up to Rs 10 lakh. There will be no tenor restriction regarding lending by SFBs under the scheme.

21. Assam State Disaster Management Agency has developed a Flood Reporting and Information Management System in collaboration with which among the following?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) ADB
- (c) UNICEF
- (d) UN Security Council
- (e) UNDP

Answer: C

The Flood Reporting and Information Management System (FRIMS) is a digital real-time flood reporting system launched in Assam on May 8.

Assam is the first Indian state to adopt a digital flood reporting system that will replace the existing system of manual flood reporting.

FRIMS has been developed jointly by Assam State Disaster Management Agency (ASDMA) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

FRIMS will be operational from May 15.

The system will enable immediate alert-based verification at defined levels, information feeding at the source, and automatic compilation.

22. Recently, Imola Acquisition Corporation has acquired 100% stakes of Ingram Micro Inc. Ingram Micro is based in which country?

- (a) US
- (b) UK
- (c) Singapore
- (d) China

(e) South Korea

Answer: A

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Imola Acquisition Corporation's offer to acquire 100% of Ingram Micro Inc.'s stake and sole control, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

Under this agreement, Platinum Equity Group will eventually acquire sole control of Ingram Micro through the merger of its subsidiaries through Imola, a wholly owned affiliate of a particular entity managed by the group. Watchdog.

The proposed combination is the parent company (i) GCL Investment Management Inc. GCL Investment Holding Inc., and (ii) its direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively), relate to the proposed acquisition of 100% stake and sole control of Ingram Micro Inc. As Ingram Micro).

Imola is a newly established entity belonging to the Platinum Equity Group that provides services and solutions to a wide range of business customers, including information technology, telecommunications, logistics, metal services, manufacturing and distribution.

Ingram Micro is a US-based IT company specializing in technology distribution and logistics, cloud solutions, and e-commerce supply chain services.

23. . The Reserve Bank of India granted an authorization to Bajaj Finance for issuance and

operation of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments. Perpetual Basis authorization has been issued under what section of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007?

(a) Section 12

(b) Section 16

(c) Section 17

(d) Section 21

(e) Section 18

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank of India granted an authorization to Bajaj Finance for issuance and operation of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments with perpetual validity. Bajaj Finance is all set to join the Paytm and Amazon in the prepaid payment segment with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approving the non-bank lender's foray with perpetual validity

A semi-closed PPI is effectively a digital wallet but one through which transactions can flow to merchants and establishments other than the one offering the wallet services.

The wallet will become a part of Bajaj Pay, which is the company's bid to provide an integrated platform for all payments solutions.

Semi-closed System PPIs allow you to make payments to multiple merchants through the platform. Cash withdrawal services still remains prohibited.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had announced granting of authorisation for all PSOs under PSS Act on a perpetual basis, subject to certain conditions.

The directive is issued under Section 18 of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007).

24. India has participated in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial meeting. It was jointly organized by which among the following countries?

- (a) Japan & India
- (b) Ireland & Japan
- (c) Iceland & Japan
- (d) India & Ireland
- (e) India & Iceland

Answer: C

India has participated in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) - the global platform for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region.

The Union Earth Sciences Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan participated in the ASM3 meeting. The theme of the 3rd ASM was 'Knowledge for Sustainable Arctic'.

The first Arctic Science Ministerial was held in the US in 2016 and the second one was in Germany in 2018. The third was jointly organized by Japan and Iceland and was held in Asia.

25. HDFC Bank launched chatbot 'Eva' to support the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in providing banking services on which platform?

- (a) CSCs
- (b) MoRD Portal
- (c) MoHA Portal

(d) MietY Portal

(e) None

Answer: A

HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched chatbot 'Eva' on CSCs Digital Seva Portal to support the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in providing banking services for the last mile rural consumers.

The Eva chatbot will help to improve the business of VLEs by enabling them to learn about account opening, loan lead generation and product details.

This initiative will bridge the gap between India and Bharat

On one hand, Urban India has been quick to learn and adapt to the digital world, but rural India has faced challenges because of its lower Internet penetration.

26. Name the non-fiction book which has been authored by Kalki Koechlin.

- (a) The Overstory
- (b) Mind-Master
- (c) Bridgital Nation
- (d) Elephant In The Womb
- (e) Listening, Learning and Leading

Answer: D

Versatile Hindi and Tamil Movies Actress Kalki Koechlin has authored a non-fiction book on motherhood titled "Elephant In The Womb".

The debutant writer focused on the physiological discomfort and mental dilemmas during pregnancy.

This book features personal essays and think pieces of Actress Kalki Koechlin.

27. Which Indian Bank has partnered with UAE based Mashreq Bank to facilitate money transfers from the UAE to India?

- (a)HDFC Bank
- (b)Federal Bank
- (c)ICICI Bank
- (d)Axis bank
- (e)Yes Bank

Answer: B

Federal Bank has entered into a strategic tie-up with Mashreq Bank of UAE, to facilitate money transfers from the UAE to India.

The partnership will support Mashreq's payment product "QuickRemit", which was launched in 2017.

A fully end to end automated solution will ensure that customers get the benefit of instant transfers in a safe & secure manner and the Indian diaspora in the UAE will surely benefit from this.

Mashreq is one of the oldest banks in the UAE, and has a presence in twelve countries across Europe, US, Asia and Africa. It is also the only privately-owned bank in the UAE.

28. Muthoot Finance Limited collaborated with fintech NIRA to offer loans to borrowers, starting at incomes as low as Rs _____ per month.

- (a)8000

(b)10,000

(c)12000

(d)15000

(e)18000

Answer: C

Muthoot Finance Limited has announced its collaboration with fintech NIRA as part of its strategy to strengthen its digital footprint.

Through this partnership, salaried customers can avail a personal loan of up to ₹1 lakh from Muthoot by downloading the NIRA app from Google's Play store.

NIRA is a Bengaluru-based fintech offering small ticket personal loans to salaried workers from India's middle class.

They offer loans to borrowers starting at incomes as low as Rs 12,000 per month.

This partnership will help Muthoot Finance build its unsecured lending book.

29. Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin has become the first person from India to win the prestigious Sheikh Zayed Book Award. She has been named the winner of the _____ Sheikh Zayed Book Award.

- (a) 17th
- (b)12th
- (c) 15th
- (d) 18th
- (e) 19th

Answer: C

Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin has become the first person from India to win the prestigious Sheikh Zayed Book Award.

The Mumbai-born professor won the honour for her book 'Arabic Oration: Art and Function', which was published by Brill Academic Publishers of Leiden in 2019.

Dr. Tahera is a US citizen, who was born into the prominent Qutbuddin family in India and grew up in south Mumbai. She will be presented with the award later this month at Abu Dhabi.

She has been named the winner of the 15th Sheikh Zayed Book Award.

30. INDIA'S CONSUL General to Afghanistan, Vinesh Kalra died recently due to Covid-19. In which of the following places, he had not served?

- (a) Muscat
- (b) Hanoi
- (c) Kuala Lumpur
- (d) Beijing
- (e) Tokyo

Answer: E

INDIA'S CONSUL General in the Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif, Vinesh Kalra, died at a hospital in Kabul.

He was 52.

He was suffering from [Covid-19](#)

Kalra had served in various Indian missions abroad, including Muscat, Hanoi, Pretoria, Kuala Lumpur and Beijing.

31. How many awards have won by the Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank for enrolment of Atal Pension Yojana from PFRDA?

- (a) 5
- (b) 2
- (c) 4
- (d) 6
- (e) 8

Answer: A

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has bagged five top awards under various campaigns held for enrolment of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

The Bank is playing a pivotal role in the implementation of social security schemes such as Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Prime Minister Jeevan Jyothi Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), and Prime Minister Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

Since introduction of these schemes, the bank has enrolled (cumulative) 51,41,524 policies under PMJJBY, 11,89,321 policies under PMSBY and 2,06,214 accounts under APY, he added.

About KVG Bank

Headquarters: Dharwad, Karnataka

Chairman: Puttaganti Gopi krishna

32. Which among the following company has signed a power purchase agreement with Gujarat Urja

Vikas Nigam Limited to sell power from its 150 MW solar project?

- (a) NHPC
- (b) Adani Group
- (c) ONGC
- (d) NTPC
- (e) Power Grid

Answer: D

NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Ltd has signed a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL) to sell power from its 150 MW solar project.

The project, which will be installed in Gujarat, will sell power at a tariff of Rs 2.20 per kWh.

With this successful bid, the company's total capacity under TBCB tenders has reached 1.4 GW.

The company has also been allocated land in Rann of Kutch by the Government of Gujarat for developing a solar park with a capacity of 4,750 MW.

The company is currently building 6 GW solar capacity in India.

33. Vanraj Bhatia has died in Mumbai recently. He was a well-known _____.

- (a) Economist
- (b) Actor
- (c) Scriptwriter
- (d) Music Composer
- (e) Doctor

Answer: D

Veteran music composer Vanraj Bhatia died in Mumbai after a brief illness.

He created the soundtracks for Aparna Sen's 36 Chowringhee Lane and Kundan Shah's Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro.

He also scored the music for Shyam Benegal classics like Ankur and Bhumika and TV series Yatra and Bharat Ek Khoj

His last work was an opera titled Agni Varsha which was performed in New York.

Among the awards he won are the National Award for Best Music for Govind Nihalani's TV series Tamas and also the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. He received India's fourth-highest civilian honour, the Padma Shri in 2012.

34. World Athletics Day is celebrated on May 7 every year. The day was introduced by the then President of IAAF Primo Nebiolo. Name the current President of IAAF.

- (a) Sebastian Coe
- (b) Poul-Erik
- (c) Stellan Mohlin
- (d) David Bloomer
- (e) Thoma Bach

Answer: A

Sebastian Coe is the current President of IAAF.

World Athletics Day is celebrated on May 7 every year.

This day was introduced by the then President of IAAF Primo Nebiolo in the year 1996.

IAAF, an international governing body for the field of athletics and sports, organises and sponsors World Athletics Day.

The day is celebrated globally every year to spread awareness among children and youth regarding the importance of fitness and being healthy.

This year there is no specific theme for the day.

35. IBM has unveiled the world's first chip of _____ Nanosheet technology in the semiconductor industry.

- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4
- (e)5

Answer: B

IBM unveiled a breakthrough in semiconductor design and process with the development of the world's first chip announced with 2 nanometer (nm) nanosheet technology.

IBM's new 2 nm chip technology helps advance the state-of-the-art in the semiconductor industry, addressing this growing demand.

It is projected to achieve 45 percent higher performance, or 75 percent lower energy use, than today's most advanced 7 nm node chips.

36. How many metric tonnes of food grains have been lifted from the Food Corporation of India depots by states/Union Territories for May under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana III?

- (a)15.55 Lakh
- (b)11.55 Lakh
- (c)14.55 Lakh
- (d)16.55 Lakh
- (e)20.55 Lakh

Answer: A

As much as 15.55 lakh metric tonnes of food grains has been lifted from Food Corporation of India depots by states/Union Territories for May, and over 1 lakh MT of this distributed to over 2 crore beneficiaries by 12 states/UTs, so far under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana III. Distribution of food grains is going as per schedule for May, Union Food & Public Distribution Secretary, Sudhanshu Pandey, said.

The Centre will bear all expenditure of over Rs 26,000 crore on account of food subsidy and Central assistance to states/UTs on account of intrastate transportation etc.

The yojana was announced by the government of India in March 2020, during Covid-19 pandemic.

37. Advocate KR Gouri Amma has died recently at the age of 102. She hailed from which among the following country?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu

- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Answer: A

Advocate KR Gouri Amma, the legendary politician from Kerala passed away. She was 102 and suffering from age related ailments.

Gouri Amma was the first woman lawyer from Kerala's Ezhava community which is classified as Other Backward Caste (OBC).

She became the Revenue minister in the

Communist government led by EMS

Namboodiripad. As the Revenue Minister, she is famously known for presenting the Land Reforms Bill in 1957, which altered land holding in the State and ushered in social changes.

38. Harley-Davidson has recently launched the all-electric motorcycle brand 'LiveWire'. The company will have initial hubs in which place of the USA?

- (a) Silicon Valley, California
- (b) Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- (c) Morgan Hill, California
- (d) Both A & B
- (e) None

Answer: D

Harley-Davidson launches all-electric motorcycle brand 'LiveWire' Harley-Davidson Inc. has launched an all-electric motorcycle brand "LiveWire".

Named after Harley's first electric motorbike, which was unveiled in 2019, the 'LiveWire' division is slated to launch its first branded motorcycle in July.

The company also states that this go-to-market model will blend digital and physical retail formats that will allow customers to discover LiveWire the way they want to.

The LiveWire brand will be headquartered virtually, with initial hubs in Silicon Valley, CA (LiveWire Labs) and Milwaukee, WI.

39. In which country, the working age population barely grew, or there is zero increase in the population as compared to the past decade?

- (a) Japan
- (b) China
- (c) Singapore
- (d) UAE
- (e) North Korea

Answer: B

The number of working-age people in China fell over the past decade as its aging population barely grew due to complicating Chinese leaders' efforts.

The total population rose to 1.411 billion people last year, up 72 million from 2010, according to the once-a-decade census.

The population of potential workers aged 15 to 59 fell to 894 million last year, the National Bureau of Statistics reported.

That would be down 5% from a 2011 peak of 925 million. The percentage of children in the population

edged up compared with 2010, but the group aged 60 and older grew faster.

40. Bank of Baroda launched a micro-website to serve as an emergency networking platform for all employees amid the second wave of COVID-19.

What is the tagline of the bank?

- (a) Relationship Beyond Banking
- (b) India's International Bank
- (c) Ek Parivaar, Ek Bank
- (d) Hum Hai na, Khayal apka
- (e) Aapka Bhala, sabki Bhalai

Answer: B

State-owned Bank of Baroda has launched a micro-website that will serve as an emergency networking platform for all employees amid the second wave of COVID-19.

The microsite will offer vital data, including a network of plasma donors to employees who are in need of. Recovered employees can also enroll themselves voluntarily as donors.

It offers a host of other facilities that include providing contact details of various SPOCs (single point of contact) across zones for help, reaching out under the 'Need Help' section to request assistance for themselves or their families.

The site is also hosting external links for suppliers of necessities like oxygen cylinders, Remdesivir, plasma and hospital beds.

About BOB:

Chairman: Debadatta Chand

Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat

Tagline: India's International Bank

41. International day of Argania was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in which of the following year?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2021
- (e) 2015

Answer: D

The inaugural "International Day of Argania" was observed on May 10, 2021.

The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on May 03, 2021.

The resolution for International Day of Argania was initiated by Morocco, and co-sponsored by 113 member states of the United Nations and adopted by consensus.

It aims to establish an international day that recognizes the important role of the argan tree in economic empowerment and financial inclusion of local communities.

Note : The argan tree (*Argania spinosa*) is a native species of the sub-Saharan region of Morocco

42. Yoweri Museveni was appointed as the President of which among the following countries?

- (a) Comoros
- (b) Tanzania

- (c) Uganda
- (d) Burundi
- (e) Zambia

Answer: C

Uganda's 76-year-old president Yoweri Museveni was sworn in for a sixth term. He won the recently held elections.

He was sworn in by Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo. He was honored with a 21-gun salute as the national anthem was played.

43. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, World food prices has increased for an 11th consecutive month in April. FAO's vegetable oil price index rose _____% on the month.

- (a) 1.4%
- (b) 2.2%
- (c) 1.8%
- (d) 2.6%
- (e) 2.9%

Answer: C

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, World food prices increased for an 11th consecutive month in April, hitting their highest level since May 2014, with sugar leading a rise in all the main indices.

The index measures monthly changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar, averaged 120.9 points last month versus a revised 118.9 in March.

FAO's cereal price index rose 1.2% in April month-on-month and 26% year-on-year. FAO's vegetable oil price index rose 1.8% on the month, pushed higher by rising soy, rapeseed and palm oil quotations, which offset lower sunflower oil values. Dairy prices rose 1.2%, with butter, skim milk powder and cheese all lifted by good demand from Asia, while the meat index climbed 1.7%.

44. Which among the following banks has raised Rs 455 crore by issuing bonds of the face value of Rs 10 lakh?

- (a) Rupay
- (b) SBI Cards
- (c) Visa
- (d) Master Card
- (e) American Express

Answer: B

SBI Cards and Payment Services (SBI Card) has raised Rs 455 crore by issuing bonds.

The stakeholders' relationship committee of the company has approved the allotment of 4,550 fixed-rate, unsecured, rated, taxable redeemable, senior, non-convertible debentures.

Under this, the company will issue bonds (NCDs) of the face value of Rs 10 lakh each aggregating to Rs 455 crore on a private placement basis.

The bonds with a maturity date of May 10, 2024, will offer coupons at 5.70 per cent per annum.

45. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the restrictions on Karnataka-based Millath Co-operative Bank by three months. The central has imposed a withdrawal limit of _____ from every savings or current account or any other deposit account.

- (a) 1000
- (b) 2000
- (c) 3000
- (d) 4000
- (e) 5000

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the restrictions on Karnataka-based Millath Co-operative Bank by three months, till August 8, 2021.

The bank would also not enter into any compromise or arrangement and sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets.

Further, the central also imposed a withdrawal limit of Rs 1,000 from every savings or current account or any other deposit account.

The restrictions were first imposed in May, 2019 and have been extended thereafter. It was last extended till May 7, 2021.

46. International Nurses Day is observed every year on May 12. What is the theme of International Nurses Day 2021?

- (a) A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right
- (b) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health for All

- (c) A Voice to lead – Achieving sustainable development goals
- (d) A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health
- (e) Nurses: A Voice to Lead-A Vision for Future Healthcare

Answer: E

International Nurses Day is observed on May 12 every year. The day is the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

The celebration of International Nurses Day started in 1965 by the International Council of Nurses (ICN).

This day is the birth anniversary of the famous Florence Nightingale. She was an English nurse, social reformer, and statistician.

The theme for this year's International Nurses Day is Nurses: A Voice to Lead-A Vision for Future Healthcare.

47. Name the person who has become the first Sikh to be elected to the Scottish Parliament.

- (a) Rishi Sunak
- (b) Pam Gosal
- (c) Gaurav Sharma
- (d) Devan Nair
- (e) Mahendra Chaudhary

Answer: B

Fifty-three-year-old businesswoman Pam Gosal created history by becoming the first Sikh to be elected to the Scottish Parliament. Gosal was

elected as a Conservative Member of Scottish Parliament (MSP) via the West of Scotland list. Gosal was born in Glasgow and lived in Scotland most of her life. She joined politics when she contested the 2019 general election for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party as a Parliamentary candidate for East Dunbartonshire. She won the 2015 Women Leaders Business Award and the 2018 Public Service Award and is a co-founder and chair of the Scottish Conservative Friends of BAME (Black, Asian and minority ethnic), the first umbrella organisation affiliated with the Scottish Conservative Party to reach out to BAME communities in Scotland. She is also the director of Conservative Friends of India Scotland (CFIS).

48. Which country has partnered with the United Nations Development Programme to provide oxygen generation plants to the North-Eastern region of India?

- (a) Russia
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) UK

Answer: C

Japanese government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India have partnered to provide oxygen generation plants to the North-Eastern region of India.

The government of Japan and UNDP India have been jointly supporting the Indian government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic since June last year through the strengthening of health and social protection systems and reviving livelihoods to address the impact of the virus on the lives of the most vulnerable population.

The Embassy noted that one of the key challenges of the pandemic has been the acute shortage of medical oxygen.

49. The 'Defence National OPD' has been launched on the e-Sanjeevani portal. The e-Sanjeevani OPD was developed by the C-DAC of _____.

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Noida
- (e) Mohali

Answer: E

The 'Defence National OPD' was launched on the e-Sanjeevani portal.

The 'Ex Defence OPD' was launched in a phased manner in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

The 'Defence National OPD' will grant free online medical consultation to the people. It will also provide an online prescription of medicines. The doctors will answer the queries of patients through this 'Defence National OPD'.

The e-Sanjeevani OPD is a Govt of India flagship telemedicine platform, developed by the C-DAC, Mohali under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

50. ISRO's lead centre Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre has developed three different types of ventilators and an oxygen concentrator priced around 1 Lakh. The centre is located in

- (a) Thiruvananthapuram
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Ahmadabad

Answer: A

The Indian Space Research Organisation's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in

Thiruvananthapuram, said it has developed three different types of ventilators and an oxygen concentrator at a time when a shortage of these critical medical equipment resulted in deaths of many Covid-19 patients across the country.

Likely to be priced around ₹1 lakh, the ventilators developed by the ISRO were cost effective and easy to handle compared to the mini conventional ventilators that are currently priced around ₹5 lakh.

The ventilator can deliver the required flow of oxygen-air mixture to the patient's lung at a desired rate set by the clinicians.

51. What is the theme of World Thalassaemia Day 2021, observed on May 8?

- (a) The dawning of a new era for thalassaemia
- (b) Universal access to quality thalassaemia healthcare services
- (c) Thalassaemia past, present and future: Documenting progress and patients' needs worldwide
- (d) Together for Humanity
- (e) Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassaemia Community

Answer: E

World Thalassaemia Day is celebrated on May 8 every year to commemorate Thalassaemia victims and to encourage those who struggle to live with the disease.

The theme for 2021 World Thalassaemia Day is "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassaemia Community".

Thalassaemia is an inherited blood disorder that is characterised by less haemoglobin and lesser than normal blood cells.

52. Which among the following force has set up a Covid Management Cell to address the exponential rise in Covid cases across the country?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) ITBP
- (c) BSF
- (d) Indian Army
- (e) CRPF

Answer: D

The Indian Army has set up a Covid Management Cell to bring in greater efficiency in coordinating real-time responses to address the exponential rise in Covid cases across the country.

In order to coordinate multiple facets of staffing and logistics support, an exclusive Covid Management Cell under a Director General rank officer has been established which reports directly to the Vice Chief of Army Staff.

It helps in assistance to civil administration in the form of testing, admissions in military hospitals, and transportation of critical medical equipment.

The Defence Ministry has granted an extension to Short Service Commissioned doctors of the Armed Forces Medical Services till December 31, 2021, which has augmented the strength of AFMS by 238 more doctors.

53. Which among the following institute has given the emergency approval to an anti-COVID-19 therapeutic drug called 2-DG, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation?

- (a) AIIMS
- (b) ICMR
- (c) DCGI
- (d) CDSCO
- (e) Both (a) & (b)

Answer: C

An anti-COVID-19 therapeutic drug developed by DRDO called drug2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) has

been given emergency approval by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for Coronavirus patients in the country.

The drug, which was developed by the DRDO in association with pharma major Dr Reddy's Laboratories, has been found to be effective in controlling the viral growth, resulting in faster recovery of hospitalised patients.

54. Recently, Kami Rital has scaled the Mount Everest for the 25th time. He belongs to which among the following country?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) India
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Mauritius

Answer: D

Nepalese climber Kami Rita scaled Mount Everest for the 25th time, breaking his own record for the most ascents of the world's highest peak.

Rita, 51, first scaled Everest in 1994. In addition to the 25 times he's reached the top of Everest, Rita has scaled several other peaks that are among the world's highest, including K2, Cho-Oyu, Manaslu and Lhotse.

55. Which among the following has signed a MoU with the European Investment Bank to push Euro 100 million in equity financing into Indian small

businesses focused on climate change and sustainability?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Invest India
- (e) Both (a) & (d)

Answer: A

The European Investment Bank and SBI entered into a pact to jointly pump Euro 100 million in equity financing into Indian small businesses focused on climate change and sustainability.

An agreement got signed on the margins of the European Union-India leaders meeting in Portugal, where both the financial institutions agreed to back the initiative.

SBI already invests in a vehicle called Neev Funds for its impact investing objectives, and the two entities have created 'Neev Fund II' for taking ahead this partnership.

Neev Fund II will provide equity to SMEs focusing on mitigating climate risks, promoting social development, job creation, and gender equality at scale.

56. Anupam Kher has won the Best Actor Award at the New York City International Film Festival for his work in which among the following short film?

- (a) Free Fair Fearles
- (b) Happy Birthday
- (c) Devi

- (d) Holidays
- (e) Quarantine Days

Answer: B

Anupam Kher won the Best Actor award for his performance in the short film Happy Birthday at the New York City International Film Festival.

The film has been directed by Prasad Kadam and produced by FNP Media. Besides Anupam, Happy Birthday stars Aahana Kumra.

Happy Birthday marked Anupam and Aahana's second collaboration.

Happy Birthday was nominated at NYCIFF in four categories Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Short Film and Best Director. The film managed to bag two of the awards.

57. The Supreme Court has constituted a National Task Force to assess the distribution of medical oxygen for the entire country. Who is the Convenor of the National Task Force?

- (a) Rajesh Bhushan
- (b) Rajiv Gauba
- (c) Devender Singh Rana
- (d) Naresh Trehan
- (e) Bhabatosh Biswas

Answer: B

The Supreme Court has set up a 12-member national task force (NTF) to streamline allocation of the life-saving gas to various states/union territories.

The Union Cabinet Secretary will be the NTF convener and the Union Health Secretary its ex officio member.

The national task force may constitute one or more sub-groups on specialised areas or regions for assisting it, before finalising its recommendations.

The Centre and state governments “shall provide complete and real time data” for facilitating the work of the task force as and when necessary.

The tenure of the task force will be six months initially.

58. According to the Global Prime Residential Index for Q1 2021, which among the following city has ranked the weakest-performing global city during the period?

- (a) Dubai
- (b) New York
- (c) London
- (d) Paris
- (e) Hong Kong

Answer: B

London-based Knight Frank has ranked New Delhi and Mumbai in 32nd and 36th positions respectively in the Global Prime Residential Index. While Bengaluru moved down by four places and ranked at 40.

Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou lead the index this quarter. New York was the weakest-performing global city during the period.

The Prime Global Cities Index is a valuation-based index-tracking movement in prime residential prices in local currency across 45-plus cities worldwide using Knight Frank's global research network.

59. NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal 'CovAid' to help individuals and organisations to do end-to-end tracking. It has created a completely transparent system for distribution of foreign aid with a detailed SOP. What does 'S' mean in SAP?

- (a) Systematic
- (b) Systemized
- (c) Standard
- (d) Systems
- (e) Standardized

Answer: C

The NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal 'CovAid' for tracking all covid-19 related foreign aid. All Covid-19 related foreign aid received by the government can be tracked online end-to-end till distribution by the donors.

CovAid will help individuals and organisations to do end-to-end tracking till the ultimate beneficiary.

NITI Aayog created a completely transparent system for distribution of foreign aid with a detailed SOP.

A detailed SOP (standard operating procedure) has been laid out to ensure that the states with high active cases receive supplies on a priority basis.

60. Which country's Covid-10 vaccine called 'Sinopharm' has got approval from the World Health Organization for emergency use?

- (a) Russia
- (b) China
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Italy
- (e) Australia

Answer: B

The World Health Organization had approved a Covid-19 vaccine from China's state-owned drugmaker Sinopharm for emergency use.

It has become the first Covid-19 shot developed by a non-Western country to win the WHO'

It is the first time the WHO has given emergency use approval to any Chinese vaccine for any infectious disease.

The WHO has previously given emergency approval to Covid-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, and Moderna.

61. Manas Bihari Verma has died recently in Bihar. He was known for his key functioning of which among the following aircraft?

- (a) Vikram
- (b) Dhanush
- (c) Tejas
- (d) Rafale
- (e) Sukhoi

Answer: C

Padma Shri decorated aeronautical scientist Manas Bihari Verma, who played a key role in the development of the country's first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas', died of heart in Bihar's Darbhanga district. He was 78. He was conferred with the Padma Shri award in 2018.

62. Recently in May, Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the _____ Chief Minister of Assam.

- (a) 15th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 16th
- (d) 17th
- (e) 19th

Answer: A

Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam.

Sarma was elected as the leader of the BJP legislative party in Assam. He replaces Sarbananda Sonowal.

63. Alexander Zverev has won the Mutua Madrid Open title 2021 by defeating Matteo Berrettini in the final. Berrettini belongs to which among the following country?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Italy
- (c) Australia
- (d) Croatia

(e) Belarus

Answer: B

German Alexander Zverev has won his second Mutua Madrid Open title 2021 after defeating Matteo Berrettini of Italy.

He won his first Madrid title in 2018 in a final against Dominic Thiem of Austria. In the men's doubles final, Marcel Granollers of Spain and Horacio Zeballos of Argentina defeated Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic of Croatia.

In the women's edition, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus beat top-ranked Ash Barty of Australia.

64. 'Auro Scholarship Programme' of Sri Aurobindo Society has been launched by which among the following state?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Mizoram
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

Education Minister of Tripura, Mr. Ratan Lal Nath launched 'Auro Scholarship Programme' of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students of the state. Auro Scholarship Programme provides the monthly micro-scholarship to the students in order to motivate them towards achieving better learning outcomes once students achieve benchmark performance in 10-min curriculum aligned Quizzes conducted on Auro Scholar App.

Through simple mobile based quizzes, the students can win scholarships of upto Rs.1000 every month on achieving good performance in online curriculum based assessments.

65. Who among the following has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences in recognition for his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research"?

- (a) Hrish Gupta
- (b) Shashank Singh
- (c) Gopal Kumar
- (d) Sankar Ghosh
- (e) Nithya Menon

Answer: D

An eminent and award-winning Indian-origin immunologist Sankar Ghosh has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research".

He was among the 120 newly elected members announced by the Academy. Ghosh's research examines the connection between the immune system and various diseases, from cancer to sepsis to diabetes and more.

Ghosh joined Columbia in 2008 and was previously a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator.

66. Who among the following has won the Athlete Advocate of the Year Award at the Laureus World Sports Awards in May 2021?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Mohamed Salah
- (c) Billie Jean King
- (d) Max Parrot
- (e) Patrick Mahomes

Answer: A

Japan's Naomi Osaka has been named Sportswoman of the Year at the Laureus World Sports Awards, with fellow tennis player Rafael Nadal the men's winner.

German football champions Bayern Munich, who won last season's Champions League, were named Team of the Year.

Tennis legend Billie Jean King received the Lifetime Achievement award.

World Breakthrough of the Year Award: Patrick Mahomes

World Comeback of the Year Award: Max Parrot

Sport for Good Award: Kickformore by Kickfair

Athlete Advocate of the Year Award: Lewis Hamilton

Sporting Inspiration Award: Mohamed Salah

Sporting Moment of the Year Award: Chris Nikic

67. Nuklu Phom, an environmentalist, has won 2021's Whitley Awards 2021, also known as the Green Oscar. Nuklu Phom belongs to which among the following state?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Mizoram

- (e) Assam

Answer: A

An environmentalist from Nagaland's remote Longleng district has won 2021's Whitley Awards 2021, also known as the Green Oscar.

Nuklu Phom's name, along with that of five others, was announced in a virtual award ceremony organised by the UK-based Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN).

The award recognises Phom's efforts at establishing a new biodiversity peace corridor changing the fate of Amur Falcons, which come to roost in Nagaland each year, from being hunted by locals.

68. Telangana Government has declared a complete ban on the controversial herbicide, Glyphosate. It is used to kill weed in which among the following crop?

- (a) Rice
- (b) Cotton
- (c) Foxtail
- (d) Sugarcane
- (e) Pulses

Answer: B

Telangana Government declared a complete ban on the controversial herbicide, Glyphosate, which is used rampantly by farmers to kill weeds in HTBt cotton crop.

The reason for the ban is that the excess use of this herbicide by farmers is causing harm to soil and human health.

As per a notice issued by the state government, anybody violating the ban will be punished under the Insecticide Act 1968.

69. Fortunato Franco has died recently in Goa. He was associated with which among the following game?

- (a) Volleyball
- (b) Football
- (c) Cricket
- (d) Hockey
- (e) Chess

Answer: B

Former India international footballer Fortunato Franco has died at the age of 84 in Goa. The midfielder was an integral part of the Indian football team which won the Gold medal at the 1962 Asian Games.

He was a part of the 1960 Rome Olympics squad and he was an integral part of the 1962 Asian gold-winning team in Jakarta.

He was probably the tallest name in Maharashtra football having captained the state for eight successive years between 1959 and 1966 in the Santosh Trophy and was the architect of their title triumph in 1964.

He was a contender to become India captain for the 1966 Asian Games in Bangkok.

70. Thummala Narsimha Reddy has died recently in May 2021. He hailed from which among the following state?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Kerala

Answer: B

Popular Telugu YouTube host, film journalist and actor TNR aka Thummala Narsimha Reddy passed away in Hyderabad due to Covid-19 related complications.

TNR shot to fame as an actor with films such as Uma Maheswara Ugra Roopasya, HIT, Falaknuma Das and George Reddy, among others.

He was also popular for his YouTube show, Frankly with TNR, in which he spoke to celebrities.

71. Lewis Hamilton has defeated Red Bull's Max Verstappen to win his 98th Formula One career victory. Hamilton won his 98th title in _____ Grand Prix.

- (a) German
- (b) French
- (c) Spanish
- (d) Italian
- (e) Bahrain

Answer: C

Lewis Hamilton scored his 98th F1 victory in the Spanish GP. It is his third win in the fourth race of the 2021 season.

He has defeated Red Bull's Max Verstappen to win his 98th Formula One career victory.

Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas finished 11 second behind in third. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished fourth with Red Bull's Sergio Perez in fifth.

72. PayPal has introduced an automated process to obtain monthly FIRA by allowing Indian merchants to download their monthly digital FIRA. What does 'A' mean in FIRA?

- (a) Arrange
- (b) Advertise
- (c) Advance
- (d) Advice
- (e) Automatic

Answer: D

PayPal has introduced an automated process to obtain monthly foreign inward remittance advice (FIRA), allowing Indian merchants to download their monthly digital FIRA issued by banks.

The automated process will not require sellers to place manual and individual requests, thereby reducing the time taken to file the paperwork. The initiatives at zero cost are aimed to empower Indian MSME exporters to seamlessly grow their business internationally.

The bank would then issue FIRA as a physical statement which could take upto 10 days and required the seller to visit the bank to collect the same.

73. Padmakumar M Nair has been appointed as the head of National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. NARCL would pay up to _____ % of the agreed value in government-guaranteed security receipts.

- (a) 15%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 22%
- (d) 85%
- (e) 80%

Answer: D

Padmakumar M Nair, Chief General Manager of Stressed Assets Resolution Group at SBI, will head the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd, the proposed bad bank for taking over stressed assets of lenders.

National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. is a proposed bad bank for taking over stressed assets of lenders and was announced in the budget for 2021-22 to consolidate and take over existing stressed assets of lenders and undertake their resolution.

National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) will pay up to 15 per cent of the agreed value for the loans in cash and the remaining 85 per

cent would be government-guaranteed security receipts.

74. The book titled 'Life in the Cock Tower Valley' has been authored by whom among the following?

- (a) Meghan Markle
- (b) Kalki Koechlin
- (c) Aakash Ranison
- (d) Shakoor Rather
- (e) Sunita Dwivedi

Answer: D

"Life in the Clock Tower Valley" is the debut book of Press Trust of India (PTI) journalist Shakoor Rather.

The book is published by Speaking Tiger.

It talks about Kashmir's pristine past, its grievous present and always-uncertain future.

The author also describes in detail how different characters pop up in its streets during different seasons: "life-size scarecrows during summers to frighten the unrelenting birds hovering over the paddy fields, and the ceremonial snowmen that delight the neighbourhood children celebrating the much-awaited snowfall".

75. Name the book, which has authored by Paul Pickering, is an affirmation of "I am my voice".

- (a) Over the Rainbow
- (b) Elephant
- (c) The God of Small Good Things
- (d) Sky is your limit
- (e) The Big Stage

Answer: C

The book titled 'Elephant' has been authored by Paul Pickering. The book "Elephant" is an affirmation of "I am my voice".

The book is printed by Salt Publishing. his fast moving story is on the side of the individual and against nationalism, authoritarianism, scapegoating, fake news and the cancel culture that seeks to obliterate the boy at the heart of the story from history and that is why he commits it to paper.

76. Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization. She is the _____ President of FLO.

- (a) 35th
- (b) 34th
- (c) 33rd
- (d) 38th
- (e) 39th

Answer: D

Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization. She is the 38th National President of FLO.

Singhania would focus on empowering women by facilitating an enabling environment that promotes entrepreneurship, industry participation and economic development of women.

FLO was established in 1983 as a division of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

77. Alyssa Healy has declared as the Women's ICC player of the month of April. She plays for which among the following team?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) West Indies
- (c) Australia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) USA

Answer: C

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam and Australian women's team wicketkeeper Alyssa Healy were declared the ICC players of the month for their stellar performances during the month of April. Azam won the award for his consistent and outstanding performances across all formats in the recently concluded series against South Africa and was chosen as the April winner by fans.

78. The Income Tax Department has allowed hospitals and nursing homes to accept cash over and above the limit of Rs 2 lakh for Covid treatment under the section _____ of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

- (a) Section 269ST
- (b) Section 234DT
- (c) Section 261ST
- (d) Section 256DT
- (e) Section 286ST

Answer: A

The Income Tax Department has allowed hospitals and nursing homes to accept cash over and above the limit of Rs 2 lakh for Covid treatment till May 31. The Central Government, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (iii) of Proviso to Section 269ST of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

Hospitals, Dispensaries, Nursing Homes, Covid Care Centres or similar other medical facilities has provided Covid treatment to patients for the purpose of Section 269ST of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for payment received in cash during 01.04.2021 to 31.05.2021, on obtaining the PAN or AADHAAR of the patient and the payee and the relationship between the patient and the payee by such hospitals, dispensaries, nursing homes, Covid Care Centres or similar other medical facilities.

79. Delhi Police has launched a helpline number for whom among the following to help them with their essential needs during Covid-19?

- (a) Pregnant Ladies
- (b) Orphans
- (c) Senior Citizens
- (d) Lactating Mothers
- (e) Infants

Answer: C

Delhi Police has launched a helpline number for senior citizens who are struggling with their essential needs amid Covid-19.

South District Police of the national capital has launched a COVI Van Helpline (012- 26241077) for

senior citizens in the neighbourhood amid the coronavirus situation.

The information of commencement of COVI Van has been disseminated in the Greater Kailash -1 area through beat officers and Residents Welfare Association (RWA).

80. A Dronacharya Awardee M K Kaushik has died recently at the age of 66. He was associated with which game/Sports?

- (a) Hockey
- (b) Volley Ball
- (c) Football
- (d) Cricket
- (e) Tennis

Answer: A

Former India hockey player and coach M K Kaushik died after battling COVID-19. He was 66.

MK Kaushik was a member of the 1980 Moscow Olympics gold-medal winning Indian team.

Kaushik had coached both the senior men and women's teams. Under his coaching, India men's team won a gold medal at the 1998 Asian Games in Bangkok.

Also, Indian women team had won bronze medal at the Doha Asian Games in 2006 under his coaching. He was awarded the Arjuna Award in 1998, before being bestowed with the Dronacharya award in 2002.

81. In May 2021, which among the following has partnered with NASA to send four people in a first private astronaut mission to the International Space Station by January 2022?

- (a) Joby Aviation
- (b) Boom Supersonic
- (c) Volocopter GMBH
- (d) Lilium GmbH
- (e) Axiom Space

Answer: E

NASA and the aerospace startup Axiom Space announced that the duo has signed up an order to send four people in a first private astronaut mission to the International Space Station (ISS) by January 2022.

The first private astronaut mission, known as the AX-1 mission, will be launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The Axiom Mission 1 (AX-1) aims to launch this group of men into orbit on one of the Crew Dragon spaceships of SpaceX.

All the four private astronauts of the AX-1 crew would comprise of a parabolic plane flight to imitate zero gravity and centrifuge training to stimulate a launch.

82. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the agreement between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Financial Centre Authority of which among the following country to strengthen the accounting profession and entrepreneurship?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Oman
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Qatar
- (e) Denmark

Answer: D

The Union Cabinet has approved signing of a pact between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA).

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) would enhance cooperation between the institutes to work together to strengthen the accounting profession and entrepreneurship base in Qatar.

The MoU will endeavour to increase opportunities for ICAI members to provide professional services in Qatar in the areas of assurance and auditing, advisory, taxation, financial services and allied areas.

83. The Cabinet has approved the transfer of 1500 square metres of land to Uttarakhand government for their infrastructure project, namely, 'Aerial Passenger Ropeway System'. The land belongs to which among the following force?

- (a) CRPF
- (b) BSF
- (c) ITBP
- (d) Indian Army
- (e) Indian Air Force

Answer: C

The Cabinet has approved transfer of 1500 square metres of land belonging to Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) at Mussoorie to the State Government of Uttarakhand for their infrastructure project, namely, 'Aerial Passenger Ropeway System' between Dehradun and Mussoorie.

The proposed Ropeway is a mono-cable ropeway of 5580 meters length under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode between Purkul Gaon, Dehradun (Lower Terminal Station) and Library, Mussoorie (Upper Terminal Station) being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.285 crore with a carrying capacity of 1000 persons per hour per direction.

84. The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Department of Heavy Industry for implementation of 'National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage'. What is the total outlay of the project?

- (a) ₹ 12300 Crore
- (b) ₹ 13450 Crore
- (c) ₹ 18100 Crore
- (d) ₹ 16780 Crore
- (e) ₹ 17200 Crore

Answer: C

The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Department of Heavy Industry for implementation of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 'National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage' for achieving the manufacturing capacity of 50 GWh of ACC and 5

GWh of "Niche" ACC with an outlay of ₹18,100 crore.

ACCs are the new generation of advanced storage technologies that can store electric energy either as electrochemical or as chemical energy and convert it back to electric energy as and when required.

Each selected ACC battery Storage manufacturer would have to commit to set-up an ACC manufacturing facility of minimum five (5) GWh capacity and ensure a minimum 60% domestic value addition at the Project level within five years.

85. Name the Indian Naval Ship which has brought the two containers with 20 MT of liquid medical Oxygen to Mumbai from Qatar under operation 'Samudra Setu II'.

- (a) INS Airavat
- (b) INS Jalashwa
- (c) INS Talwar
- (d) INS Tarkash
- (e) INS Tabar

Answer: D

Indian Naval Ship Tarkash brought two containers with 20 metric tonnes of liquid medical oxygen each and 230 oxygen cylinders to Mumbai from Qatar under operation 'Samudra Setu II'.

The oxygen containers were provided by France under its mission 'Oxygen Solidarity Bridge' and the cylinders were gifted by the Indian diaspora in Qatar. The consignment was handed over to Maharashtra's civil administration for further action.

86. Homen Borgohain has died recently at the age of 88. He was a well-known writer in which among the following language?

- (a) Urdu
- (b) Assamese
- (c) Hindi
- (d) Sanskrit
- (e) Punjabi

Answer: B

Assamese writer, journalist and Sahitya Akademi awardee, Homen Borgohain, has died at the age of 88 in Guwahati.

Borgohain was the president of Asam Sahitya Sabha, and the chief editor of the Assamese daily Niyomiya Barta.

In 2015, he announced that he would be returning the Sahitya Akademi Award for his 1978 novel Pita Putra in the aftermath of the Dadri lynching.

87. The United Nations has projected India's GDP growth rate to 7.5% for the CY 2021. It marks a _____ % increase from its earlier projection in January.

- (a) 0.15%
- (b) 0.1%
- (c) 0.18%
- (d) 0.2%
- (e) 0.24%

Answer: D

The United Nations has raised India's growth forecast to 7.5 per cent for calendar year 2021. It represents a 0.2 per cent increase from its projection in January. It also projected India's GDP to grow by 10.1 per cent in 2022.

The surging Covid-19 infections and inadequate vaccination progress in many countries threaten a broad-based recovery of the world economy.

88. Two women mountaineers have become the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori in Nepal. One of the Women Baljeet Kaur belongs to which among the following state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Punjab

Answer: D

Two women mountaineers have become the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori (7,161 metres) in Nepal. The duo also are the first in the country to scale a mountain that is part of the Everest Massif.

The mountaineers, Baljeet Kaur, of Solan district of Himachal and Gunbala Sharma of Rajasthan are part of a 12-member team that will attempt to conquer all four peaks that are part of the Everest Massif.

Four peaks — Mt Nuptse (7,862 metres), Mt Pumori (7,161m), Mt Lhotse (8,516m) along with the tallest

mountain on earth, Mt Everest (8,848.86m) — make up the Everest Massif.

89. Sir David Attenborough has been appointed as the People's Advocate of the COP26 for the UK's Presidency of the UN Climate Change summit.

Attenborough is a renowned _____.

- (a) Environmentalist
- (b) Historian
- (c) Economist
- (d) Climate Activist
- (e) Journalist

Answer: B

A natural historian and a world-renowned broadcaster, Sir David Attenborough was appointed as the People's Advocate of the COP26 for the UK's Presidency of the UN Climate Change summit to be held in Glasgow in November 2021.

Attenborough has been tasked with putting forward a case to key decision-makers, global leaders, and the public to explain why climate action matters, highlight the progress to achieve the climate goals, and what actions will the decision-makers need to take ahead of COP26.

90. The Navies of India and Indonesia have carried out the exercise named 'Passage' in the Southern Arabian Sea. Name the Indian Naval Ship which was participated in the exercise.

- (a) INS Suvarna
- (b) INS Savitri

- (c) INS Sujata
- (d) INS Sharda
- (e) INS Sunayna

Answer: D

The navies of India and Indonesia carried out a military drill in the Southern Arabian Sea with a focus on further improving their interoperability.

The Indian Navy was represented at the 'Passage' exercise by INS Sharda, an offshore patrol vessel (OPV), and the Indonesian Navy was represented by KRI Sultan Hasanudin, a corvette.

The exercise was aimed at improving interoperability and understanding between both the friendly navies.

91. Which among the following country has become the first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances effective from July 1?

- (a) Russia
- (b) China
- (c) Canada
- (d) Belgium
- (e) Ethiopia

Answer: B

China would become the world's first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances. The ban is likely to come into effect on July 1.

The move comes as China tries to curb the manufacturing & trafficking of the drug. In Xinjiang, it has a commonly known nickname of "Natasha."

Synthetic cannabinoids are highly camouflaged, as some are found in e-cigarette oil & some are found in cut tobacco made from leaves, flower petals, etc.

92. What is the rank of Reliance Retail Ltd in the list of Global Powers of Retailing according to the Deloitte report?

- (a) 52nd
- (b) 53rd
- (c) 54th
- (d) 55th
- (e) 56th

Answer: B

Reliance Retail Ltd has been ranked second fastest growing retailer in the world in the 2021 ranking of global retail power houses by Deloitte.

It has been ranked 53rd in the list of Global Powers of Retailing, improvement from 56th earlier, according to the Deloitte report.

The list is topped by US giant Walmart Inc, which retains its position as world's top retailer.

Amazon.com Inc improved its position to rank second. Costco Wholesale Corporation of US slipped a rank to be placed third followed by Schwarz Group of Germany.

The top 10 has seven US retailers and one from the UK (Tesco PLC at 10th position). Other US retailers in the top 10 include The Kroger Co (ranked 5th), Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc (6th) and CVS Health Corporation (ranked 9th). Germany's Aldi Einkauf

GmbH & Co. oHG and Aldi International Services GmbH & Co. oHG is placed at 8th position. Reliance Retail is the only Indian entry in the global list of 250 retailers. It features consecutively for the 4th time in the list of Global Powers of Retailing and World's Fastest Retailers.

93. Which among the following feature has been launched by Jana Small Finance Bank for all its customers across India in May 2021?

- (a) I choose my number
- (b) I select my account
- (c) I select my plan
- (d) I choose my plan
- (e) None of these

Answer: A

Jana Small Finance Bank announced the launch of 'I choose my number feature' for all its customers across India. This new feature gives the banks existing and new customers the option to select their favourite numbers as their savings or current account number.

The allocation of the account number chosen by the customer will be subject to availability of the requested number.

MD & CEO of Jana Small Finance Bank: Ajay Kanwal.

94. The 'Mission Hausla' has been launched by which among the following state police to help

people get oxygen, beds, ventilators and plasma for Covid-19 patients?

- (a) Delhi Police
- (b) Chhattisgarh Police
- (c) Uttarakhand Police
- (d) Jaipur Police
- (e) Kolkata Police

Answer: C

The Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive called "Mission Hausla" to help people get oxygen, beds, ventilators and plasma for Covid-19 patients.

The police would also help the public get medicines meant for Covid-19 management as part of the mission.

Police stations will serve as nodal centres for managing crowds in market areas and ensuring Covid-appropriate behaviour by people like wearing masks and social distancing in public places.

95. As per the report of International Energy Agency, the delivery of renewable energy projects, including windfarms and solar power projects, grew by _____ last year.

- (a) 25%
- (b) 45%
- (c) 35%
- (d) 40%
- (e) 30%

Answer: B

The International Energy Agency revealed that the delivery of renewable energy projects, including

windfarms and solar power projects, grew by 45% last year in a step change for the global industry. Wind power capacity doubled over the last year, while solar power grew by almost 50% more than its growth before the pandemic, due to the growing appetite for clean energy from governments and corporations.

The clean energy boom has prompted the IEA to revise its renewable energy forecasts for the coming years up by about 25% from its previous growth estimates due to the faster than expected expansion of renewables in China, Europe and the US.

96. Martin Griffiths has been appointed as the new Chief at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Who among the following has been replaced by Martin Griffiths?

- (a) Ramesh Rajasingham
- (b) Reena Ghelani
- (c) Lisa Carty
- (d) Mark Lowcock
- (e) Wafaa Saeed

Answer: D

Martin Griffiths has been appointed as the new Chief at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), for a period of five years.

Griffiths would replace Mark Lowcock as the new Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator of OCHA. He is

currently serving as the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen.

The headquarters of OCHA is based in two locations which are New York and Geneva.

97. The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of United Co-operative Bank Ltd due to inadequate capital and earning prospects. Where is the headquarters of United Co-operative Bank Ltd located?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Mizoram
- (e) West Bengal

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of United Co-operative Bank Ltd, Bagnan, West Bengal, as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.

All the depositors would receive full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount in respect of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from the DICGC subject to the provisions of the DICGC Act, 1961.

98. As per the report of the World Bank, India received over USD83 billion in remittances in 2020.

India's remittances fell by _____% in 2020.

- (a) 0.15%
- (b) 0.2%
- (c) 0.4%
- (d) 0.25%
- (e) 0.35%

Answer: B

According to the latest Migration and Development Brief of World Bank report, India received over USD83 billion in remittances in 2020, a drop of just 0.2 per cent from the previous year.

China received USD59.5 billion in remittances in 2020 against USD68.3 billion the previous year.

In 2019, India had received USD83.3 billion in remittances. India and China are followed by Mexico (USD42.8 billion), the Philippines (USD34.9 billion), Egypt (USD29.6 billion), Pakistan (USD26 billion), France (USD24.4 billion) and Bangladesh (USD21 billion).

99. Patrick Mahomes has won the award at the Laureus World Sports Awards under which among the following category?

- (a) Lifetime Achievement
- (b) World Breakthrough of the Year
- (c) Sport for Good Award
- (d) Sporting Inspiration Award
- (e) Sporting Moment of the Year

Answer: B

Japan's Naomi Osaka has been named Sportswoman of the Year at the Laureus World Sports Awards, with fellow tennis player Rafael Nadal the men's winner.

German football champions Bayern Munich, who won last season's Champions League, were named Team of the Year.

Tennis legend Billie Jean King received the Lifetime Achievement award.

World Breakthrough of the Year Award: Patrick Mahomes

World Comeback of the Year Award: Max Parrot

Sport for Good Award: Kickformore by Kickfair

Athlete Advocate of the Year Award: Lewis Hamilton

Sporting Inspiration Award: Mohamed Salah

Sporting Moment of the Year Award: Chris Nikic

100. Gunjan Shah has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of which among the following company?

- (a) Adidas India
- (b) Nike India
- (c) Puma India
- (d) Bata India
- (e) Skechers India

Answer: D

Bata India has appointed Gunjan Shah as its new chief executive officer. He has been serving at Britannia Industries as its chief commercial officer.

Sandeep Kataria, Bata India's current CEO, has been elevated to the position of global CEO of Bata brands.

He worked for Asian Paints and Motorola early in the career, before joining Britannia in 2007.

101. Recently, NITI Aayog has proposed an ambitious project for the development of Great Nicobar Island. What is the total estimated cost of this project?

- (a) 50,000 crore
- (b) 70,000 crore
- (c) 75,000 crore
- (d) 80,000 crore
- (e) 1,22,390 crore

Answer: C

The Environment Appraisal Committee (EAC) - Infrastructure I of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, headed by marine biologist and former director, Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Deepak Apte, has flagged serious concerns about NITI Aayog's ambitious project for Great Nicobar Island.

The EAC was responding to the 'Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island at Andaman and Nicobar Islands, prepared for the NITI Aayog by the Gurugram-based consulting agency Aecom India Private Limited.

The proposal includes an international container transshipment terminal, a greenfield international airport, a power plant and a township complex

spread over 166 sq. km. (mainly pristine coastal systems and tropical forests), and is estimated to cost ₹75,000 crores.

The committee noted that the site selection for the port had been done mainly on technical and financial criteria, ignoring the environmental aspects. It has now asked for an independent study/evaluation for the suitability of the proposed port site with a specific focus on Leatherback Turtle, Nicobar Megapode and Dugong.

102. Airtel Payments Bank has launched DigiGold, a digital platform for its customers to make investments in gold, in partnership with which of the following?

- (a) PureGold
- (b) GoldSafe
- (c) Muthut Gold
- (d) SafeGold
- (e) Airtel Thanks

Answer: D

Airtel Payments Bank launched DigiGold, a digital platform for its customers to make investments in gold.

DigiGold has been launched in partnership with SafeGold, a provider of digital gold. With DigiGold, Airtel Payments Bank's savings account customers can invest in 24K gold using the Airtel Thanks app. Airtel Payments Bank had recently increased its savings deposit limit to Rs 2 lakh in line with RBI

guidelines. It now offers an increased interest rate of 6 per cent on deposits between Rs 1-2 lakh.

103. SoftBank and OneWeb have announced an agreement for cooperation to promote OneWeb's satellite communication services. What is the total number of satellites planned by OneWeb in its LEO satellite fleet?

- (a) 182
- (b) 648
- (c) 684
- (d) 748
- (e) 582

Answer: B

SoftBank and OneWeb have announced an agreement for cooperation to promote OneWeb's satellite communication services in the global and Japanese markets.

SoftBank and OneWeb would collaborate in market development for Japan and global markets and jointly engage in technical and product development to enhance their competitiveness in these markets. In April, OneWeb successfully launched 36 satellites into its constellation bringing its total in-orbit constellation to 182 satellites, of the OneWeb's 648 LEO satellite fleet.

104. International Day of Families is annually observed by the United Nations across the world on May 15. The day has been first observed by the General Assembly in _____.

- (a) 1993
- (b) 1994
- (c) 1995
- (d) 1996
- (e) 1999

Answer: A

International Day of Families is annually observed by the United Nations across the world on May 15. The theme for International Day of Families 2021 is 'Families and new technologies. It focuses on the impact of new technologies on the well-being of families.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed The International Year of the Family in its resolution 44/82 of December 9, 1989. In 1993, the General Assembly decided that May 15 will be observed as The International Day of Families every year

105. "Jan Kalyan Sambal" scheme is the scheme of which of the following state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Punjab

Answer: A

Free Swastha Aahar Yojana (Healthy Food Scheme) for the corona patients of Bhopal has been launched by the Madhya Pradesh government.

The patient would get nutritious food on time free of cost in the hospital where he is admitted. The scheme has been started in 110 hospitals in Bhopal. In Madhya Pradesh, 379 crore rupees have been transferred into the accounts of 16 thousand 844 beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Jan-Kalyan Sambal scheme. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said state government accords high priority to benefit the poor families of unorganised sector workers.

106. Indu Jain, who was the founder president of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), has passed away recently. She was the chairperson of_____.

- (a) Times Group
- (b) Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust
- (c) Bharti Airtel
- (d) Pepsico
- (e) Both a and b

Answer: E

Times Group chairperson Indu Jain died due to Covid-related complications. She was 84. She set up The Times Foundation in 2000, with sustainable development and transformational change as its key goals.

She was the founder president of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO), established in 1983 to promote entrepreneurship and professional excellence among women in India. From 1999, she also served as chairperson of Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust, founded

in 1944 by Sahu Shanti Prasad Jain, her father-in-law, to promote literature in Indian languages.

107. Puducherry has become the 4th 'Har Ghar Jal' UT by ensuring that every rural home in the Union Territory gets a household tap connection. Which of the following was the third state/UT to become 'Har Ghar Jal' State/UT?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Andaman & Nicobar

Answer: E

Puducherry has become 'Har Ghar Jal' UT by ensuring that every rural home in the Union Territory gets a household tap connection. With this, the UT becomes the fourth State/UT after Goa, Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home under Union Government's flagship programme, Jal Jeevan Mission.

Jal Jeevan Mission is being implemented in partnership with States/ UTs to provide safe tap water in adequate quantity of prescribed quality on a regular and long-term basis to every rural home by 2024.

108. Which among the following state government is working on launching 'oxygen on wheels'?

- (a) Maharashtra

- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A

Maharashtra government has launched 'Mission Oxygen' to scale up the medical oxygen production from 1,200 MT to 3,000 MT.

The state is also working on launching an 'oxygen on wheels' concept. Maharashtra is the major contributor to the number of new infections as well as to the active caseload of the country in the second wave of Covid-19.

109. Recently, Roman Khassanov has been banned for 10 years for corruption charges. He is related to which of the following sports category?

- (a) Archery
- (b) Hockey
- (c) Table Tennis
- (d) Tennis
- (e) Football

Answer: D

A tennis player who represented Kazakhstan in the Davis Cup has been banned for 10 years for corruption charges.

Roman Khassanov admitted to offences that took place from 2014 through 2018. He has been banned from attending any official tennis events and fined \$100,000, with all but \$25,000 of that sum suspended.

He played one match in the Davis Cup in 2018, losing to Switzerland's Marc-Andrea Huesler.

110. Manchester City was crowned as Premier League champions. How many football clubs participate in Premier League?

- (a) 10
- (b) 20
- (c) 15
- (d) 21
- (e) 18

Answer: B

20 teams were participated in the Premier League champions.

Manchester City was crowned as Premier League champions with three games to spare after second-placed Manchester United lost 2-1 to Leicester City. It is City's third Premier League title in five seasons under Guardiola and they are fifth in the last 10.

111. The 12-team tournament of the women's Rugby World Cup had been confirmed to be held in 2022. In which of the following country, the tournament is going to be held?

- (a) Australia
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Ukraine
- (d) India
- (e) Canada

Answer: B

World Rugby has confirmed the dates for next year's women's Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, with the tournament running from 8th October to 12th November 2022.

The 12-team tournament which was due to be held this year in Auckland and Whangarei was postponed earlier this year.

World Rugby has also unveiled new tournament landmarks retaining reference to 2021, the year the tournament was originally intended to take place, updating fans and audiences that the tournament will now be played in 2022.

112. KP Sharma Oli was re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal. Which of the following state of India does not touch the border with Nepal?

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Bihar

Answer: D

Nepal shares a border with five Indian States - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim.

In Nepal, KP Sharma Oli was re-appointed as the Prime Minister of the country by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari.

Oli was administered the oath of office by the President. It would be his third stint as Prime Minister.

Oli, who is the leader of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML), the largest party in the House of Representatives, was appointed as Prime Minister, as per the provision of 76(3) of the Constitution of Nepal.

113. Mingma Tenji Sherpa, a 43-year-old Nepali mountain guide, has created a world record by scaling Mount Everest twice, he broke the record of an Indian climber whose name is _____

- (a) Bachendri Pal
- (b) Santosh Yadav
- (c) Arunima Sinha
- (d) Shivangi Pathak
- (e) Anshu Jamsenpa

Answer: E

Mingma Tenji Sherpa, a 43-year-old Nepali mountain guide, has created a world record by scaling Mount Everest twice in the shortest span of time within a season.

Sherpa of Sankhuwasabha district of eastern Nepal first reached the summit of Everest and as a member of a rope-fixing team, and then scaled the world's highest mountain again.

Previously, Indian mountaineer Anshu Jamsenpa had held the record for fastest dual ascents on Mt Everest, scaling the mountain twice in 118 hours and 15 minutes in 2017.

114. Epsilon Advance Material has signed an MoU with Beowulf Mining plc to set up a joint venture

company in Finland. Epsilon Advance Material is headquartered in which place?

- (a) Noida
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Pune
- (e) Surat

Answer: C

A Mumbai – based Epsilon Advance Material (EAMPL), a subsidiary of Epsilon Carbon, signed an MoU with Beowulf Mining plc to set up a joint venture company in Finland.

The MoU acts as a formal market entry vehicle for Epsilon for supplying anode material into Europe by firmly establishing itself in Finland.

The MoU also enables Beowulf's wholly-owned subsidiary Oy Fennoscandian Resources AB to build its downstream capability, collaborating with a strong and innovative technology/processing partner.

The JV with its Active Anode Material project targets to be a prominent player in the European Lithium-ion Battery ecosystem.

Beowulf Mining plc is an exploration and development company, listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange and the Spotlight Exchange in Sweden.

115. The Shareholders of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have given their approval for issuance of

equity shares to the government of India for the capital infusion of how much amount?

- (a) 3100 crore
- (b) 4100 crore
- (c) 3500 crore
- (d) 4000 crore
- (e) 5100 crore

Answer: B

The Shareholders of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have given their approval for the issuance of equity shares to the government of India on a preferential basis for the capital infusion of Rs 4,100 crore. The EGM was conducted through virtual mode.

Of the Rs 4,100 crore, an amount of Rs 2,465.42 crore will be credited to the share capital account and Rs 1,634.58 crore will be credited to the share premium account.

Accordingly, the shareholding of the GoI will increase to 96.38 per cent from 95.84 per cent.

116. Which of the following books is not authored by the Padma Bhushan awardee Ruskin Bond?

- (a) Roads to Mussorie
- (b) The Blue Umbrella
- (c) The Trees of Dehra
- (d) The Christmas Pig
- (e) All-Time Favourites for Children

Answer: D

Padma awardee renowned stories & fiction writer Mr Ruskin Bond has come up with a new book 'All-Time Favourite for the children. It will be published

by Puffin, children's imprint of Penguin Random House.

It has been published on his 87th birthday under Penguin Random House publications.

He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014 for his contribution to the field of literature.

"The Christmas Pig" is the latest book of the renowned author of Harry Potter, J.K. Rowling.

117. Which among the following state has planned to achieve the target of 'Har Ghar Jal' by 2024?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Assam

Answer: B

Kerala will provide about 30 lakh new tap water connections in the current financial year under Jal Jeevan Mission. Jal Shakti Ministry said that Kerala today presented their Annual Action Plan on planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. Kerala has more than 67 lakh rural households, out of which more than 21 lakh households have a tap water supply. The Ministry said, in the last financial year, about four lakh connections were provided in Kerala. The State has planned to achieve the target of 'Har Ghar Jal' by 2024. The Ministry has urged the State to give top priority to coverage of

households in SC/ ST majority areas and Aspirational districts.

118. NHPC has got the approval of the concerned authority to acquire the entire 2% equity stake of PTC India in Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd. What will be the aggregate installed capacity of the project?

- (a) 3094 MW
- (b) 4094 MW
- (c) 5094 MW
- (d) 2094 MW
- (e) 8094 MW

Answer: A

NHPC has got the approval of the concerned authority to acquire the entire 2% equity stake of PTC India in Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd.

After the acquisition of the stake, the NHPC's share will increase to 51% to become a majority stakeholder in Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd.

The Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Ltd has been formed at the initiative of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Government of India to harness the vast hydro potential of river Chenab. The company was incorporated on June 13, 2011. It has been entrusted with the construction of hydro projects on a Build, Own, Operate and Maintain (BOOM) basis with an aggregate installed capacity of 3094 MW.

119. What does 'D' stand in the name of the funding scheme "MLALAD"?

- (a) Distribution
- (b) Drive
- (c) Development
- (d) Detection
- (e) Doctors

Answer: C

Members of Legislative Assembly Local Area Development (MLA-LAD) Scheme

Two applications have been moved by 66 MLAs of Gujarat — 65 from Congress and independent Vadgam MLA Jignesh Mevani — before the Gujarat High Court seeking that the court permits them to utilise their entire MLA funds — Rs 1.5 crore per constituency — for setting up and strengthening health infrastructure in their respective constituencies.

The total sums up to 99 crores and the MLAs have sought that this amount may be used for providing necessary health and medical logistics such as remdesivir injection, purchase of ventilators so that primary health centres (PHCs) and community health centres (CHCs) can then operate as effective Covid-19 hospitals.

All 66 represented by advocate Anand Yagnik submitted before a division bench that at present the state has permitted the usage of only Rs 25 lakh of the total MLA funds which is "insufficient."

120. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has approved registration to PTC, BSE and _____ to start the country's third power exchange.

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Ujjeevan Bank
- (c) Pranurja Solution Ltd
- (d) Jindal Power
- (e) Reliance Industries

Answer: C

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has approved registration to PTC, BSE and ICICI Bank-led Pranurja Solution Ltd to start the country's **third** power exchange.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has asked PTC India to comply with power market regulations before registration.

India currently has two power exchanges — Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) and Power Exchange India (PXIL).

The commencement of operation of the power exchange is subject to the approval of the bye-laws, rules, and business rules and the technology including trading software in accordance with various provisions of the Power Market Regulations (PMR) 2010.

121. The RBI has granted authorisation to E route Technologies to operate as a prepaid payment instruments company. Who among the following is the MD & CEO of Eroute Technologies?

- (a) Sanjeev Pandey
- (b) Alex Campbell
- (c) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
- (d) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- (e) Manu Jain

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted authorisation to Eroute Technologies to operate as a prepaid payment instruments (PPI) company.

The Reserve Bank of India has issued authorisation to Eroute Technologies Private Limited with perpetual validity to commence issuance and operations of semi-closed pre-paid instruments in the country.

The full-KYC PPIs like wallets and prepaid cards are made interoperable, the outstanding balance in such instruments stands increased to Rs 2 lakh and cash withdrawals have been permitted through ATMs and points of sale.

Eroute Technologies MD & CEO - Sanjeev Pandey;
HQ – Noida.

122. The Central government has issued Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches between May and September 2021. What is the maximum limit for individuals?

- (a) 20 kg
- (b) 4 kg
- (c) 10kg
- (d) 8 kg
- (e) No such limit

Answer: B

The Central government has started the process of borrowing with the launch of sovereign gold bonds in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India. The Central government has issued Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches between May and September 2021.

The sovereign gold bond will provide an assured return of 2.50% per annum payable semi-annually on the nominal value.

According to the Finance Ministry, the bonds will be restricted for sale to resident individuals, HUFs, Trusts, Universities, and Charitable Institutions.

The tenor of the bond will be for eight years with an exit option after the fifth year to be exercised on the next interest payment dates.

Minimum Size – 1 gm of gold; Maximum Limit - 4 Kg for individuals, 4 Kg for HUF, and 20 Kg for trusts.

123. Name the well-known veteran journalist, who hailed from Uttar Pradesh, has passed away recently.

- (a) Sucheta Dalal
- (b) Megha Rajagopalan
- (c) Shesh Narayan Singh
- (d) Harak Singh
- (e) Ramdhari Singh

Answer: C

Veteran journalist Shesh Narayan Singh passed away while undergoing treatment for COVID-19 at a

government hospital in Uttar Pradesh's Greater Noida.

The 70-year-old journalist was admitted to the Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) after being diagnosed positive for the coronavirus.

124. The Government of India and European Investment Bank (EIB) signed the finance contract for the second tranche of 150 million euros for which of the following infrastructure project?

- (a) Chennai Metro
- (b) Noida Metro
- (c) Mumbai Extension Metro
- (d) Indore Metro
- (e) Pune Metro

Answer: E

The Government of India and European Investment Bank (EIB) signed the finance contract for the second tranche of 150 million Euro for the Pune Metro Rail project through a virtual signing ceremony. Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, K. Rajaraman signed the loan on behalf of the Government of India and Mr Christian Kettel Thomsen, Vice-President, signed the loan on behalf of EIB.

The financing from EIB will help to fund the construction and operation of Corridor 1- Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation to Swargate and Corridor 2 -Vanaz to Ramvadi, totalling about 31.25 kilometres and purchase of a related fleet of metro cars.

125. The National Bamboo Mission (NBM), launched in 2018-19, is a scheme of which of the following ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- (b) Ministry of Commerce
- (c) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare
- (d) Ministry of Culture
- (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Answer: C

The government said that the management information system (MIS) has been launched under the National Bamboo Mission for strengthening the domestic agarbatti industry.

The MIS will collate data on agarbatti stick production, the locations of stick making units, availability of raw material, functioning of the units, production capacity, marketing, etc.

The National Bamboo Mission (NBM), launched in 2018-19 for the holistic development of the bamboo sector, is presently being implemented in 21 states, including nine states of the north-eastern region. It is a scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare.

A comprehensive study was carried out by NBM in 2019 following which policy measures taken by the government of moving raw batti imports from free to the restricted category in August 2019 and increasing import duty on round stick uniformly to 25

per cent in June 2020 came as a boost to the domestic units.

126. According to the CEEW Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF) Market Handbook, India has added 12.1-gigawatt (GW) power generation capacity in 2020-21, of which what are the contribution of renewable energy (in GW) sources?

- (a) 11.7
- (b) 6.7
- (c) 8.7
- (d) 7.7
- (e) 5.7

Answer: D

India added 12.1 gigawatts (GW) power generation capacity in 2020-21, of which 7.7 GW was from renewable energy sources the CEEW Centre for Energy Finance (CEEW-CEF) Market Handbook.

India's total power generation has also increased by 1.3 per cent in FY21. The share of RE in the energy mix was 10.1 per cent, up from 9.4 per cent in FY20.

The CEEW-CEF Market Handbook provides independent market intelligence to investors, executives and policymakers every quarter on the energy sector.

Renewable energy (RE) dominated power generation capacity addition in FY21, accounting for 7.7 GW (64 per cent) of the 12.1 GW added.

127. Arjuna award-winning former India table tennis player has passed away in Chennai. What was his name?

- (a) Arjun Kalyan
- (b) K Chandrasekhar
- (c) V Chandrasekhar
- (d) S Balasekhar
- (e) None of the above

Answer: C

Arjuna award-winning former India table tennis player V Chandrasekhar died in Chennai. He was 64.

Chandra, as he was popularly known, was a three-time national champion. Current Indian paddler G Sathiyam was among his trainees.

The Chennai-born player, who had reached the semifinals of the Commonwealth Games in 1982, was also a successful coach.

128. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has granted deemed approval to IBM Corp. for an internal restructuring that covers its India business under a fast-track process. Where is the headquarters of IBM located?

- (a) New York
- (b) Washington
- (c) Silicon Valley
- (d) San Jose
- (e) Bengaluru

Answer: A

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has granted deemed approval to IBM Corp. for an internal restructuring that covers its India business under a fast-track process.

The transaction notified by two new companies set up as part of IBM's internal reorganisation—Kyndryl Holdings LLC and Grand Ocean Managed Infrastructure Services Pvt. Ltd—has been approved.

IBM's MIS business in India is presently housed in Network Solutions Pvt. Ltd and IBM India, which are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of IBM.

CEO: Arvind Krishna; Founder: Charles Ranlett Flint; Headquarters: Armonk, New York, United States

129. Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC has sold over a 2% stake in Yes Bank through open market transactions. Who among the following has been appointed as new MD and CEO of Yes Bank?

- (a) Rana Kapoor
- (b) S Janakiraman
- (c) Jose J Kattoor
- (d) Prashant Kumar
- (e) Sudarshan Sen

Answer: D

Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC has sold over a 2 per cent stake in Yes Bank through open market transactions.

Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC, which held a 7.48 per cent stake in Yes Bank earlier, sold 52.15 crore

shares representing 2.08 per cent of the equity stake in multiple tranches between January 6 and May 6, 2021.

The stake of Bay Tree India Holdings I LLC in Yes Bank stands at 5.40%.

RBI later reconstructed the board and named Prashant Kumar, former Chief financial officer of SBI, as new MD & CEO at Yes Bank.

130. Moody's Investors Service slashed India's growth forecast for the current financial year (2021-22) from 13.7% to _____

- (a) 9.5%
- (b) 9.3%
- (c) 7.8%
- (d) 7.7%
- (e) 8.5%

Answer: B

Moody's Investors Service slashed India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 9.3%

The US-based rating agency had in February forecast a 13.7 per cent economic growth for the current fiscal (April 2021-March 2022). As per official estimates, the Indian economy contracted 8 per cent in the previous fiscal ended March 2021.

Moody's, which has a 'Baa3' rating on India with a negative outlook, said obstacles to economic growth, high debt and weak financial system constrain sovereign credit profile.

131. Japanese brokerage Nomura cut its GDP growth estimate for India for the current 2021-22 fiscal to _____ from the earlier 12.6%.

- (a) 9.3%
- (b) 7.5%
- (c) 8.9%
- (d) 10.8%
- (e) 8.1%

Answer: D

Japanese brokerage Nomura cut its GDP growth estimate for India for the current 2021-22 fiscal to 10.8 per cent from the earlier 12.6%.

The activity levels have dropped further to 64.5 per cent of the pre-pandemic levels in the week to May 9 as per a proprietary index.

The economy is officially assumed to have contracted by 7.6 per cent in FY21. At present, the RBI estimates the economy to expand by 10.5 per cent in FY22.

132. Google has launched international money transfer partnerships with remittances firms Wise and Western Union Co for users of its U.S. payments app. Google Pay users in the United States can now transfer money to app customers in _____

- (a) India
- (b) UAE
- (c) Singapore
- (d) the United Kingdom
- (e) Both a and c

Answer: E

Google has launched international money transfer partnerships with remittances firms Wise and Western Union Co for users of its U.S. payments app.

Google Pay users in the United States can now transfer money to app customers in India and Singapore, with plans to expand to the 80 countries available via Wise, and 200 via Western Union by the end of the year.

From within the Google Pay app, users also get to choose which payments provider Wise or Western Union, they wish to use and how long it would take for the recipient to receive the money.

133. Punjab National Bank and Geojit Financial Services joined hands to tap retail customers to offer a “three-in-one account”? What is the tagline of PNB?

- (a) Let's make money simple
- (b) The Name You Can Bank Upon
- (c) The Changing Face of Prosperity
- (d) Smart way to Bank
- (e) Good people to Bank With

Answer: B

‘The Name You Can Bank Upon’ is the tagline of Punjab National Bank.

Punjab National Bank and Geojit Financial Services joined hands to tap retail customers to offer a “three-in-one account”, which will combine savings and

Demat accounts of the bank with the non-bank's trading account.

The 3-in-1 account makes it easier for PNB customers to transfer funds in real-time via the payment gateway facility from their savings accounts to meet their investment needs.

The trading account, which can be opened online in 15 minutes, does away with paperwork and provides a seamless interface to invest online in various investment avenues offered by Geojit

134. According to the report "Renewable Energy Market Update", India's renewable energy capacity addition in 2020 declined by more than 50 per cent since 2019. Which of the following organisation releases the report?

- (a) UNFCCC
- (b) UNICEF
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) International Energy Agency
- (e) Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Answer: D

According to International Energy Agency's (IEA) Renewable Energy Market Update, India's renewable energy capacity addition in 2020 declined by more than 50 per cent since 2019, primarily due to construction delays brought on by the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Globally, annual renewable capacity additions increased 45 per cent in 2020 to almost 280

gigawatts (GW). It is the highest year-on-year rise since 1999.

This has been attributed mainly to capacity expansion for solar and wind energy, which amounted to 135GW and 115GW respectively. A 20GW capacity of hydropower and about 10GW of other renewable energy, led by bioenergy, also contributed to the growth.

135. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare recently announced that the area of summer crops has sharply increased by 21.58%. What is the increased area under pulses cultivation?

- (a) 15.59%
- (b) 0.93%
- (c) 97.58%
- (d) 12.74%
- (e) 11.09%

Answer: C

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare recently announced that the area of summer crops has sharply increased by 21.58% as compared to 2020. The increase has almost doubled. Summer crops are also called Zaid crops

The area under rice cultivation has increased by 15.59%. In 2020, it was 33.82 hectares. Now it has increased to 39.10 hectares. The area under pulses has increased by 97.58%. It was 6.45 hectares in 2020 and has now increased to 12.74 hectares in 2021. Oilseeds have increased by 15.66%. The area under coarse grains has increased by 0.93%.

136. The ministry of new and renewable energy has amended the guidelines for the implementation of Central Public Sector Undertaking scheme phase-II for setting up 12,000 MW grid-connected solar projects with viability gap funding. The maximum permissible VGF has been kept at Rs _____ crore per MW.

- (a) 0.70
- (b) 0.50
- (c) 0.55
- (d) 0.60
- (e) 0.65

Answer: C

The ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) has amended the guidelines for the implementation of Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) scheme phase-II for setting up 12,000 MW grid-connected solar projects with viability gap funding (VGF).

The power produced by the government producers could be used on payment of mutually agreed usage charges of not more than Rs 2.45 per unit. Earlier, it was mutually agreed that usage charges of not more than Rs 2.80 per unit.

The maximum permissible VGF has been kept at Rs 0.55 crore per MW, which was kept at Rs 0.70 crore per MW earlier.

137. The Chhattisgarh government and _____ has jointly developed CGTeeka web portal for systematic vaccination of people.

- (a) NIC
- (b) MEITY
- (c) C-DAC
- (d) CHIPS
- (e) IIIT Raipur

Answer: D

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the "CGTeeka" web portal and it would make the process of registration for COVID-19 vaccination convenient. The portal has been developed by the Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHIPS).

CGTeeka has been launched for systematic vaccination of people in the age group 18-44 years. 48 per cent of the people under the BPL, Antyodaya, and destitute category do not have a mobile phone. To rectify this problem, the Chhattisgarh government and CHIPS have developed CGTeeka web portal, which would provide the facility of registration through the help desk team

138. Who is the Nobel Prize-winning author of the book "Klara and the Sun"?

- (a) Louise Gluck
- (b) Olga Tokarczuk
- (c) Murakami
- (d) Erik Axel Karlfeldt
- (e) Kazuo Ishiguro

Answer: E

Klara and the Sun is the first novel by Kazuo Ishiguro since he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

The book tells the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside.

139. PIB has organised a vaccination drive for 110 people during the drive held at the National Media Centre in the national capital for people above 45 years of age. Who is the minister responsible for PIB?

- (a) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- (d) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- (e) Prakash Javadekar

Answer: E

Over 100 people above 45 years of age were inoculated in a COVID-19 vaccination drive organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB). A medical team led by Dr Harsh Priya and Vaishak Nag administered vaccines to 110 people during the drive held at the National Media Centre in the national capital. The PIB comes under the Ministry of Information And Broadcasting, the minister of I&B is Prakash Javadekar.

'The Centre has approved organizing of COVID-19 vaccination sessions at workplaces (both public and private) which are having about 100 eligible and willing beneficiaries by tagging these workplaces with an existing COVID vaccination centre (CVC),' it said. Organising vaccination at the workplace is not only convenient but also helps to avoid travel and hence, reduces the risk of exposure to COVID-19,

140. Canada Pension Plan Investment Board has bought an additional 15.9 % of the total units in IndInfravit Trust. IndInfravit is an infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) sponsored by _____

- (a) Reliance Infrastructure Limited
- (b) L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited
- (c) GMR Infrastructure Limited
- (d) IRB Infrastructure Developers Limited
- (e) Lanco Infratech Limited

Answer: B

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) bought an additional 15.9 per cent of the total units in IndInfravit Trust for Rs 1,005 crore. CPP Investments has acquired seven per cent of the units from Sadbhav Infrastructure Project and will acquire an additional 8.9 per cent from L&T IDPL, which will increase CPP Investments' stake in IndInfravit from 27.9 per cent to 43.8 per cent. IndInfravit is an infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) sponsored by L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited.

Launched in 2018, IndInfraVIT acquires and maintains stable brownfield road concessions in the country.

141. Who has been declared as one of the two recipients of the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021?

- (a) Margarita Luna Ramos
- (b) Justice Gita Mittal
- (c) Swati Maliwal
- (d) Both a and c
- (e) Both a and b

Answer: E

Former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, Justice Gita Mittal, has been declared as one of the two recipients of the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021. The Award will be presented at IAWJ's Biennial Conference during the virtual opening ceremony.

She shares the honour with Margarita Luna Ramos from Mexico.

International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) instituted this award in 2016. Justice Mittal would be the first Indian judge to receive the award.

At present, Justice Mittal is the Chairperson of the Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).

142. According to the modified norms, scheduled private sector banks, which are not under the Prompt Corrective Action framework of the RBI, can undertake government business after executing an

agreement with the central bank. The PCA norms have been introduced by RBI in the year_____.

- (a) 1991
- (b) 2002
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2016
- (e) 2018

Answer: B

The RBI introduced the PCA framework in 2002 as a structured early-intervention mechanism for banks that become undercapitalised due to poor asset quality, or vulnerable due to loss of profitability.

According to the modified norms, scheduled private sector banks, which are not under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework of the RBI, can undertake government business after executing an agreement with the central bank.

This will be subject to the condition that the concerned bank is not under PCA framework or moratorium at the time of making the application or signing of the agreement with RBI.

It may be mentioned that the Finance Ministry in February 2021 had lifted the embargo imposed in September 2012 on the further allocation of government business to private sector banks.

143. In which state's Patrunivalasa COVID Care Centre, patients suffering from COVID-19 have started practising "Pranayam" to increase oxygen level?

- (a) Telangana

- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: D

In Andhra Pradesh, many patients suffering from COVID-19 have started practising PRANAYAMA, to have natural oxygen. As many as 850 patients staying in Patrunivalasa COVID Care Centre, at Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh, have been practising yoga to improve their health under the supervision of yoga teachers. The district Collector, J. Nivas has been visiting the Yoga Centre regularly and observes that it yields positive results.

144. Meghan Markle has written a children's book for Penguin Random House titled The Bench. She is _____.

- (a) Duchess of Cornwall
- (b) Duchess of Cambridge
- (c) Duchess of Sussex
- (d) Duchess of Wales
- (e) Duchess of Edinburgh

Answer: C

The Duchess of Sussex, Meghan Markle has written a children's book for Penguin Random House titled The Bench, inspired by her husband the Duke of Sussex Harry, and their 2-year-old son Archie which outlines the "special bond between father and son as seen through a mother's eyes". Meghan's

book also contains a nod to daughter Lilibet "Lili" Diana.

The 39-year-old Meghan's first children's book gives a snapshot of her life in Montecito, Southern California that "evoke a deep sense of warmth, connection, and compassion."

145. The Asian Development Bank has launched _____ to create an open and inclusive platform to promote strategic policy dialogue, improve knowledge sharing, and strengthen coordination on tax policy

- (a) South Asia Taxation Hub
- (b) Asia Pacific Tax Hub
- (c) Developing Countries Tax Hub
- (d) LDC Tax Hub
- (e) Both b and c

Answer: B

The Asian Development Bank has launched an Asia Pacific Tax Hub to create an open and inclusive platform to promote strategic policy dialogue, improve knowledge sharing, and strengthen coordination on tax policy and administration among ADB, its members, and development partners. The hub will maximize regional and international resources to strengthen domestic resource mobilization (DRM) and international tax cooperation (ITC) in ADB's developing member countries (DMCs).

The hub will support DMCs on three main building blocks: preparation of medium-term revenue

strategies (MTRS); roadmaps for the automation of tax administration, and proactive participation in international tax initiatives.

The hub aims to play a key role in these agendas by stimulating regional dialogue and knowledge sharing on needed reforms.

146. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has formulated a special Kharif strategy for implementation in the ensuing Kharif 2021 season. A detailed plan has been launched for which of the following crops.

- I. Tur
- II. Moong
- III. Urad
- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) II only
- (d) I and III only
- (e) I, II and III

Answer: E

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has formulated a special Kharif strategy for implementation in the ensuing Kharif 2021 season. A detailed plan for both area expansion and productivity enhancement for Tur, Moong and Urad has been formulated.

147. The Centre provides the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant to the states under Article

275 of the Constitution. The grants are released as per the recommendations of _____.

- (a) Niti Aayog
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- (d) Finance Commission
- (e) Planning Commission

Answer: D

The Finance Ministry released the second monthly instalment of revenue deficit grant of Rs 9,871 crore to 17 states. With the release of the second instalment, a total amount of Rs 19,742 crore has been released in the first two months of the current financial year as Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant to the states.

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148. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified 48.32 sq km around the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary as an ESZ. What does 'E' stands for in ESZ?

- (a) Environmental
- (b) Ecological
- (c) Eco
- (d) Economical
- (e) Environment

Answer: C

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified 48.32 sq km around the Thane Creek Flamingo Sanctuary (TCFS) as an eco-sensitive zone (ESZ). The ESZ is meant to act as a buffer for protected areas and reduces developmental pressures around a wildlife sanctuary or national park.

The draft proposal, which was sent to the ministry by the Maharashtra government in March, was published in an official gazette. It invited people to submit their suggestions and objections to the notification within 60 days.

149. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras researchers will collaborate with members of _____ to develop voice-based solutions in multiple vernacular languages to enable larger adoption of digital money transactions in the country.

- (a) CII
- (b) FICCI
- (c) MPFI
- (d) ARAI
- (e) CMAI

Answer: C

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras researchers will collaborate with members of the Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI) to develop voice-based solutions in multiple vernacular

languages to enable larger adoption of digital money transactions in the country.

There are more than 100 million active Unified Payments Interface (UPI) users every month in India, as per the Indian government's statistics.

These initiatives are being taken up by MPFI towards bringing 500 million active users by 2025.

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150. Indian Navy has set up 150 bed COVID Care Centre in Khurda district of Odisha at _____

- (a) INS Vishakhapatnam
- (b) INS Chilika
- (c) INS Sarvekshak
- (d) INS Sindhurakshak
- (e) INS Vikramaditya

Answer: B

The Indian Navy through its ab-initio training establishment at INS Chilka and under the aegis of Naval Officer-in-Charge (Odisha) assisted State administration in close coordination with Khurda district Collector SK Mohanty in setting up a 150 bed COVID care centre for the patients of the district. As per an official statement by the Indian Navy, the Covid Care Centre is established at the Navy's ab-initio Training Establishment, INS Chilka, under the aegis of Naval Officer-in-Charge (Odisha).

151. Praveena Kala and Harshvardhan Raghunath as public interest directors of the board of_____

- (a) National Securities Clearing Corporation
- (b) National Commodity Clearing
- (c) National Automated Clearing House
- (d) Clearing Corporation of India Limited
- (e) Both a and b

Answer: B

National Commodity Clearing has appointed Praveena Kala and Harshvardhan Raghunath as public interest directors on the board.

Kala is an expert in banking and management while Raghunath has experience in the field of finance and risk management.

The tenure of the existing chairman of the governing board Ramaseshan and PID Shanti Srikanth was extended for 3 years, said the clearing corporation.

The tenure of all the PIDs would be effective May 11.

152. What is the name of the polyherbal drugs launched by the Ministry of Ayush for the benefit of Covid-19 patients?

- (a) Kabasura Kudineer
- (b) Ayush 64
- (c) Ayush 78
- (d) Kabasura 66
- (e) Both a and b

Answer: E

The Union Ministry of Ayush has launched a massive nationwide campaign to distribute its proven polyherbal ayurvedic drugs Ayush 64 and Siddha drug Kabasura Kudineer for the benefit of the vast majority of out of hospital Covid-19 patients. The efficacy of these drugs has been proved through robust multi-centre clinical trials.

The multi-stakeholder campaign being launched by Ayush Minister, Kiren Rijiju, (additional charge) will ensure that medicines reach the needy transparently and efficiently. The main collaborator in the campaign is Sewa Bharati.

153. K Pitchandi has been appointed as pro-tem Speaker of which of the following state/UT?

- (a) Puducherry
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Answer: E

Tamil Nadu governor Banwarilal Purohit appointed former Minister K Pitchandi as pro-tem Speaker of the state legislative assembly.

Pitchandi, who represents the Kilpennathur assembly constituency in Tiruvannamalai district, will take the oath of office on May 10.

He will administer the oath of office to all the newly elected members the following day. He served as DMK deputy whip in 2016

154. The Employees State Insurance Corporation, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, has installed oxygen generation plants at its two hospitals in _____

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Greater Hyderabad
- (c) Delhi NCR
- (d) Srinagar and Jammu
- (e) Mumbai

Answer: C

The Employees State Insurance Corporation, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, has installed oxygen generation plants at its two hospitals in the Delhi NCR area. These include a 440 litres per minute (LPM) capacity plant at the ESIC Hospital and Medical College in Faridabad and another plant of 220 LPM capacity at ESIC Hospital in Jhilmil, New Delhi yesterday.

Labour Ministry said this will enable these hospitals to augment the availability of ICU and Ventilator beds. The Corporation is actively helping fight the battle against Covid-19 by quickly converting its 30 hospitals all over the country into Covid dedicated facilities. These hospitals have around 4200 beds, including 300 ICU beds and 250 ventilator beds.

155. In May 2021, Carlyle Group divested 4 per cent stake in SBI Life Insurance. SBI Life is a joint venture between SBI and leading global insurance company _____.

- (a) Allianz SE

(b) Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

(c) BNP Paribas Cardiff

(d) AXA

(e) Ping An Insurance

Answer: C

Private equity firm Carlyle Group divested a 4 per cent stake in SBI Life Insurance for over Rs 3,900 crore through an open market transaction. According to bulk deal data available with the BSE, Carlyle Group, through its entity CA Emerald Investment, sold 4.1 crore shares, amounting to a 4 per cent stake, of SBI Life for Rs 3,936 crore.

As of end-March 2021, Carlyle Group held a 6 per cent stake in the company through its investment arm CA Emerald Investments, shareholding data with BSE showed. SBI Life is a joint venture between the State Bank of India (SBI) and the leading global insurance company **BNP Paribas Cardiff**.

156. The BIRT Awards 2021 has been conferred by Selena Gomez to whom among the following?

(a) Ariana Grande

(b) Taylor Swift

(c) Kim Kardashian

(d) Katy Perry

(e) Justin Bieber

Answer: B

The BRIT Awards 2021 was held on May 12, 2021. Taylor Swift made history by becoming the first woman and youngest person ever to win the BRIT

Awards' Global Icon honour. In the acceptance speech, she thanked a lot of people, including her British fans, and gave a shoutout to her boyfriend Joe Alwyn, and her longtime close friend Selena Gomez. Selena Gomez virtually presented the award to Taylor Swift while appreciating her.

157. Which State government has announced the launch of the "Mukhyamantri COVID Upchar Yojana" amid a rise in Covid cases in the state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Bihar

Answer: A

Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the state government is committed to providing free treatment for Covid to all the economically weaker families of the state. In this sequence, the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana has been implemented. Under this scheme, important decisions have also been taken for free Covid treatment of families possessing Ayushman cards.

158. Cipla a drug-based company has partnered with _____ to manufacture and produce baricitinib in the country for the treatment of COVID-19?

- (a) Abbott
- (b) Biological-E

- (c) Johnson & Johnson
- (d) Pfizer
- (e) Eli Lilly

Answer: E

Drug major Cipla said it has inked a pact with US-based Eli Lilly and Company to manufacture and produce baricitinib in the country for the treatment of COVID-19.

The Mumbai-based company said it has signed a royalty-free, non-exclusive voluntary licensing agreement with Eli Lilly for baricitinib.

159. The longest pedestrian suspension bridge (516m in length) in the world named 'Arouca' has opened in which country?

- (a) Belarus
- (b) Portugal
- (c) Spain
- (d) Argentina
- (e) Colombia

Answer: B

A pedestrian suspension bridge that claims to be the longest in the world, named 516 Arouca and measuring 516 metres in length, has opened in northern Portugal.

The bridge was built by the Institute for Research and Technological Development for Construction, Energy, Environment and Sustainability as a tourist attraction for the Arouca area, providing views across the Pavia Gorge and toward the nearby Aguieiras Waterfall.

It is located next to the Paiva Walkways, an eight-kilometre-long trail that winds through the Arouca hills.

Built-in the Arouca Geopark, the bridge is suspended 175 metres above the Paiva river and links two hills with granite cliff faces.

160. The Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plants have been inaugurated by whom in the Medical Colleges of Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) PM Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Dr Harshvardhan
- (d) Prakash Javadekar
- (e) Jai Ram Thakur

Answer: E

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur inaugurated Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plants at Dr Radhakrishnan Government Medical College Hamirpur and Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Medical College Chamba virtually from Shimla.

The plant at Chamba has a capacity of 400 PLM whereas the Hamirpur plant has 300 PLM capacity. The Chief Minister said both these oxygen plants would ensure uninterrupted oxygen supply to the patients admitted to both these Medical Colleges.

161. A new species of the genus Bryocrumia has been discovered in which of the following wildlife sanctuary or national park of Kerala?

- (a) Silent Valley
- (b) Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (e) Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: D

A new species of moss of the genus Bryocrumia has been named after the Malabar region of Kerala from where it was spotted.

It is discovered in the Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary along the Western Ghats.

It is a tiny bryophyte and is only the second species to be identified in the genus Bryocrumia which has for long thought to be monotypic.

162. Who among has been appointed as the commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation by replacing G Prakash?

- (a) Meghanatha Reddy
- (b) Jacob Ranjan
- (c) Amalselvi Sabramathi
- (d) PS Srinivasan
- (e) Gagandeep Singh Bedi

Answer: E

The newly formed Tamil Nadu government has appointed Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS as Greater Chennai Corporation's Commissioner. Gagandeep will be replacing G Prakash, who has been serving as GCC's Commissioner since February 2019.

Gagandeep Singh, an officer well known in the state, became a household name first for his work

when he served as Cuddalore district's Collector during the most devastating disasters in its history -- the tsunami of 2004.

Gagandeep Singh Bedi was currently posted as Tamil Nadu's Agricultural Production Commissioner and Agriculture Principal Secretary. Gagandeep was also Cuddalore District Monitoring Officer for COVID-19.

163. The Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has donated how much amount from MPLAD fund for the purchase of medical equipment in Haridwar?

- (a) 2.5 crores
- (b) 3.5 crores
- (c) 1.5 crores
- (d) 1 crore
- (e) 4.5 crores

Answer: C

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has donated one crore 50 lakh rupees from (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Division) MPLAD fund for the purchase of medical equipment in Haridwar. He said every effort is being made to ensure that there is no shortage of medical equipment for the country.

164. DRDO's Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences has developed the drug, 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories. Who is the chairman of DRDO?

- (a) Harshvardhan
- (b) Dr W. SELVAMURTHY
- (c) Dr Ashutosh Bhardwaj
- (d) G Satheesh Reddy
- (e) Dr AK Datta

Answer: D

Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), spearheads indigenous development of defence systems and technologies.

The Drugs Controller General of India has approved the emergency use of drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) as an adjunct therapy in moderate to severe Covid-19 patients.

The Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has developed the drug, in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Hyderabad.

165. The National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd have donated four fully-equipped and fabricated critical care life support ambulances to Ladakh? Who among the following is the MD of NHIDCL?

- (a) Keshav Kumar Pathak
- (b) Manoj Sahay
- (c) VK Rajawat
- (d) Aditya Negi
- (e) Ajay Kumar

Answer: A

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) donated four fully-equipped and fabricated critical care life support ambulances for highway incident management to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The ambulances were handed over to the UT administration after duly inspected by the Chief Medical Officer, Leh. In a short event at Deputy Commissioner Leh office, the ambulances were flagged off by the Chairman/CEC LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson.

NHIDCL- Managing Director: Keshav Kumar Pathak (IAS), Founded:2014, HQ: New Delhi

166. Which research and development company has recently introduced the first-of-its-kind diagnostic test called Omega Score?

- (a) BioCell
- (b) Biological E
- (c) Dr Reddy
- (d) LifeCell
- (e) MyLab

Answer: D

To provide the best possible healthcare to every child born in India, LifeCell has introduced the first-of-its-kind diagnostic test called Omega Score.

The OmegaScore-Prenatal and OmegaScore-Newborn test has been specially designed for Indian pregnant women as well as mothers respectively to determine the concentration of a critical omega-3

fatty acid, DHA, also known as docosahexaenoic acid. This fatty acid has been proven to be essential for the overall health and cognitive development of a child.

167. Name the Bollywood actress, who passed away recently, had played different roles in movies like 'Chhichhore', 'Badrinath Ki Dulhania', etc.

- (a) Abhilasha Patil
- (b) Preksha Mehta
- (c) Ashalata Wabgaonkar
- (d) Meenakshi
- (e) Archana Mahanta

Answer: A

Actress Abhilasha Patil, who featured in films like 'Good Newwz', 'Badrinath Ki Dulhania' and 'Chhichhore', passed away due to Covid-19 complications, a report said. She was in her early 40s.

She is survived by her husband and a son. Actor-director Shashank Udapurkar, who had worked with Abhilasha in the Marathi flick 'Prawaas'.

168. Which among the following state government was the first to declare the rare fungal infection Mucormycosis as "Epidemic"?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Answer: C

Patients of Mucormycosis, a serious but rare fungal infection now affecting those suffering from coronavirus, will be treated for free under the Maharashtra governments flagship medical insurance scheme, Health Minister Rajesh Tope.

Mucormycosis patients will be covered under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana since the medicines required to combat the fungal infection are expensive, an official statement quoted Tope as saying.

Rajasthan, Telangana and Tamil Nadu have declared it an epidemic.

169. Which of the following bank has launched the chatbot 'Eva' in partnership with Common Services Centers to support Village Level Entrepreneurs in providing banking services for last-mile rural consumers?

- (a) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Bank Of Baroda
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) HDFC Bank

Answer: E

HDFC Bank and Common Services Centers have launched chatbot 'Eva' on CSCs Digital Seva Portal to support Village Level Entrepreneurs in providing banking services for last-mile rural consumers.

Through Eva, VLEs will learn about the products and services offered by HDFC Bank, which in turn

will improve services to the last mile customers, said a statement.

The 24×7 service will allow VLEs to access accurate information about various products, processes and resolve queries about HDFC Bank's services.

170. Recently Harsh Vardhan Shringla held talks with U.S. Charge D'Affaires Daniel B Smith focusing on ways to combat the coronavirus pandemic including supply of COVID-19 vaccines. Who among the following is the ambassador of India to the US?

- (a) Nirupma Rao
- (b) Arun Kumar Singh
- (c) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- (d) Navtej Sarna
- (e) Meera Shankar

Answer: C

Taranjit Singh Sandhu is the ambassador of India to the US.

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla held talks with U.S. Charge D'Affaires Daniel B Smith focusing on ways to combat the coronavirus pandemic including supply of COVID-19 vaccines. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said regional issues, and cooperation in the United Nations also figured in the "productive meeting".

171. Freedom fighter and veteran of the erstwhile Indian National Army (INA) Lalti Ram passed away. He belonged to which state?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: D

Freedom fighter and veteran of the erstwhile Indian National Army (INA) Lalti Ram passed away, according to a Haryana government statement. He was 100.

Lalti Ram's last rites were performed at his native village Dubaldhan in Haryana's Jhajjar district with full state honours in the presence of officers from the administration.

172. The National Horticulture Board (NHB) has cleared a record 1,278 pending subsidy applications. Name the Chairman of the Committee of NHB who kept watch on the progress.

- (a) Anil Agarwal
- (b) Sanjay Agarwal
- (c) Vinod Agrawal
- (d) Shekhar Agrawal
- (e) None of the above

Answer: B

The Agriculture Ministry said its autonomous body National Horticulture Board (NHB) has cleared a record 1,278 pending subsidy applications for integrated development of hi-tech commercial horticulture, including promotion of post-harvest. Agriculture Secretary and Chairman of the

Managing Committee of NHB Sanjay Agarwal kept a regular watch on the progress and continuously guided the NHB officials, it added.

Under the direct supervision of the ministry, the NHB has also taken a lot of steps for ease of doing business by simplification of scheme guidelines, documentation and processing process of new applications, it noted. According to the ministry, the NHB has released the subsidy to 357 beneficiaries, while 921 new projects have been approved in the last year.

173. Ola Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the cab aggregator, announced that it would provide consumers with oxygen concentrators for free through the Ola app in partnership with _____.

- (a) LoveIndia
- (b) Robinhood Army
- (c) Pratham Foundation
- (d) Sood Foundation
- (e) GiveIndia

Answer: E

COVID-19 patients in Bengaluru can now get oxygen concentrators delivered at their doorsteps for free by Ola.

Ola Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the cab aggregator, announced that it will provide consumers with oxygen concentrators for free through the Ola app. The initiative has been

launched in partnership with GiveIndia, a donation platform.

174. Who among the following has been appointed as the executive director of foods and refreshment of Hindustan Unilever?

- (a) Govind Sundaram
- (b) G Gopal Sundaram
- (c) Uman Vohra
- (d) Siranadan Sundaram
- (e) R.A Shah

Answer: D

Hindustan Unilever Limited has elevated Srinandan Sundaram to the executive director, foods and refreshment, starting July 1, 2021. He is currently executive director, customer development and will be replacing Sudhir Sitapati, who is to leave the organisation to pursue an external opportunity. Sitapati was responsible for the Adityaa Milk and GSK Consumer Healthcare business merger into HUL. Srinadan has been at the forefront of transforming the company's CD organisation into a High Tech – High Touch team. He has over 22 years of experience within the company, with a strong track record in customer development and marketing.

175. The Supreme Court has constituted a National Task Force of top medical experts to formulate a methodology for the allocation of oxygen to states

and union territories. Who is the Director of All India Institute Of Medical Sciences, New Delhi?

- (a) Devi Shetty
- (b) Gagandeep Kang
- (c) JS Guleria
- (d) Randeep Guleria
- (e) Naresh Trehan

Answer: D

The Supreme Court has constituted a 12-member National Task Force of top medical experts to formulate a methodology for allocation of oxygen to states and union territories for saving lives of COVID-19 patients and to facilitate a public health response to the pandemic.

The top court named a sub-group for carrying out the audit exercise for Delhi's health infrastructure and allocation of oxygen and said that it shall consist of Randeep Guleria of AIIMS, Sandeep Budhiraja of Max Healthc.

176. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Godrej Consumer Products?

- (a) Rajesh Gopinathan
- (b) Shantanu Narayan
- (c) Ajay Banga
- (d) Nisaba Godrej
- (e) Sudhir Sitapati

Answer: E

Godrej Consumer Products (GCPL) said that Sudhir Sitapati will join the company as managing director

and chief executive officer effective October 18.

Nisaba Godrej, currently the chairperson and managing director, will continue to serve as executive chairperson.

Sitapati comes to GCPL after a tenure of 22 years at Hindustan Unilever (HUL), where he led teams across categories and functions in India, Europe, South East Asia and Africa.

177. The Indian Navy has set up a 60-bed Covid-19 care centre in INS Kalinga in which state?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Kerala

Answer: D

The Indian Navy, to help the local population of Bheemunipatnam who are dealing with the second wave of Covid-19, has set up a 60-bed Covid-19 care centre at INS, Kalinga, Bheemunipatnam.

All the facilities were provided to the public by AP Tourism Minister and Bheemunipatnam's MLA Shri Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao on 11 May 2021.

The Commanding Officer, INS Kalinga started the Covid care centre, which has adequate facilities to provide treatment to Covid-19 positive patients with moderate symptoms in Bheemunipatnam Mandal and adjoining regions.

178. Freedom fighter and Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra musician, who composed Baul songs and modern Bangla songs and also was recognized as an exceptional Tagore singer, has passed away recently. What was the name of the singer?

- (a) Abhijit Bhattacharya
- (b) Arundhati Subramanyam
- (c) Anup Bhattacharya
- (d) Shyamla Mitra
- (e) Dhananjaya

Answer: C

Freedom fighter and Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra musician Anup Bhattacharya passed away in Dhaka. He was 77.

Anup Bhattacharya was recognised as an exceptional Tagore singer. He also composed Baul songs and modern Bangla songs. During the liberation war of Bangladesh, he worked as the composer and music director at Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra.

Some of his patriotic songs like Teer Hara Ei Dheuer Sagor, Rokto Diye Naam Likhhechhi, Purbo Digonte and Nongor Tolo Tolo inspired the liberation war fighters during 1971.

179. Paytm has donated how many oxygen concentrators along with an oxygen generation plant to Gujarat?

- (a) 200
- (b) 300
- (c) 100

(d) 350

(e) 400

Answer: C

To meet the rising oxygen demand for the treatment of COVID-19 patients, the Paytm Foundation has donated 100 oxygen concentrators along with an oxygen generation plant to Gujarat.

While the plant will be set up at the main civil hospital in the city, 100 oxygen concentrators will be distributed to different government-run hospitals in the state through the Corona Sewa Yagna' initiative being run by an NGO under the guidance of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat. Paytm Foundation is the CSR arm of financial service firm Paytm.

180. The World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) which was first released in January 2021, projected that the Indian economy would grow at 10.1. Which agency releases the WESP report?

(a) United Nations

(b) World Bank

(c) IMF

(d) World Economic Forum

(e) Fitch

Answer: A

India is forecast to grow at 10.1 per cent in 2022, becoming the fastest-growing major economy in the world. But cautioned that the growth outlook of 2021 was "highly fragile" as the country was the "new hotbed of the pandemic."

The United Nations, in its mid-year update of the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) which was first released in January 2021, projected that the Indian economy would grow at 10.1 per cent in the calendar year 2022, nearly double the 5.9 per cent growth forecast for the country in the January report.

181. The European Inventor Award 2021 has been conferred to which Indian chemist under the 'Non-EPO countries' category?

(a) Geeta Mitra

(b) Megha Chandrashekharan

(c) Sumita Mitra

(d) Asima Chatterjee

(e) Aditi Pant

Answer: C

The European Patent Office has honoured Indian-American chemist Sumita Mitra with the European Inventor Award 2021 in the 'Non-EPO countries' category. Mitra was the first to successfully integrate nanotechnology into dental materials to produce stronger and more aesthetically pleasing fillings, which are now used by dentists around the world. Mitra and her team developed a technique for creating linked clusters of nanoparticles, which they called 'nanoclusters'. These clusters combine single nanoparticles of varying diameters, resulting in strong, durable and shiny material.

182. Which of the metro rail conducted a short low-speed run (500 metres) with electric trains?

- (a) Bangalore Metro Rail
- (b) Dhaka Metro Rail
- (c) Berlin Metro Rail
- (d) Moscow Metro
- (e) Paris Metro

Answer: B

Bangladesh entered a new era - the age of electric trains. Dhaka Metro Rail brought out its new train for display in Uttara and conducted a short low-speed run for spectacle.

The country's first electric train crossed 500 metres (on ground level) with six coaches during the trial run at the Diabari depot at around noon at a speed of 5kmh, according to media reports.

A driver from the Kawasaki-Mitsubishi Consortium drove the Mass Rapid Transit Line-6 (MRT-6) train to the unloading zone from a workshop. When commissioned, the trains will run at a speed of 100km/h.

183. Who was the only 'Parsi' cricketer to be selected for the World Test Championship final against England?

- (a) Phiroze Edulji Palia
- (b) Shiamak Unwalla
- (c) Hitesh Majumdar
- (d) Arzan Nagwaswalla
- (e) Rusi Framroze Surti

Answer: D

Young Gujarat left-arm pacer Arzan Nagwaswalla, who has been picked up as a stand-by player in the Indian team for the World Test Championship final and away series against England, is the only active 'Parsi' cricketer currently plying his trade in the domestic circuit and stands out for his pace.

Former Gujarat right-arm pacer and coach Hitesh Majumdar told PTI that Nagwaswalla can touch speed up to 140 kmph.

184. The name of "Miyon ka Bara" railway station has been changed to Mahesh Nagar. It is in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A

The name of Miyon ka Bara railway station in Rajasthan's Jodhpur has been changed to Mahesh Nagar after getting approval from various departments.

Earlier, in August 2018, the name of the village was officially changed from Miyon ka Bara to Mahesh Nagar after residents complained that they were unable to get matrimonial matches for their children as the name gave an impression that it is inhabited by Muslims. The Union Home Ministry had approved the change of name and conveyed the decision to the Rajasthan government in 2018.

185. Rajeev Goel has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer of which of the following company?

- (a) Jubilant Foods
- (b) Dominos India
- (c) Mc Donald's India
- (d) Pizza Hut
- (e) Hindustan Unilever

Answer: C

McDonald's India- North & East announced the appointment of Rajeev Ranjan as Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Rajeev Goel as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company. Both will step into their respective roles with immediate effect, following the retirement of Robert Hunghanfoo, head of Connaught Plaza Restaurants Pvt Ltd (CRPL), a statement said.

They would report to CRPL Chairman and Developmental Licensee Sanjeev Agrawal.

McDonald's restaurants in North and East of India are operated by CPRL, which has the licence for the region.

186. TVS Motor Company has appointed whom among the following as the Chief Executive Officer?

- (a) Alex Mitchell
- (b) Robert Hentschel
- (c) John Corwill
- (d) T Somanathan
- (e) Vittorio Urciuoli

Answer: B

TVS Motor Company, the owner of The Norton Motorcycle Co. Ltd. (Norton), is announcing the appointment of Dr Robert Hentschel as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Vittorio Urciuoli as Chief Technical Officer (CTO) of the historic Solihull - based motorcycle brand.

The announcement forms the next key phase of the historic marque's transformation, as it builds on its newly re-established foundations and prepares for the revitalisation of the brand for the future.

187. Who among the following has launched a mobile app for journalists to report virtual proceedings without having to visit court premises amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

- (a) Law Minister
- (b) Home Minister
- (c) Minister of Electronics & IT
- (d) Chief Justice of India
- (e) CEO of NITI Aayog

Answer: D

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana launched a mobile app to enable journalists to report virtual proceedings without having to visit court premises amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The virtual event to launch the app was attended by Justices AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud, both of whom are recovering from Covid-19, as well as Justice Hemant Gupta and Supreme Court secretary-general Sanjeev S Kalgaonkar.

188. What is the name of the free meal distribution initiative launched by the Assam Government with the motto of “fighting hunger - feeding future”?

- (a) Bhookh
- (b) Bhojan
- (c) Jan Aahaar
- (d) Aahaar
- (e) Khadya

Answer: D

In Assam, Aahaar, a free meal distribution initiative with the motto of fighting hunger-feeding the future is winning hearts in Guwahati city. This initiative is being taken up by an NGO- Care U 365 with the aim to provide healthy meals to roadside dwellers and their service is being received by the needy through their food van.

Thousands of people have been fed by this organization in Guwahati during the COVID situation. It is to be noted that this organization is working actively in varied fields like providing study materials to the visually impaired, sanitary pad distribution, women empowerment through technological advancement and training, community development projects in Assam.

189. Kusal Perera was recently in News. A Sri Lankan sportsman is related to which of the following sports?

- (a) Basketball
- (b) Hockey
- (c) Cricket

- (d) Football
- (e) Badminton

Answer: C

Kusal Perera has been named new ODI captain and Kusal Mendis has been recalled and made vice-captain, while Dimuth Karunaratne, Angelo Mathews and Dinesh Chandimal have been dropped in a major shake-up of Sri Lanka's ODI team.

In naming a young squad, Sri Lanka's new selection committee - headed by Pramodya Wickramasinghe - and coach Mickey Arthur have signalled they are seeking to aggressively develop a fresh set of limited-overs players with a view to the 2023 World Cup. Across the 18 players named, only 33-year-old Isuru Udana is older than 31, and just three players are above 30.

190. Gujarat has launched a campaign to check the spread of Covid-19 infection at the village level. What is the name of the campaign?

- (a) Mera Gaon: Corona Mukta Gaon
- (b) My Village Corona Free Village
- (c) Marun Gaam: Corona-Mukt Gaam
- (d) Āmāra grāma corona mukta grāma
- (e) Mera pinḍa corona mukta pinda

Answer: C

Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani launched the 'Marun Gaam: Corona-Mukt Gaam' (My Village: Corona-Free Village) campaign on the occasion of the state's foundation day.

The campaign was launched to check the spread of infection due to coronavirus at the village level to ensure the villagers remain free from the pandemic.

191. Which state government has announced Rs 25 Lakhs amount compensation to the families of 43 doctors who had lost their lives while on Covid-19 patient treatment duty?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: C

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced Rs 25 lakh compensation to the families of 43 doctors who had lost their lives while on Covid-19 patient treatment duty.

Stalin also announced incentives to those medical service personnel who were involved in the treatment of Covid-19 patients.

As per the incentive scheme for the three months -- April, May and June -- when the second wave of Covid-19 spread, doctors will be paid Rs 30,000, nurses and trainee doctors Rs 20,000, and others like sanitary workers, people working in the CT scan department, ambulance workers Rs 15,000.

192. The CBI officer, who was famous for the case of 'Assassination of Rajeev Gandhi', has been

passed away recently. What was the name of the officer?

- (a) Ranjit Sinha
- (b) K Ragothaman
- (c) Alok Verma
- (d) Subodh Kumar
- (e) Gagandeep Gambhir

Answer: B

Former CBI officer K Ragothaman who investigated the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi passed away. He was 76.

Ragothaman tested positive for COVID-19 a few days back and was admitted to a private hospital in Chennai where he breathed his last. He is survived by four children while his wife died some years ago. Ragothaman was part of the Special Investigation Team that probed the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. He also authored several books.

193. Santoshi Uchida has been appointed as the new Company Head of which among the following company?

- (a) Hyundai Motors
- (b) Kia India Motors
- (c) Honda Motors
- (d) Suzuki Motorcycle India
- (e) Mitsubishi Motors

Answer: D

Suzuki Motorcycle India has appointed Satoshi Uchida as the new Company Head. Satoshi Uchida

has replaced Koichiro Hirao as part of Suzuki Motor Corporation's global revamp.

Uchida boasts of over 30 years of experience across global markets. Not only has he previously worked at Suzuki Motorcycle India, but also served in the past as Deputy Executive General Manager of Motorcycle Operations (India/Middle-East/Africa) at Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan. His last assignment was in the USA.

194. Recently, South Indian Bank has rolled out Video KYC Accounting Opening. Which of the following can be accepted as KYC Documents for individuals in banks for opening new accounts?

- (a) Adhar Card
- (b) PAN Card
- (c) Passport
- (d) Voter ID Card
- (e) All of the above

Answer: E

Individuals (Documents acceptable as proof of identity/address)

- Passport
- Voter's Identity Card
- Driving Licence
- Aadhaar Letter/Card
- NREGA Card
- PAN Card

Any one document towards proof of identity and proof of address (either permanent or current)

195. Himachal Pradesh Government has decided to provide free COVID treatment to the beneficiaries of Himcare and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Who is the Governor of Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) Phagu Chahan
- (b) Jagdish Mukhi
- (c) B.D.Mishra
- (d) Biswabhusan Harichandan
- (e) Bandaru Dattatreya

Answer: E

Bandaru Dattatreya is the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

The Himachal Pradesh Government has decided to provide free COVID treatment to the beneficiaries of Himcare and Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in registered private hospitals of the state.

By this decision, around 9 lakh 29 thousand beneficiaries covered under Him care and Ayushman Bharat health scheme would now get free treatment of COVID 19 in private hospitals which are registered as a dedicated COVID hospital by the state government.

196. Who among the following has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian women's cricket team by the BCCI?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Anil Kumble
- (c) Rames Powar

(d) Ashish Nehra

(e) Rahul Dravid

Answer: C

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the appointment of former India spinner Ramesh Powar as the head coach of the India women's cricket team. Powar's candidature was finalized and recommended to the BCCI by a three-member Cricket Advisory Committee.

The three-member Cricket Advisory Committee comprising Sulakshana Naik, Madan Lal and Rudra Pratap Singh interviewed the applicants and unanimously agreed on Powar's candidature.

197. For the first time, Italy has appointed a woman, career diplomat, to head the country's secret service. What is the name of the woman?

(a) Sofia Agosti

(b) Bella Bernardi

(c) Alexa Bianco

(d) Elisabetta Belloni

(e) Esabella Barbieri

Answer: D

Italy has for the first time appointed a woman, career diplomat Elisabetta Belloni, to head the country's secret service, Prime Minister Mario Draghi announced.

Belloni, who has already been the first woman to hold key foreign ministry posts, will now lead Italy's Security Intelligence Department (DIS), reporting directly to the cabinet, said the statement.

198. Which Indian company has recently opened its regional headquarters office in Singapore?

(a) Adani Group

(b) Reliance Industries

(c) Bharti Group

(d) Tata Group

(e) Wipro

Answer: A

The Adani Group has opened its regional headquarters office in Singapore with a focus on the energy, infrastructure and technology portfolios. Adani Singapore (SG) Country Head Jeyakumar Janakaraj said Singapore was an ideal choice for Adani's regional headquarters, thanks to its ideal geographic location, legal and regulatory structure.

199. Which government has launched the state of the art 'Medicine from the Sky' project?

(a) Karnataka

(b) Kerala

(c) Tamil Nadu

(d) Telangana

(e) Maharashtra

Answer: D

Recently, the Telangana government has selected 16 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) for pilot testing the ambitious 'Medicine from the sky', the first-of-its-kind project.

Blue Dart, a leading express logistics service provider said it formed Blue Dart Med-Express

Consortium with a mission of revolutionising the delivery of vaccines and emergency medical supplies to the remotest parts of India using drones.

According to a press release from the logistics major, Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium is part of the 'Medicine from the Sky' project in collaboration with the Telangana government, World Economic Forum, Niti Aayog and Healthnet Global.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has granted the project with necessary exemptions and rights to fly drone flights on an experimental basis in Telangana.

200. International Day of Living Together in Peace has been observed every year on May 16th. Which among the following organisation has established it?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) UNGA

- (c) WMO
- (d) UN
- (e) UNSC

Answer: B

International Day of Living Together in Peace seeks to advocate for world peace. This day aims to encourage the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity. It encourages living together in peace by listening, recognizing, and respecting others. This day emphasizes inclusion and tolerance with the goal being the uniting of all communities, religions, and races. International Day of Living Together in Peace was established in 1997 by the UN General Assembly. It is observed annually on May 16th.

May 3rd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Rajesh Agrawal has been re-appointed as the Deputy Mayor for Business of which among the following city?

- (a) Chicago
- (b) Sydney
- (c) Paris
- (d) London
- (e) California

Answer: D

India-born entrepreneur Rajesh Agrawal has been re-appointed as London's Deputy Mayor for Business by Mayor Sadiq Khan after he won a second term in local elections last week. Agrawal, who is also the co-chair of the Labour Friends of India (LFIN) diaspora representative group of the Opposition Labour Party, arrived in London in 2001 and went on to grow a small foreign

exchange and money transfer enterprise into a multi-million-pound UK-headquartered business.

2. Google has fined \$123 million by Italy's antitrust watchdog for not allowing its app on Android Auto platform. What is the name of the app that has not allowed by Google?

- (a) JuicePass App
- (b) TrustPass App
- (c) OwnPass App
- (d) ShakePass App
- (e) TryPass App

Answer: A

Android maker Google has been fined \$123 million (102 million euros) for abusing its dominant position to the detriment of competing service providers. The fine was levied by Italy's antitrust watchdog.

The subject of the violation is Google not allowing the JuicePass app on its Android Auto platform. The app is made by Enel X, a division of the Italian government-owned utility Enel.

According to the complaint, Google has not allowed the JuicePass app on Android Auto for two years.

"The contested conduct can influence the development of e-mobility in a crucial phase with possible negative spill-over effects on the spreading of electric vehicles," the regulator added.

By preventing the JuicePass app on its platform, Google unfairly favoured its own Maps app, according to the regulator.

3. Which among the following has conferred the "Green Urja Award" 2021 to the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd for being the Leading Public Institution in Financing Institution for Renewable Energy?

- (a) ISA
- (b) NTPC
- (c) NHPC
- (d) REC
- (e) ICC

Answer: E

Solution: Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has been conferred with "Green Urja Award" for being the Leading Public Institution in Financing Institution for RE this year by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

The award was received by Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director, IREDA from Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance in presence of Anil Razdan, Chairman, ICC National Expert Committee on Energy in a virtual ceremony.

4. Who among the following has led the Indian delegation at fourth India-Swiss Financial Dialogue held virtually through video conferencing?

- (a) Minister of External Affairs
- (b) Secretary of Financial Services
- (c) Secretary of Economic Affairs
- (d) Secretary of Revenue
- (e) Secretary of External Affairs

Answer: C

The fourth India-Swiss Financial Dialogue was held virtually through video conferencing.

Ajay Seth, Secretary Economic Affairs led the Indian delegation. The Indian delegation included representatives from Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Revenue, Department of Financial Services and Ministry of External Affairs.

The dialogue concluded on a positive note for a sustained future collaboration between both countries in the areas of mutual interest.

5. Matang Singh has passed away recently. He was the former Union Minister of which among the following?

- (a) External Affairs
- (b) Parliamentary affairs
- (c) Finance & Corporate Affairs
- (d) Defence
- (e) Economic Affairs

Answer: B

Former union minister and Congress leader, Matang Singh died in a hospital in New Delhi following COVID-19 related complications.

Singh was elected to the Upper house in 1992 from Assam. He was union minister of state in parliamentary affairs from 1994 to 1998.

CBI had in past arrested former Union minister and media baron MatangSingh in Sharda chit fund scam.

MatangSingh was born in 1962 and was a resident of Tinsukia.

6. Punjab CM Amarinder Singh has announced Malerkotla, a Muslim-majority town, as the new district. How many districts are now in Punjab?

- (a) 30
- (b) 27
- (c) 23
- (d) 21
- (e) 25

Answer: C

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh announced the creation of a new district of Malerkotla, carving the state's only Muslim-majority town from Sangrur district. Adjoining Amargarh and Ahmedgarh will also form part of Punjab's 23rd district, according to the announcement at a state-level event on Eid-ul-Fitr.

Malerkotla, which is 35 km from the Sangrur district headquarters, was promised district status during the pre-poll campaigning by the Congress.

The chief minister also announced a Rs 500-crore medical college, a women's college, a new bus stand and a women police station in Malerkotla.

7. Sunil Jain, the managing editor of which among the following, has passed away recently?

- (a) The Hindustan Times
- (b) The Deccan Chronicles
- (c) The Indian Express
- (d) The Business Standard
- (e) The Financial Express

Answer: E

Sunil Jain, managing editor of the Financial Express, succumbed to Covid-19-related complications at AIIMS.

Prior to Financial Express, Jain was senior associate editor at Business Standard. He was an alumnus of the Delhi School of Economics. At least 171 journalists have lost their lives to Covid-19 since April 2020, according to Rate The Debate Campaign, an initiative of the Institute of Perception Studies, Delhi.

8. B J Watling, a New Zealand Cricketer, has retired from all forms of cricket after his final match against which of the following Country?

- (a) India
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) Zimbabwe
- (e) West Indies

Answer: A

New Zealand wicket-keeper batsman B J Watling announced that he will end his over-decade-long career in all forms of cricket after the World Test Championship final against India next month.

New Zealand will also play two Tests against hosts England before the WTC final against India in Southampton from June 18.

The 35-year-old has been a stalwart of the Test side since debuting in 2009 as an opener, going on to establish himself as a world-class keeper-batsman

and claiming numerous records in his 73 Tests to date.

9. Which among the following IIT has partnered with Cheema Boilers Limited for designing an eco-friendly cremation cartowing to the rise of Covid-19 cases?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Kharagpur
- (c) IIT Cochin
- (d) IIT Ropar
- (e) IIT Bombay

Answer: D

The Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, Punjab has designed an eco-friendly cremation cart amid the rise in the Covid-19 cases. The cart is fitted with stainless steel insulation for ensuring no heat loss and less wood consumption. Usually wood costs about Rs 2,500 for disposing one body and poor families are unable to afford.

According to the release by the university, the cart has been developed in collaboration with a company Cheema Boilers Limited. The technology behind it is based on the wick stove, in which wick glows yellow after lighting and is converted into smokeless blue flame after installing the combustion air system over these wicks.

The stainless steel trays on both sides of the cart are for easy ash removal. The cart is equipped with combustion air for primary and secondary hot air systems, the release further added. The disposal is

completed within 12 hours including cooling as against 48 hours. The cart works on temperature above 100°C that ensures complete sterilization. It has wheels and can be transported anywhere without much effort.

10. According to the report by a research firm, VeriskMaplecroft, Which of the following city has become the world's third highest risk city?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Agra
- (e) Bengaluru

Answer: B

Of the 100 cities in the world vulnerable to environmental risk, 99 are in Asia. And of the 99, 43 are in India alone. This was released in a report published by research firm VeriskMaplecroft.

Delhi is the world's second-highest risk city, followed by Chennai at third, Agra at sixth and Kanpur at 10th. Jaipur is 22nd on the list, with Lucknow, Bengaluru and Mumbai at 24th, 25th and 27th, respectively, with the second-highest urban population at the highest risk.

China follows India with 37 cities to face environmental issues, including air pollution and natural disasters. Both countries are the world's first and third-biggest greenhouse gas emitters, respectively.

Nearly 1.5 billion people live in the 414 cities prone to pollution, water shortages, extreme heat, natural hazards, and climate change's physical impacts, Bloomberg reported. Indonesia's Jakarta is highest on the list to have a combined risk, followed by India with 13 of the 20 riskiest cities in the world, as a result of its extreme levels of air and water pollution.

11. SpaceX will set to launch satellite, DOGE-1, to the Moon next year. It has been funded by Dogecoin of which among the following country?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Italy
- (c) Japan
- (d) Russia
- (e) India

Answer: A

SpaceX will launch a satellite to the Moon next year funded entirely with the cryptocurrency Dogecoin, Canadian company Geometric Energy Corporation, which will lead the lunar mission.

The satellite, dubbed DOGE-1, will be launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket in the first quarter of 2022, the Calgary-based company.

The cubic satellite, weighing 88 pounds (40 kilograms), will aim to obtain "lunar-spatial intelligence from sensors and cameras on-board".

12. Which among the following state has become first in the country to join the COVAX facility alliance for global sourcing and procurement of Covid

vaccines during the deadly second wave of the pandemic?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Goa
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Punjab

Answer: E

Punjab government had decided to join the COVAX facility alliance for global sourcing and procurement of Covid vaccines amid the deadly second wave of the pandemic. The state claimed that it is the first in the country to do so.

The decision was taken during a virtual cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. The cabinet also approved the purchase of Covaxin for industrial workers, for whose vaccination the industry has expressed willingness to pay. The state government has so far only ordered the Covishield vaccine for the 18-44 age group. With today's decision, the decks have been cleared to place orders for Covaxin too.

COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access, abbreviated as COVAX, is a worldwide initiative aimed at equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines directed by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, and the World Health Organization.

13. The Indian delegation has been led by whom among the following in the first virtual meeting of BRICS Employment Working Group?

- (a) Revenue Secretary
- (b) Social Justice Secretary
- (c) Labour Secretary
- (d) Home Secretary
- (e) Financial Secretary

Answer: C

The first meeting of BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) was held virtually, during which, member-countries agreed to formulate a framework on Social Security Agreement.

The Indian delegation was led by Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra. Besides representatives from four other member-states (Russia, Brazil, China and South Africa), representatives from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the International Social Security Agency (ISSA) also took part in the virtual meet.

Discussions during the two-day event focused on promoting Social Security Agreements amongst BRICS nations, formalisation of labour markets, participation of women in labour force and gig workers. The 13th edition of BRICS has been hosted by India.

14. Which among the following state has decided to conduct a special drive for inoculation of vulnerable people who don't have any approved identity documents?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: D

The Odisha government has decided to conduct a special drive for inoculation of vulnerable people who don't have any approved identity documents. As per the decision, separate vaccination sites will be set up in districts and towns for the people eligible for Covid-19 vaccination but do not possess any one of the seven approved identify documents such as Aadhaar card, voter card, passport, driving licence, PAN card, pension card with photo, and NPR smart card.

The move came after the government found that some vulnerable groups of citizens do not possess any of the prescribed identity proofs required for registration of beneficiaries in the CoWIN portal as mandated by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

15. The 10th Italian Open title has been bagged by Rafael Nadal by defeating whom among the following?

- (a) Dominic Thiem
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- (d) Daniil Medvedev
- (e) Alexander Zverev

Answer: B

Rafael Nadal beat world number one Novak Djokovic to win a 10th Italian Open title and set down a key marker two weeks out from the defence of his Roland Garros crown.

Second seed Nadal won through 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 in 2hr 49min against the defending champion in the 57th career showdown between the pair. Djokovic and Nadal were facing each other for the 57th time, having last played in the 2020 French Open final which the Spaniard won in straight sets.

The pair have won 15 of the last 17 Rome titles between them, while Nadal leads their head-to-head in finals in the Italian capital 4-2.

16. What is the theme of World Hypertension day 2021, observing every year on 17th May?

- (a) Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer
- (b) Know Your Numbers and Target Your Blood Pressure
- (c) Healthy diet, healthy blood pressure
- (d) Healthy Lifestyle – Healthy Blood Pressure
- (e) Know Your Numbers

Answer: A

World Hypertension day is celebrated annually on the 17th May. The main aim of the day is to educate the public and increase awareness of hypertension, which is also commonly known as high blood pressure.

The day is organised by the World Hypertension League (WHL) which is an umbrella organisation composed of 85 hypertension societies and leagues from all over the world. This year's theme is Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer, focusing on combatting low awareness rates worldwide,

17. Which among the following state government has declared Black Fungus as notified disease?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Kerala

Answer: C

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij said the state has declared black fungus a notified disease. Black Fungus declared Notified Disease in Haryana. Now Doctors will report to CMOs of the District of any Black Fungus case detected. Post Graduate Institute Rohtak Senior Doctors will conduct a video conference with all Doctors of the State dealing Corona about its treatment.

It has been reported that this disease (Black Fungus) is caused by the steroid administered in the treatment of Covid-19 infection.

Earlier, in the day the Odisha government constituted a seven-member state-level committee to monitor such cases in the state.

18. A high-powered committee has constituted under the leadership of whom among the following to confer International Invincible Gold Medal of 2021 to Union Education Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank?

- (a) Dave Stecher
- (b) Tim Williams
- (c) Glen Angelotti
- (d) Mark Wurfel
- (e) Tony Nader

Answer: E

International Invincible Gold Medal of this year has been conferred on Union Education Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. Maharshi Organisation's worldwide president Dr Tony Nader, said, Dr. Nishank has been recognised for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious public life. The decision was made after due deliberations by a high-powered committee duly constituted under the leadership of Dr Tony Nader. The honour was announced at a two-day virtual session which was attended by representatives from over 110 countries. The award will be formally presented to the union minister on Guru Purnima this year.

19. As per the Fortune's list of the world's 50 greatest leaders, Adar Poonawalla is the only Indian has placed in the top 10 list. He is associated with which among the following institute?

- (a) Bharat Biotech
- (b) Sanofi Shantha Biotechnics
- (c) Biological E
- (d) Serum Institute of India
- (e) Panacea Biotec

Answer: D

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern topped Fortune's list of the world's 50 greatest leaders and CEO of Serum Institute of India, Adar Poonawalla also made it to the list. The only Indian in the top 10 list, Poonawalla is CEO of the world's largest vaccine producer- Serum Institute of India.

Ardern has been lauded for her efficiency in tackling and controlling the spread of Coronavirus in New Zealand. While Poonawalla, the only Indian on the list was praised for his exemplary role in manufacturing and supplying almost 90 % of Covid-19 vaccines across India.

Other celebrated leaders who made to the list included- Paypal CEO Daniel H Schulman, NBA Rescuers, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's John Nkengasong and Ping An's Jessica Tan among others.

20. Kobe Bryant has been posthumously inducted into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame. He is associated with which among the following sports?

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Basket Ball
- (c) Golf
- (d) Hockey

- (e) Foot Ball

Answer: B

Kobe Bryant has been posthumously inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The five-time NBA champion died, aged 41, in a helicopter crash in January 2020 alongside his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others. He was presented at the ceremony in Connecticut by NBA great Michael Jordan and his widow, Vanessa, accepted his induction on his behalf. Los Angeles Lakers great Bryant retired in 2016; he was the NBA Most Valuable Player in 2008, was Finals MVP twice and earned 18 All-Star selections. He was in the United States team that won Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012. The 2020 Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony was delayed by a year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

21. The International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia has been observed every year on May 17 since which among the following year?

- (a) 2004
- (b) 2000
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2005
- (e) 2001

Answer: A

On May 17, the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT)

will be recognized by over 130 countries around the world.

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia has been celebrated every year on May 17 since 2004. May 17 was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.

22. Rajendrasinh Jadeja has passed away recently. He was a former pacer of which among the following Cricket team?

- (a) Vidarbha
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Saurashtra
- (e) Baroda

Answer: D

Former Saurashtra pacer and BCCI match referee Rajendrasinh Jadeja has died due to COVID-19. Jadeja was 66. Rajendrasinh was one of the finest right-arm medium pacers and a remarkable all-rounder. He played 50 first-class matches and 11 List A games, taking 134 and 14 wickets respectively. He scored 1,536 runs in first-class matches and 104 runs in List A cricket. Rajendrasinh served as the BCCI's official referee in 53 first-class matches, 18 List A games and 34 T20s. He also served as selector, coach and team manager of Saurashtra Cricket Association.

23. Which among the following cyclone has intensified into a "very severe cyclonic storm" in the Gujarat coast between Porbandar and Mahuva?

- (a) Cyclone Yaas
- (b) Cyclone Amphan
- (c) Cyclone Tauktae
- (d) Cyclone Nisarga
- (e) Cyclone Vaayu

Answer: C

Cyclone Tauktae has intensified into a "very severe cyclonic storm" on May 16 and is approaching the Gujarat coast, said the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

"Very severe cyclonic storm 'Tauktae' has intensified further in last three hours. The cyclone, first in 2021, is likely to cross Gujarat coast between Porbandar and Mahuva (Bhavnagar district) around May 18 early morning.

Tidal waves are likely to inundate several coastal districts during the landfall, it said. The IMD has also issued a yellow alert for the coasts of Gujarat and Diu and Daman.

24. Tejaswini Shankar has won the Gold medal at the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships. It was held in which among the following country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) France
- (c) England
- (d) Spain

(e) USA

Answer: E

Indian high jumper Tejaswin Shankar has claimed a gold medal at the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA. Representing Kansas State University, Tejaswin cleared 2.28 metres, making a facility record.

It was also the season's finest performance for the Indian but a centimetre short of his personal best and the current national record of 2.29m which he created in 2018. University of Oklahoma's Vernon Turner (2.25m) and Texas Tech University's Jequan Hogan (2.11m) claimed the silver and bronze respectively. This was Tejaswin's second successive gold at the event.

25. Neera Tanden has been appointed as the senior adviser to which among the following country's president?

- (a) England
- (b) USA
- (c) France
- (d) England
- (e) Australia

Answer: B

Indian-American Neera Tanden has been appointed senior adviser to US President Joe Biden, two months after she withdrew her nomination as Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget due to stiff opposition from Republican senators.

She has been entrusted with two tasks – launch a review of the US Digital Service, and plan contingencies that could result from the Supreme Court's consideration of Republican lawsuits seeking to strike down the Affordable Care Act. Tanden is currently the president and CEO of a progressive think-tank, Center for American Progress (CAP).

26. What is the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2021, observed every year on May 17?

- (a) Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals
- (b) Bridging the standardization gap
- (c) Big Data for Big Impact
- (d) Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times
- (e) Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All.

Answer: D

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is observed every year on May 17. This year it has come together, throwing light on the urgency of accelerating digital transformation and advancing the goals of the Connect 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind.

The theme for this year is “Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times”, throughout the year with national, regional, and international initiatives to accelerate digital transformation.

27. Rajeev Satav has passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following field?

- (a) Politician
- (b) Film
- (c) Sports
- (d) Journalist
- (e) Activist

Answer: A

Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Satav, close associate of Rahul Gandhi, died.

Satav, 46, tested positive for Covid last month and had been admitted in Pune's Jehangir hospital for last 23 days. He had recovered from Covid but continued to have pneumonia, said city Congress spokesperson Ramesh Iyer.

He was elected to Lok Sabha from Hingoli in Maharashtra in 2014 but did not contest in 2019. However, the Congress got him elected to Rajya Sabha. He was son of former state minister Rajani Satav.

Satav was Congress General Secretary and in charge of party affairs in Gujarat. He was earlier president of Indian Youth Congress. He had his higher education in Pune.

28. The airline GoAir has been rebranded itself as 'Go First' is owned by which among the following group?

- (a) Adani Group

- (b) Reliance Group
- (c) Wadia Group
- (d) Lloyd Group
- (e) Tata Sons

Answer: C

Wadia Group-owned GoAir has rebranded itself as 'Go First' as the airline focuses on ultra-low-cost business model amid the aviation industry grappling with pandemic headwinds.

The announcement also comes amid reports that the airline was preparing for an initial share sale to raise funds for its ambitious expansion plans. The Go First as ULCC (ultra-low-cost carrier) would operate single aircraft type across its fleet, which currently has both Airbus A320 and A320Neos (new engine option) planes in operation.

29. The prestigious 2021 World Food Prize has won by whom among the following for ground-breaking research in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems?

- (a) Ramakanta Panda
- (b) Shakuntala Haraksingh
- (c) Philip Frost
- (d) SI Padmavati
- (e) Balamurali Ambati

Answer: B

Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, a global nutrition expert of Indian descent, won the prestigious 2021 World Food Prize for her groundbreaking research

in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems.

World Food Prize Foundation President Barbara Stinson announced the award, which is also referred to as the Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture. The award also carries a cash prize of USD 250,000.

30. According to the Scientists of Florida, which among the following marine organism has possessed an internal navigation system similar to GPS that allows them to use Earth's magnetic forces?

- (a) Whale
- (b) Fish
- (c) Octopus
- (d) Turtle
- (e) Shark

Answer: E

Scientists in Florida have concluded that sharks possess an internal navigation system similar to GPS that allows them to use Earth's magnetic forces to travel long distances with accuracy. (ask purpose of using MF)

The researchers from Florida State University made the discovery by subjecting 20 bonnethead sharks, part of the hammerhead family, to "magnetic displacement" exercises that replicated geographical locations hundreds of miles from where they were captured.

When the sharks were exposed to magnetic cues emulating a site about 375 miles south of where

they were captured, they turned to swim north, exhibiting a "homeward orientation" suggesting the use of magnetic forces in their navigation, said Bryan Keller, the lead author of the study.

31. Dr Reddy's Laboratories have been partnered with which among the following organisation to develop anti-Covid-19 drug called 2-deoxy-D-glucose?

- (a) SII
- (b) Reliance Industries
- (c) DRDO
- (d) HUL
- (e) Bharat Biotech

Answer: C

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the first batch of a keenly awaited anti-Covid-19 drug called 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG). It has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, in partnership with Hyderabad-based private firm Dr Reddy's Laboratories.

The new drug is not a vaccination, or a preventive measure against being infected by coronavirus. Rather, the 2-DG molecule hastens the recovery of patients who are already suffering from the disease and are, in most cases, facing severe oxygen dependency. The drug is dispensed in powder form in a sachet, and taken orally after being dissolved in water.

Rajnath Singh handed over the first batch of the drug in Delhi to the Minister for Health & Family

Welfare, Science & Technology and Earth Sciences,
Harsh Vardhan.

32. What is the relief package announced by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for the people of J&K associated with the tourism sector?

- (a) ₹5 Crore
- (b) ₹2 Crore
- (c) ₹4 Crore
- (d) ₹7 Crore
- (e) ₹3 Crore

Answer: E

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha announced a ₹3 crore relief package for people associated with the tourism sector that has taken a severe hit due to the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

Under this package, ₹2,000 financial assistance will be provided to 4,444 registered Shikara owners, 1,370 tourist guides, 6,663 ponywalas and 2,150 others including those who rent palanquins for yatris. The money will be paid for two months.

33. Dr KK Aggarwal, an eminent cardiologist, has passed away recently. He was conferred with which among the following award?

- (a) Padma Shri
- (b) Noble Prize
- (c) Padma Bhusan
- (d) Padma Vibushan

(e) French Highest Honour

Answer: A

Padma Shri awardee and eminent cardiologist Dr KK Aggarwal has died of Covid-19.

Aggarwal (62), who was the former national president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), was admitted to the AIIMS and was on ventilator support since last week.

34. World Aids Vaccine Day has been observed every year on which among the following day?

- (a) May 19
- (b) May 17
- (c) May 20
- (d) May 18
- (e) May 21

Answer: D

World Aids Vaccine Day takes place on May 18th.

The first was observed on May 18 in 1998. One year exactly after Clinton's speech. Every year since then the commemoration has taken place. Activities are organised around the globe.

The aim of the activities is to raise awareness of the need for AIDS vaccines and to educate people about how HIV can be prevented. Ordinary people are reminded that they can also play a part in ending the pandemic.

35. The first fintech Groww has entered into mutual funds business in partnership with which among the following Mutual Fund?

- (a) HDFC Mutual Fund
- (b) Indiabulls Mutual Fund
- (c) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- (d) Nippon India Mutual Fund
- (e) SBI Mutual Fund

Answer: B

Online investment platform Groww announced that it will be acquiring Indiabulls Mutual Fund for a total consideration of Rs 175 crore.

The digital platform will acquire Indiabulls Asset Management Company (IBAMC) and the trustee company for Rs 175 crore, which includes a cash and equivalent component of Rs 100 crore, an official statement said, adding that the transaction is subject to regulatory approvals.

The announcement comes months after capital markets regulator Sebi had allowed digital platforms like fintechs to enter the mutual funds business and Groww becomes the first fintech to enter the asset management space.

36. Manisha Kapoor has been appointed as one of the vice president to the executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation. ICAS consists of how many Vice Presidents?

- (a) Six
- (b) Three
- (c) Five

(d) Two

(e) Four

Answer: E

Advertising Standards Council of India said that its General Secretary Manisha Kapoor has now been appointed to the executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS). She will be one of the four vice-presidents to serve on the executive committee of the global body. The three other vice-presidents on the executive committee are from Canada, US and the World Federation of Advertisers.

Set up by the European Advertising Standards Alliance in 2008, ICAS is a global platform of self-regulatory organizations (SROs).

37. Who among the following has become the first Indian-origin fighter to win the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship?

- (a) Dandamudi Rajagopal
- (b) Arjan Bhullar
- (c) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
- (d) Karnam Malleswari
- (e) Brandon Vera

Answer: B

Arjan Bhullar became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title in a top-level MMA promotion when he beat Brandon Vera to become the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship. By defeating Vera, Bhullar ended the

Filipino-American's five-year championship-winning run.

A former wrestler, Bhullar had won the Commonwealth games gold medal in New Delhi back in 2010 and in 2012 in London he became the first Indian-origin freestyle wrestler to represent Canada at the Olympics.

38. Which among the following day has been observed on every year May 18?

- (a) International Music Day
- (b) International Skyscrapers Day
- (c) International Temple Day
- (d) International Museum Day
- (e) International Monument Day

Answer: D

International Museum Day is observed on May 18 every year to raise awareness among people about the museums. Museums are an important means of cultural exchange and the development of mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace among people.

Each year there is a specific theme for International Museum Day. The theme for International Museum Day 2021 is "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine." International Museum Day was first held in 1977. Since then it has gained increasing attention. The International Museum Day in 2009 attracted 20,000 museums, hosting events in more than 90 countries.

39. Which among the following minister has chaired the 26th meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers on COVID-19?

- (a) Minister of Health and Family Welfare
- (b) Minister of Civil Aviation
- (c) Minister of Home Affairs
- (d) Minister of Chemical and Fertilizers
- (e) Minister of External Affairs

Answer: A

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan chaired the 26th meeting of the high-level Group of Ministers on COVID-19. He was joined by Dr S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs and Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of Civil Aviation, Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (I/C), & Chemical and Fertilizers, and Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare joined the meet digitally.

During the meet, he said, "India's COVID-19 new cases have dropped to less than three lakhs for the first time after 26 days. Moreover, a net decline of 1,01,461 cases have been recorded in the active caseload in the last 24 hours."

40. Zensar Applied Sciences Ltd has signed an agreement to acquire M3bi for an upfront cost of \$21.60 million. M3bi belongs to which among the following country?

- (a) England

- (b) Japan
- (c) USA
- (d) Russia
- (e) China

Answer: C

Zensar Applied sciences Ltd has signed a definitive settlement to accumulate US-based M3bi for an upfront cost of \$21.60 million and performance-based deferred funds not exceeding \$9 million over 36 months. All the money deal will probably be funded by means of inside accruals.

The acquisition could be carried out by means of the corporate's US subsidiary, whereas Zensar Applied sciences may even purchase the US agency's wholly-owned subsidiary M3bi India Pvt Ltd.

41. What is the monthly rate of inflation of the Wholesale Price for the month of April as revealed recently by DPIIT?

- (a) 1.39%
- (b) 2.29%
- (c) 1.86%
- (d) 2.34%
- (e) 2.44%

Answer: C

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade recently released the Wholesale Price in India (WPI) in April, 2021 (over April, 2020), the annual rate of inflation (YoY), based on monthly WPI, stood at 10.49% (Provisional). The annual rate of inflation in April 2021 is high primarily because of

rise in prices of crude petroleum, mineral oils viz petrol, diesel etc, and manufactured products as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The monthly rate of inflation, based on month over month movement of WPI index, in April 2021 stood at 1.86% (Provisional) as compared to March 2021.

42. Penpa Tsering has been elected as the president of which among the following government in exile?

- (a) Tibet
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Comoros
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) South Korea

Answer: A

Penpa Tsering was sworn-in as president of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), the Dharamshala-based Tibetan government-in-exile, and said he will reach out to the Chinese government to find a "mutually beneficial" and non-violent solution to the Sino-Tibet conflict. Chief Justice Commissioner Sonam Norbu Dagpo administered the oath to Penpa Tsering, the second democratically-elected Sikyong (president) of the 17th Parliament-in-Exile of the Central Tibetan Administration.

43. The Miss Universe for the year 2020 has been crowned Andrea Meza of which among the following country?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Peru
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Mexico
- (e) Nigeria

Answer: D

Andrea Meza of Mexico has been crowned Miss Universe for the year 2020, besting contestants from 74 other countries, including India's Adline Castelino, who came in fourth at the beauty pageant. The 69th edition of the event, which was held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood here, was a scaled-down affair in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the official Miss Universe website, the 26-year-old Meza was crowned by her predecessor Zozibini Tunzi of South Africa, who won the pageant in 2019.

While Brazil's Julia Gama, 28, emerged the runner-up, Janick Maceta (27) from Peru finished third.

44. M S Narasimhan has passed away recently. He belonged to which among the following field?

- (a) Scientist
- (b) Mathematician
- (c) Biologist
- (d) Chemist
- (e) Physicist

Answer: B

Distinguished mathematician Padma Bhushan Prof. M S Narasimhan FRS passes away. Famous for

Narasimhan-Seshadri theorem, he made pioneering contributions to differential & algebraic geometry. He played key role in development of Mathematics in India. He was the only Indian to be awarded with King Faisal International Prize for Science & First Chair of National Board for Higher Mathematics. Prof. M S Narasimhan contributions are in the areas of Algebraic Geometry, Differential Geometry, Representation Theory of Lie groups and Partial Differential Equations.

45. The Ministry has planned to enhance oxygen plants in how many railway hospitals across India?

- (a) 52
- (b) 74
- (c) 66
- (d) 43
- (e) 86

Answer: E

All 86 of railways' COVID hospitals will soon have oxygen plants of their own, the national transporter said.

A statement from the ministry said that it was planning massive capacity enhancement in 86 railway hospitals across India which have been identified as COVID hospitals.

While four oxygen plants are already functional, 52 have been sanctioned and 30 are under various stages of processing. General managers of zonal railways have been delegated further powers

upto Rs 2 crore in each case for sanctioning oxygen generation plants.

46. The Telecom operator Reliance Jio has constructed the two international submarine cable system. One of them is set to connect India with which among the following countries?

- (a) Italy and North Africa
- (b) Thailand and Malaysia
- (c) Singapore and Italy
- (d) Italy and Malaysia
- (e) Singapore and North Africa

Answer: A

Telecom operator Reliance Jio is constructing the largest international submarine cable system centred on India with global partners and submarine cable supplier Subcom to cater to increased data demand.

The two submarine cable systems which the company plans to deploy will connect India with Asia Pacific markets through Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia and the other one with Italy, middle and north Africa region.

47. The CCI has approved the merger of which among the following Bank's subsidiary by GPL Finance and Investments Limited?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) BOB

- (d) YES Bank
- (e) HDFC Bank

Answer: D

The Competition Commission of India approves the acquisition of YES Asset Management (India) Limited and YES Trustee Limited by GPL Finance and Investments Limited (GPL).

YES AMC belongs to the YES Bank Limited group.

It acts as an asset management company/investment manager to YES Mutual Fund. Also, YES Trustee belongs to the YES Bank Limited group. It is the exclusive owner of the trust fund of YES Mutual Fund and holds the same in trust for the benefit of the unitholders. Ask Static

48. A state level Ayush Ghar-Dwar program has been launched by Health and Family Welfare and AYUSH Minister in which among the following state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: E

Health and Family Welfare and AYUSH Minister Dr. Rajiv Saizal inaugurated a state-level Ayush Ghar-Dwar program of the Department of AYUSH at Solan to keep the home isolated Covid-19 positive patients healthy by practicing Yoga. He also unveiled a booklet related to the program.

The AyushDwar Programme in Himachal Pradesh has been launched by AYUSH Vibhag Himachal Pradesh in collaboration with the Art of Living Organisation. The program was launched by the Health and Family Welfare and AYUSH Minister Dr Rajiv Saizal. He also unveiled a booklet related to the program.

During the launch, the minister stated that the program will be beneficial for around 30,000 COVID-19 patients in the state who are in home isolation as well as those who are hospitalized in the healthcare facilities.

On this occasion Dr. Rajiv Saizal said that Ayurveda was not only a medical system but also a healthy lifestyle. He said that Ayurveda was not only a means of protecting the health of a healthy person but also a formula to cure the patients.

49. The Government has released Rs 5,968 crore for the implementation of the JalJeevan Mission for how many states in the financial year 2021-22?

- (a) 19 States
- (b) 15 States
- (c) 12 States
- (d) 18 States
- (e) 20 States

Answer: B

The Government has released Rs 5,968 crore to 15 states for the implementation of the JalJeevan Mission in the financial year 2021-22.

This is the first tranche of the four to be released in this financial year. The other 17 States/UTs have been asked to send their proposals to the National JalJeevan Mission for release of funds.

Of the central funds allocated under the JalJeevan Mission, 93 percent is to be utilized on developing water supply infrastructure, 5 per cent on support activities and 2 percent on water quality monitoring and surveillance.

50. The MOMA Market mobile app has been launched by which among the following state to order fresh vegetables and have them delivered to their homes?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C

The Chief Minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh, has introduced the MOMA Market mobile app, which enables residents to order fresh vegetables and have them delivered to their homes. The app is free to download from www.momamarket.com, and it will be available on the Google Play Store soon.

The app's iOS version will be released soon. Under the supervision of Chief Minister N Biren Singh, the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur, launched the application to make fresh

vegetables available for daily consumption and to reduce the distress sales of farm produce during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown

51. Which among the following IT giant has launched News Showcase feature in India with 30 news publishers?

- (a) Yahoo
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Google
- (e) HCL

Answer: D

Google has rolled out News Showcase in India with 30 news publishers including national, regional and local news organisations like Indo Asian News Service (IANS), ABP LIVE, India TV, Zee News, Amar Ujala, Deccan Herald, Punjab Kesari, The Tribune, Kalinga TV and others.

The aim is to support news organisations and readers supports news publishers to curate high quality content on Google's News and Discover platforms in the country, connecting readers with the news they need, especially in these tough Covid-19 times.

"This builds on News Showcase deals signed by 700 news publications in more than a dozen countries, including Germany, Brazil, Canada, France, Japan, the U.K. Australia, Czechia, Italy and Argentina, more than 90 per cent of them

representing local or community news - with discussions underway in several other countries,". Content from the Indian publisher partners in English and Hindi will begin to appear in dedicated News Showcase panels in Google News and on Discover.

52. Venugopal Chandrasekhar has passed away recently. He belonged to which among the following Sports?

- (a) Table Tennis
- (b) Foot Ball
- (c) Golf
- (d) Cricket
- (e) Lawn Tennis

Answer: A

Former national table tennis champion Venugopal Chandrasekhar, whose career was cruelly nipped in its prime after a botched knee surgery that left him crippled and permanently battling for health, died in Chennai due to Covid-related complications.

Chandra, as he was popularly known, was 64. He is survived by his wife and son. The Arjuna awardee was admitted to a Chennai hospital a week ago after testing positive and was on ventilator support after developing severe lung complications.

53. Which among the following institute has identified a set of molecular biomarkers to detect and predict viral or bacterial infections with high probability?

- (a) IIT
- (b) ICMR
- (c) SCTIMST
- (d) AIIMS
- (e) IISc

Answer: E

In Karnataka, a study by the Bengaluru based Indian Institute of Science has identified a set of molecular biomarkers which will help detect and predict viral or bacterial infections with high probability. It was discovered that a ten-gene RNA signature is produced in the patient's blood based on the quantity of viral and bacterial infections. The human body produces different types of molecules in the blood depending on the type of infection.

The first author of the study, Sathyabaarathi Ravichandran who is a Research Associate in the Department of Biochemistry, says that if diagnosis is right, half the battle is won against the disease. The study will help differentiate between COVID 19 infections from bacterial infections. The study has been published in the EBioMedicine journal.

54. Name the author, who authored the famous novel 'GopallapurathuMakkal', passed away recently.

- (a) Raghavendran
- (b) Rajanarayanan
- (c) Ramaswamy
- (d) Rajamanickam

- (e) Ramakrishnan

Answer: B

Renowned Tamil writer, novelist and recipient of SahityaAkademi award Ki Rajanarayanan, popularly known as Ki Ra died. He was 98 and is survived by two sons.

Rajanarayanan was ailing from age related health conditions for some time. Rajanarayanan served as Professor of Folklore Department in Pondicherry University in 1980s.

He was an eminent writer of short stories, novels, folklores and essays. He won the SahityaAkademi award in 1991 for his novel 'GopallapurathuMakkal'. He was known for the depiction of the people and culture of 'Karisalbhoomi' - the hot and dry land of southern Tamil Nadu.

55. Two British chemists from Cambridge University Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman have won the Finland's version of the Nobel science prizes for which among the following Technique?

- (a) Genome editing
- (b) Cancer therapy
- (c) DNA sequencing
- (d) Invitro fertilization
- (e) Autophagy

Answer: C

Two British chemists who developed a super-fast DNA sequencing technique that paved the way for

revolutionary healthcare advances were awarded Finland's version of the Nobel science prizes. Cambridge University professors Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman took home the 1 million euro (\$1.22 million) Millennium Technology Prize for their work over 27 years creating ever faster and cheaper ways to sequence the human genome. NGS is now widely used in the diagnosis and treatment of some cancers and rare diseases.

The Finnish Millennium Technology Prize, founded in 2004, singles out innovations that have practical applications and which "enhance the quality of people's lives."

56. Who among the following has authored the book "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" on Sikkim Day?

- (a) KaziDawaSamdup
- (b) Tanka BahadurSubba
- (c) PankajGiri
- (d) Lil Bahadurchetti
- (e) Preet Mohan Singh Malik

Answer: E

The book "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance", published by HarperCollins India, released on May 16, which is celebrated as Sikkim Day. Former diplomat Preet Mohan Singh Malik combines insights into the unique history of the erstwhile kingdom of Sikkim with the intriguing story of how it became India's 22nd state in his new book.

The objective of the book, he says, is to clarify and establish the primacy of strategic issues that lay behind India's decision to accept the demand that Sikkim is merged with India.

57. As per the report by S&P Global Market Intelligence data, Which among the following country has become the first largest insurtech-focused venture capital in Asia-Pacific?

- (a) China
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) India
- (e) Japan

Answer: A

India is the second largest insurance-technology market in Asia-Pacific and accounted for 35 per cent of the USD 3.66 billion insurtech-focused venture capital invested in the region, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence data.

The data showed that at least 335 private insurtechs are operating in Asia-Pacific, with about 122 of them disclosing USD 3.66 billion in aggregate capital raised via private placement deals.

'China and India are collectively home to nearly half of private insurtech companies in the APAC region and attracted about 78 per cent of the investments,' a report by S&P Global Market Intelligence said.

India has at least 66 insurtech companies and accounted for 35 per cent of the USD 3.66 billion in

insurtech-focused venture capital invested in the APAC region

58. The Andhra Pradesh government has added which among the following disease to its Aarogyasri Scheme to to provide financial aid to the needy who are not able to the medical bills?

- (a) Nipha Virus
- (b) Black Fungus
- (c) Dengue
- (d) COVID 19
- (e) Malaria

Answer: B

Amid the surge in COVID-19 infections, the Andhra Pradesh government has added black fungus, also known as mucormycosis, to its Aarogyasri scheme. The state government has come up with the Aarogyasri Card to provide financial aid to the needy who are not able to the medical bills.

The Chief Minister's Office informed that black fungus has been added to the state's Aarogyasri scheme, and it will now be treated at the Arogyasri empaneled hospitals.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy has decided to provide a financial package to all the children who have lost both their parents due to COVID. According to the official data as of Monday, there are 2,10,436 active cases of COVID-19 in Andhra Pradesh, while the death toll due to infection in the state has mounted to 9,372.

A few cases of black fungus have been reported in the country including Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

59. What is the theme of World Bee Day, celebrated every year on May 20?

- (a) Save the Bees
- (b) Cute and Kind words with bees
- (c) Nature promotes mutualism
- (d) Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees
- (e) Happiness is like a butterfly

Answer: D

Every year since 2018, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Slovenian beekeeper Anton Jansa (1734-1773), the pioneer of modern beekeeping, May 20th is celebrated as 'World Bee Day' across the globe to raise awareness about the significance of bees and beekeeping. The United Nations designated World Bee Day to raise awareness of the importance of bees.

The theme of this year's World Bee Day is Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees, focusing on actions for restoring, supporting and enhancing the role of these pollinators.

60. JagannathPahadia has passed away recently. He was the former Chief Minister which among the following state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Rajasthan

(d) Madhya Pradesh

(e) Punjab

Answer: C

Veteran Congress leader and former Rajasthan chief minister Jagannath Pahadia has died due to COVID-19 at the age of 89.

The chief minister of Rajasthan in 1980-81 and also a former governor of Haryana and Bihar, Pahadia died.

61. Which among the following space Exploration Technologies has partnered with Google to enable Starlink satellite internet service to support businesses that require cloud-based applications?

(a) SpaceX

(b) NASA

(c) ISRO

(d) JAXA

(e) Roscosmos

Answer: A

Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp SpaceX announced that it was collaborating Google with its Starlink satellite internet service to support businesses that require cloud-based applications. Last month, SpaceX launched 60 Starlink satellites from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida to boost the company's internet satellite constellation system. Under its new deal with Google cloud, SpaceX will install ground stations within Google data centres

worldwide to generate fast and secure internet by the second quarter of 2021.

Starlink terminals in Google centres will enable the data delivery to remote areas and support cloud commutation firms such as Microsoft and Amazon that have also tapped into the telecom sector to use 5G connectivity.

62. As per the 57th EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index by EY, which among the following country has secured 2nd position?

(a) India

(b) US

(c) Japan

(d) China

(e) Russia

Answer: D

India has moved up a spot to third position on EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index owing to an exceptional performance on the solar photovoltaic (PV) front. US and China are in the first and the second spot, respectively. The observations are as per the 57th EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) released by EY globally.

According to the report released, India's solar sector is likely to grow substantially post the COVID-19 pandemic, with generation from solar PV forecast to outdo coal before 2040.

63. Shiv Sunder Das has been appointed as the batting coach of which among the following team?

- (a) Junior Women's team
- (b) Senior Women's team
- (c) Junior Men's team
- (d) Senior Men's team
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

Former India opener Shiv Sunder Das has been appointed as the batting coach of the senior India women's cricket team. He will be joining the Ramesh Powar-led support staff for the England tour in June. Meanwhile, Abhay Sharma, former Delhi wicketkeeper, has been named as the fielding coach of the women's side.

Shiv Sunder Das played 23 Tests for India between 2000 and 2002.

64. Martha KarambuKoome has been appointed as the first woman chief justice of which among the following country?

- (a) Uganda
- (b) Burundi
- (c) South Sudan
- (d) Tanzania
- (e) Kenya

Answer: E

President Uhuru Kenyatta appointed judge Martha KarambuKoome as Kenya's first woman chief justice, making her the first woman to head any of the three branches of government.

Koome, 61, a calm but staunch women's rights crusader, takes over the judiciary ahead of next year's general elections and would likely play a decisive role in adjudicating any eventual election disputes.

65. Apollo Tyres has become the first manufacturer in the country to get accreditation from NABL for outdoor regulatory testing. What does L in NABL?

- (a) Liquefied
- (b) Laser
- (c) Laboratories
- (d) Lateral
- (e) Lowering

Answer: C

Apollo Tyres said it has become the first manufacturer in the country to get accreditation from NABL for outdoor regulatory testing. The company has been accredited with ISO/IEC 17025 for the 'wet grip and coast by noise' tyre tests on the track, Apollo Tyres.

The testing capability is linked to the central government's plan to implement 'star rating' of tyres, in line with the tyre labelling regulation in Europe. NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing & Calibration Laboratories) has now given the certificate of accreditation to Apollo Tyres Test Centre for C1, C2 and C3 categories of tyres, which are covered under the labelling programme.

66. Which among the following ministry has launched state wise call centres in major states under the ELDERLINE project to address the problems of elders in the context of the ongoing COVID pandemic?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Health
- (d) Ministry of IT & Broadcasting
- (e) Ministry of Social Justice

Answer: E

In order to address the problems of elders in the context of the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Ministry of Social Justice has started state wise call centres in major states under the ELDERLINE project. The facility is already made operational in 5 major States of UP, MP, Rajasthan, TN and Karnataka. In Telangana, this facility has been working for more than a year.

Efforts are being made to make them functional in all States by end of May, 2021.

These call centres can be reached by toll free number 14567. All elders may be advised to use this facility. The ELDERLINE is a facility operationalised with the assistance of Tata Trusts and NSE foundation.

67. In order to boost agricultural exports from the region and adhere to global standards, the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture has partnered with which of the following

organisation to launch India's first agro-export facilitation centre in Pune?

- (a) IFFCO
- (b) CABI
- (c) NABARD
- (d) APAARI
- (e) ICAR

Answer: C

The Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has teamed up with the agriculture finance body NABARD to launch India's first agro-export facilitation centre in Pune to boost agricultural exports from the region and adhere to global standards.

The facility was inaugurated remotely, with the MCCIA office at SenapatiBapat Road hosting the centre. There are also plans to set up a digital presence for the centre as well as sub-branches in the region to ensure greater access.

68. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has signed an MOU with which among the following to support the digital transformation of schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools etc at an online event 'Empowering Youth for Success'?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) HCL
- (c) IBM
- (d) Google
- (e) Infosys

Answer: A

With a vision to build an inclusive, skills-based economy, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs inked a MOU with Microsoft to support the digital transformation of schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools and Ashram Schools, among others under the Ministry at an online event 'Empowering Youth For Success'.

Under affirmative action initiative, Microsoft will make AI curriculum available to tribal students in both English and Hindi at all EMRS schools under the Ministry to skill educators and students in next-generation technologies including Artificial Intelligence.

The event was graced by the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Sh. ArjunMunda; Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs SmtRenuka Saruta ; Secretary , Tribal Affairs , Shri Anil Jha and ShriNavtezBal, Executive Director- Public Sector, Microsoft India and senior officers of the Ministry and EMRS.

69. J K Dutt has passed away recently. He was a former director general of which among the following field?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) IRDAI
- (c) DICGC
- (d) NSG
- (e) NCC

Answer: D

Former NSG director general J K Dutt, who headed the commando force during the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, died due to complications arising out of COVID-19, officials said here. He was 72.

That the retired IPS officer was admitted to the Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon on April 14 after his oxygen saturation started declining.

He passed away after suffering a massive cardiac arrest,' one of them said. Dutt is survived by his wife, a son, who works in Noida, and a daughter, who is based in the US.

70. PrSreejesh has been re-elected as a member of which among the following sports Committee?

- (a) Football
- (b) Hockey
- (c) Tennis
- (d) Golf
- (e) Basket Ball

Answer: B

Seasoned India hockey goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh said being re-elected to the FIH Athletes Committee provides him with another opportunity to voice his fellow players' views about the game before the world body.

The 33-year-old decorated Indian custodian was re-elected as a member of the FIH Athletes' Committee during the virtual meeting of its Executive Board.

The experienced Sreejesh, who has also led the Indian team in the past, was one of the four new members appointed by the EB which met two days

before the 47th FIH Congress, which will also be held online. He has been a member of the panel since 2017.

71. China has successfully launched the Haiyang-2D satellite for which among the following reason?

- (a) Space Monitoring
- (b) Import 5G Technology
- (c) Navigation and positioning
- (d) Ocean Monitoring
- (e) Earth science

Answer: D

China successfully sent a new ocean-monitoring satellite into orbit as part of its effort to build an all-weather and round-the-clock dynamic ocean environment monitoring system which would provide early warning on marine disasters.

The satellite was launched by a Long March-4B rocket carrying the Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) satellite from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China.

72. Leicester City has won the FA Cup for the first time by beating Chelsea in which among the following stadium?

- (a) Wembley Stadium
- (b) Oval Stadium
- (c) Sanford Stadium
- (d) Arrowhead Stadium
- (e) Orchard Park

Answer: A

Leicester City won FA Cup for the first time in their history, beating Chelsea 1-0 in a pulsating final at the Wembley. The FA Cup final was watched on by 21,000 fans at the Wembley Stadium -- the biggest crowd in England since the resumption of sporting activities in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

73. The centre has slashed the export of which among the following product from Rs 6,000 per tonne to Rs 4,000 per tonne with immediate effect?

- (a) Basmati Rice
- (b) Toor Dal
- (c) Mangoes
- (d) Cardamom
- (e) Sugar

Answer: E

The Centre slashed subsidy on sugar exports from Rs 6,000 per tonne to Rs 4,000 per tonne with immediate effect in view of firm global prices. For the ongoing 2020-21 marketing year (October-September), the government had fixed a subsidy of Rs 6,000 per tonne to facilitate exports, thereby improving the liquidity of mills and enabling them to clear cane price dues to farmers.

Sugar mills were mandated to export 6 million tonne of sugar in the current year. So far, 5.7 million tonne of the sweetener has been contracted for export.

74. IDBI Bank has launched its fully digitised loan processing system for which among the following Sector?

- (a) Education Sector
- (b) Construction Sector
- (c) MSME and agriculture Sector
- (d) Renewable Energy Sector
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

IDBI Bank announced the launch of its fully digitised loan processing system, offering over 50 products to MSME and agriculture sector.

The Loan Processing System for MSME and Agri products seamlessly integrates with data fintechs, bureau validations, document storage, account management and customer notifications among others, IDBI Bank said in a release.

"LPS would carry a total of more than 50 product lines and would offer a seamless credit lifecycle with over 35 interface touch points to many satellite systems," Suresh Khatanhar, Deputy Managing Director.

75. Which among the following team has won their first Women's Champions League in Gothenburg by beating Chelsea?

- (a) Liver Pool
- (b) Barcelona
- (c) Athletic Bilbao
- (d) Swansea City
- (e) Manchester City

Answer: B

Chelsea conceded four goals in the first 36 minutes as Barcelona blew them away to win their first Women's Champions League in Gothenburg. Chelsea trailed 33 seconds in when an attempted clearance hit Melanie Leupolz and went in for an own goal, and Alexia Putellas' penalty made it 2-0. Aitana Bonmati finished an intricate move and Caroline Graham Hansen tapped in to put a rampant Barca out of sight. Despite a spirited second-half display there was no way back for the Blues. Barcelona become the first club to win both the men's and women's Champions League, and this was the biggest ever winning margin in a women's final.

76. Which among the following organisation has developed a Covid-19 antibody detection kit called DIPCOVAN that offers results in just 75 minutes?

- (a) SII
- (b) ICMR
- (c) SCTIMST
- (d) Bharat Biotech
- (e) DRDO

Answer: E

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a Covid-19 antibody detection kit that offers results in just 75 minutes.

The testing kit is called DIPCOVAN and it offers a "significantly faster turn-around-time as it requires just 75 minutes to conduct the test without any cross

reactivity with other diseases", the ministry's statement noted. The kit has a shelf life of 18 months, it added.

77. The Reserve Bank of India has decided to transfer a surplus of ₹99,122 crore to the central government. This decision was taken in the _____ meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India.

- (a) 631st
- (b) 589th
- (c) 666th
- (d) 521st
- (e) 570th

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to transfer a surplus of ₹99,122 crore to the central government. The decision to transfer the surplus was taken in the 589th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India held today under the chairmanship of RBI governor Shaktikanta Das through video conferencing.

The Board in its meeting reviewed the current economic situation, global and domestic challenges and recent policy measures taken by the Reserve Bank to mitigate the adverse impact of the second wave of COVID-19 on the economy.

78. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index ,Adani Group founder and Chairman GautamAdani has now become the second richest man in Asia

after overtaking China's ZhongShanshan. He is _____ richest businessman in the world.

- (a) 11th
- (b) 15th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 14th
- (e) 10th

Answer: D

Adani Group founder and chairmanGautamAdani has now become the second richest man in Asia after overtaking China's ZhongShanshan.

GautamAdani's net worth stands at \$67.6 billion, making him the second richest Asian and the 14th richest businessman in the world, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

GautamAdani now remains just a spot behind Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) chief

MukeshAmbani, who is Asia's richest man with a net worth of just above \$76 billion. On the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, MukeshAmbani is currently on the 13th spot, just a place above GautamAdani.

79. How many women cabinet members are in the LDF government led by Chief Minister PinarayiVijayan after he assumed his second consecutive term?

- (a) Three
- (b) Seven
- (c) Four
- (d) Six
- (e) Five

Answer: A

The LDF government led by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan assumed office for its second consecutive term after Governor Arif Mohammad Khan administered the oath of office to Vijayan and his 20 cabinet colleagues at an event at the central stadium.

Vijayan, who is the first Chief Minister in Kerala to get a second consecutive mandate, began his second innings with 17 new faces in the 21-member cabinet — eight ministers are first-time legislators. The Cabinet has three women members now.

80. The Ministry of Culture has announced the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites. Among Six Indian sites which among the following temples of Tamil Nadu is in the tentative list?

- (a) Temples of Madurai
- (b) Temples of Rameshwaram
- (c) Temples of Kanchipuram
- (d) Temples of Trichy
- (e) Temples of Kumari

Answer: C

Six Indian sites, including the temples of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu, the Ganga ghats in Varanasi, and the Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites, the Ministry of Culture, recently announced. The submissions were made by Archaeological Survey of India, which is

responsible for the conservation and preservation of Indian monuments.

The six sites are namely Satpura Tiger Reserve, Iconic riverfront of the historic city of Varanasi, Megalithic site of Hire Benkal, Maratha Military Architecture in Maharashtra, Bhedaghat-Lametaghata in Narmada Valley- Jabalpur, and temples of Kanchipuram.

81. "Simorgh", a strongest super computer till date, has been developed by which among the following country?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Qatar
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Kuwait
- (e) Morocco

Answer: A

Iran has unveiled a supercomputer – its strongest till date – developed domestically by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT), according to the state-run news website IRNA.

The supercomputer – named Simorgh after a mythical Persian bird – has a performance capacity of 0.56 petaflops at the moment and will reach one petaflops in two months.

82. The RBI has recently made interoperability mandatory for mobile wallets from which among the following year?

- (a) 2022

- (b) 2025
- (c) 2024
- (d) 2023
- (e) 2027

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) makes interoperability mandatory for Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs). The central bank has advised banks and companies to enable interoperability by March 31, 2022. That means interoperability for mobile wallets will be in effect from the starting of the financial year FY23.

In the latest directions, RBI said that it shall be mandatory for PPI issuers to give the holders of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) interoperability through authorised card networks (for PPIs in the form of cards) and UPI (for PPIs in the form of electronic wallets).

83. Who among the following has recently inaugurated the 51st edition of Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair in New Delhi Virtually?

- (a) Anil Bajjal
- (b) NarendraModi
- (c) AravindKejirwal
- (d) Venkaih Naidu
- (e) Smritilrani

Answer: B

The 51st edition of virtual Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair(IHGF) of Delhi fair (19th -23rd May, 2021) was inaugurated with message of the Prime Minister,

ShriNarendraModi, for the success of 51st edition of IHGF Delhi Fair. In his message, the Prime Minister appreciated the richness and diversity of our handicrafts which has been a unique feature of our nation's culture and heritage.

Generations of artisans and craftsmen from different regions have enhanced the appeal, adding colour and vibrancy to the products. He further mentioned that the fast changing times, powered by digital technology have helped the handicrafts sector to further enhance its resilience.

84. The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Mridul Kumar as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico. He is the current ambassador of which among the following Country?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) UAE
- (c) Australia
- (d) Japan
- (e) Malaysia

Answer: E

ShriMridul Kumar has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico. Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has announced that ShriMridul Kumar (IFS:1992), presently High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico.

85. SunderlalBahuguna was a noted environmentalist passed away recently. He was known for which among the following movement?

- (a) Quit India Movement
- (b) Khilafat Movement
- (c) Chipko Movement
- (d) Swadeshi Movement
- (e) Satyagraha Movement

Answer: C

Noted environmentalist SunderlalBahuguna died of Covid-19 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh.

He is survived by his wife Vimla, two sons and a daughter. The 94-year-old environmentalist known for his pioneering role in the Chipko movement was under treatment for Covid-19 at the hospital for over a week.

86. The State Bank of India has reported a net profit of Rs 6,450.75 crore for quarter ended March 2021. What is the approximate growth% of the bank, compared to previous year?

- (a) 75%
- (b) 83%
- (c) 77%
- (d) 80%
- (e) 76%

Answer: D

India's largest public sector bank State Bank of India (SBI) reported a standalone net profit of Rs 6,450.75 crore for quarter ended March 2021 (Q4FY21) aided

by fewer provisions on bad loans. The lender's PAT was 80.14 per cent higher than previous year's profit of Rs 3,580.8 crore.

On a quarterly basis, the bottom line expanded 24.14 per cent. SBI declared a dividend of Rs 4 per equity share for the financial year ended March 31, 2021. The date of payment of dividend is fixed on June 18, 2021.

87. The Government of Maharashtra has approved a proposal for setting up the National Institute of Medicinal Plants in which among the following district?

- (a) Sindhudurg
- (b) Nashik
- (c) Solapur
- (d) Nagpur
- (e) Aurangabad

Answer: A

The government of Maharashtra has approved a proposal for setting up the National Institute of Medicinal Plants over 50 acre in the Sindhudurg district.

It will be developed as a one-stop centre for all matters relating to medicinal plants and collaborate with the Central and state governments. The facility will be set up at Adali village in Dodamargtaluka of the district.

The 50 acre land parcel belongs to the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC). Under

the Union Ministry of Ayush, the establishment of the National Medicinal Plants Institute will create employment opportunities for locals and directly or indirectly benefit the state.

88. The Dublin Literary Award 2021 has been won by Mexican author Valeria Luiselli, for which among the following work?

- (a) Faces in the Crowd
- (b) Lost Children Archive
- (c) The Story of My Teeth
- (d) Tell Me How it Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions
- (e) Sidewalks

Answer: B

Mexican author Valeria Luiselli has won this year's Dublin Literary Award for her work, Lost Children Archive. The American policy of keeping children away from their parents at the Mexican-American border was the origin of this fictional novel. It also won the Rathbones Folio prize in 2020.

Considered one of the richest literary awards in the world, The International Dublin Literary Award includes prize money of €100,000 (approx ₹89,27,300). It is awarded to a novel written or translated into English around the globe. The books are nominated by libraries.

89. What is the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2021, observed every year on May 22?

- (a) Our solutions are in nature
- (b) Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity
- (c) Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism
- (d) Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health
- (e) We're part of the solution

Answer: E

International Day for Biological Diversity 2021 each year on May 22: Biodiversity plays a major role in maintaining the balance of the earth. It is the foundation of ecosystem services to which human well-being is intimately linked. All the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria make up our natural world.

Every year there is a specific theme for International Day for Biological Diversity 2021. This year, 2021, the theme is "We're part of the solution".

90. The government has initiated NIDHI4COVID2.0 to raise funds to combat Pandemic for which among the following sectors?

- (a) Education
- (b) Agriculture
- (c) Start-ups
- (d) Infrastructure
- (e) Renewable Energy

Answer: C

NIDHI4COVID2.0 will fund eligible startups & companies registered in India offering promising solutions in the thrust areas of oxygen innovation, portable solution, relevant medical accessories, diagnostic, informatics, or any other solution that

addresses or mitigates various challenges being faced due to COVID-19.

Ministry of Science and Technology has said that development and manufacturing of products parts currently being imported for devices like Oxygen Concentrators would also be considered for Seed Support through DST supported network of Technology business incubators.

91. Which among the following ministry has launched a toll free helpline 14443 to provide approaches and solutions for the challenges raised by Covid-19?

- (a) Ministry of IT & Broadcasting
- (b) Ministry of Ayush
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Women & Child welfare
- (e) Ministry of Health

Answer: B

A dedicated community support helpline has been operationalised by the Union Ministry of Ayush to provide AYUSH-based approaches and solutions for the challenges raised by Covid-19. The toll-free number is 14443. The helpline is operational pan-India from 6 am to 12 midnight-all seven days of a week.

Through the helpline 14443, experts from different streams of Ayush, namely Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani& Siddha would be available to address queries of the general masses. These experts would not only be providing

counselling and feasible remedies to the patients but would also guide them about the availability of nearby Ayush facilities.

92. India has signed an MOU with which among the following country on military cooperation along with its annexure as well as on maritime issues?

- (a) Morocco
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Yemen
- (d) UAE
- (e) Oman

Answer: E

India and Oman renewed the Memoranda of Understanding on military cooperation along with its annexure as well as on maritime issues on May 20, 2021. The signing ceremony of MoU on military cooperation was held at the Ministry of Defense, Muscat. The document was signed by Secretary General of Ministry of Defense, Oman Dr Mohammed bin Nasser Al Zaabi and Ambassador of India to Oman ShriMunuMahawar.

The MoU on cooperation on maritime issues was signed at the Maritime Security Centre by Commander of Royal Navy of Oman, the Head of Maritime Security Committee, Rear Admiral Saif bin Nasser Al Rahbi and ShriMunuMahawar.

93. Which among the following ministry has awarded the coveted 'Star Export House' award to Shree Malani Foams Pvt. Ltd?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- (d) Ministry of Health & Family welfare
- (e) Ministry of Rural welfare

Answer: C

Shree Malani Foams Pvt. Ltd. won the coveted 'Star Export House' award from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The certification is valid for 5 years between 2021 to 2026.

With this notable development, Shree Malani Foams Pvt. Ltd. has emerged as the first and only mattress and mattress components company to be awarded this honour in the past 5 years.

94. Raamlaxman has passed away recently. He was a well Known _____.

- (a) Musician
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Film Maker
- (d) Cartoonist
- (e) Doctor

Answer: A

Veteran music director Raamlaxman, best known for his work on Rajshri Productions' blockbuster movies -- Maine Pyar Kiya, Hum Aapke Hain Koun..! and Hum Saath Saath Hain -- died due to a cardiac arrest. He was 78.

Vijay, known by cinema aficionados as Laxman of duo composers Raam-Laxman, started his journey

in films with Marathi actor-comedian Dada Kondke's 1975 film Pandu Hawaldar.

95. As per the ranking released by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, What is the rank of New Delhi in the implementation of the Smart City Mission's schemes among states/ UT?

- (a) 24th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 41st
- (d) 11th
- (e) 27th

Answer: D

Jharkhand has clinched the first position in the recent ranking released by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, based on the progress of the implementation of the Smart City Mission's schemes running in different 100 cities of the Country's 36 states and union territories.

At the same time, Jharkhand's Capital Ranchi has risen to 12th position in terms of progress of the ongoing mission plans in 100 cities. On the other hand, Delhi is at number 11 in the list of States and Union Territories and Bihar at number 27 and New Delhi Municipal Corporation is at number 41 and Bihar Capital Patna at 68th position in the list of cities. The Urban and Housing Development Department, Government of Jharkhand informed this through a press note.

96. The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 90 lakh on which among the following Bank for non-compliance with directions Interest Rate on Deposits, Know Your Customer and Circular on Frauds Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism?

- (a) NutanNagarikSahakari Bank
- (b) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
- (c) BhaginiNiveditaSahakari Bank
- (d) City Union Bank
- (e) Chamolizilasahkari Bank

Answer: A

The RBI has imposed monetary penalty on City Union Bank, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank and two other lenders for contravention of certain directions issued by the central bank.

A penalty of Rs 1 crore has been imposed on City Union Bank Limited for contravention of/non-compliance with certain provisions contained in the RBI (Lending to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector) Directions, 2017 and the circulars on Educational Loan Scheme and Credit Flow to Agriculture - Agricultural Loans - Waiver of Margin/Security Requirements.

The RBI said it has imposed penalty of Rs 1 crore on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by it on Cyber Security Framework in Banks. The Reserve Bank of India also imposed a penalty of Rs 90 lakh on NutanNagarikSahakari Bank, Ahmedabad for non-compliance with directions Interest Rate on

Deposits, Know Your Customer (KYC) and Circular on Frauds Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism.

97. Which among the following Insurance Company has announced the launch of a hyper-flexible savings plan - Vision LifeIncomePlus Plan that provides guaranteed regular income plus flexible bonus pay-outs?

- (a) Aviva Life Insurance
- (b) Aegon Life Insurance
- (c) Bharati Life Insurance
- (d) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
- (e) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

Answer: D

Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI), the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), announced the launch of a hyper-flexible savings plan - ABSLI Vision LifeIncomePlus Plan that provides guaranteed regular income plus flexible bonus pay-outs.

This non-linked participating individual plan has been designed to offer various plan options which can be tailor-made to perfectly suit the customers' unique financial needs across different life-stages.

98. The International Day to End Obstetric Fistula has been observed every year on May 23. Which among the following organisation has observed the day?

- (a) UNGA
- (b) UNESCO

(c) UNFPA

(d) WHO

(e) UNSC

Answer: C

23 May is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula. Join us and help more women living with obstetric fistula to recover and rebuild their lives. The theme 2021: "Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!"

In 2003 the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula, a collaborative initiative to prevent fistula and restore the health of those affected by the condition. The day was officially recognised in 2012.

Obstetric fistula is a devastating childbirth injury, and a neglected public health and human rights issue. Two million women in low-resource settings have an obstetric fistula, and 100,000 more develop one every year. Leaking urine and/or faeces and, as a result, living in desperate circumstances, only 1 in 50 ever receives treatment.

99. Who among the following has won the great honor the Templeton Prize laureate for 2021?

(a) Jonathan Sacks

(b) Alvin Plantinga

(c) Francis Collins

(d) Marcelo Gleiser

(e) Jane Goodall

Answer: E

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, has been a phenomenon in the fields of animal behavioral research, conservation, and activism for decades and now has the great honor of being the Templeton Prize laureate for 2021.

The Templeton Prize honors individuals whose exemplary achievements advance Sir John Templeton's philanthropic vision: harnessing the power of the sciences to explore the deepest questions of the universe and humankind's place and purpose within it

100. Which among the following organisation has declared the working long hours has killing hundreds of thousands of people a year?

(a) ILO

(b) WHO

(c) WMO

(d) UNESCO

(e) WTO

Answer: B

Working long hours is killing hundreds of thousands of people a year in a worsening trend that may accelerate further due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the World Health Organization.

In the first global study of the loss of life associated with longer working hours, the paper in the journal Environment International showed that 745,000 people died from stroke and heart disease

associated with long working hours in 2016. That was an increase of nearly 30% from 2000.

101. Rajesh Bansal has been appointed as the chief executive officer of which among the following organisation?

- (a) NABARD
- (b) DICGC
- (c) RBIH
- (d) BRBNMPL
- (e) EXIM

Answer: C

The Board of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub has appointed Rajesh Bansal as the chief executive officer of the RBIH with effect from May 17, 2021. Bansal has over twenty five years of experience in designing technology-led population-scale payment products, electronic cash transfers, digital financial services, and digital IDs to enable inclusive development in India and multiple Asian and African markets.

Earlier, Bansal served at the RBI in various capacities in the areas of technology, financial inclusion and payment systems.

102. Which among the following institute has discovered a new species of shrew from the Narcondam volcanic island in the Andaman and Nicobar named Crociduranarcondamica?

- (a) BNHS
- (b) Florida Museum of Natural History

- (c) Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- (d) Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology
- (e) Zoological Survey of India

Answer: E

Scientists at the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of shrew from the Narcondam volcanic island in the Andaman and Nicobar conglomerate nestled in the Bay of Bengal. They have named it *Crociduranarcondamica* sp. nov.

Using morphological and molecular approaches, the researchers confirmed that the newly discovered species has external morphology, skull and dental characters distinct from its close shrew cousins. *Crociduranarcondamica* has darker grey dense fur with a thick, darker tail and its braincase is rounded and elevated with weak lambdoidal ridges.

103. O P Bhardwaj, a first Dronacharya awardee, has passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following sports?

- (a) Volley Ball
- (b) Boxing
- (c) Hockey
- (d) Cricket
- (e) Foot Ball

Answer: B

India's first Dronacharya awardee coach in boxing, O P Bhardwaj, died after battling prolonged illness and age-related issues here.

He was 82 and had tragically lost his wife Santosh to ill-health about 10 days ago.

Bhardwaj was bestowed the highest national honour in coaching jointly with

Bhalchandra Bhaskar Bhagwat (wrestling) and O M Nambiar (athletics), when it was introduced in 1985.

104. Narendra Singh Tomar has launched NMMS Portal for taking real time attendance of workers at Mahatma Gandhi NREGS worksites to increase citizen oversight of the programme besides potentially enabling processing payments faster.

What does 2nd M in NMMS?

- (a) Monitor
- (b) Maintain
- (c) Make
- (d) Mobile
- (e) Mediate

Answer: D

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today launched National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) app and Area officer monitoring App in presence of Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Minister of State, Rural Development, Secretary, Rural Development and officials from the Ministry and all the State Governments on 21.5.2021 through Video-Conferencing.

The NMMS App permits taking real time attendance of workers at Mahatma Gandhi NREGS worksites along with geotagged photograph, which will

increase citizen oversight of the programme besides potentially enabling processing payments faster.

Area Officer Monitoring App facilitates them to record their findings online along with time stamped and geo-coordinate tagged photograph for all the schemes of Deptt of Rural Development- Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, PMAYG, PMGSY.

105. Which among the following bank has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor licence to the GIFT IFSC?

- (a) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) Bank of Baroda
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Punjab & Sind Bank

Answer: A

Kotak Mahindra Bank has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence to the GIFT IFSC alternative investment fund (AIF) of True Beacon Global.

This is the first FPI licence issued to an AIF incorporated in GIFT IFSC by any custodian bank or designated depository participant (DDP) in the country.

106. The OMPL has become the wholly-owned subsidiary of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited. The OMPL was a subsidiary of which among the following organisation?

- (a) OIL
- (b) GAIL
- (c) IOC
- (d) ONGC
- (e) HPCL

Answer: D

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) has acquired a balance of 0.0002% equity holding of ONGC Mangalore Petrochemicals Limited (OMPL), a subsidiary of the company from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC). OMPL has now become a wholly-owned subsidiary of MRPL upon holding 100% shares, the company said in a filing on Thursday.

MRPL Board on October 19, 2020 had approved acquisition of 1,24,66,53,746 equity shares of Rs 10 each of OMPL, a subsidiary of MRPL from ONGC.

107. Hockey India has won the Etienne Glichitch Award during the virtual conference organised recently. The conference is a part of _____ edition of the FIH Congress.

- (a) 47th
- (b) 54th
- (c) 87th
- (d) 32nd
- (e) 12th

Answer: A

Hockey India was recognized with the Etienne Glichitch Award by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) during the virtual conference

organised as part of the 47th FIH Congress. The FIH Honorary Awards were given in recognition to numerous individuals, teams and organisations for their outstanding contributions to the sport of hockey.

One among the three National Associations that were honoured with different awards for their outstanding efforts, Hockey India was awarded for their remarkable contribution to the growth and development of hockey through innovative ideas.

108. Alok Ranjan Jha has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Belarus. He is currently the Joint Secretary of which among the following ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of External Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Health

Answer: B

Alok Ranjan Jha, presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been designated as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Belarus. He is a 2002 batch IFS officer.

109. India has postponed the FIFA World Cup 2020 under which category to 2021 before being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- (a) U-15
- (b) U-30

(c) U-17

(d) U-20

(e) U-23

Answer: C

India were earlier scheduled to host the 2020 U-17 World Cup but it was postponed to 2021 before being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The governing body then handed the hosting rights of the 2022 edition to India last November.

On the eve of the 71st FIFA Congress, the FIFA Council approved key dates for the international match calendars, including the dates of the 2022 U-17 World Cup in India.

110. Which among the following country has partnered with the World Health Organization, other nations to develop an advanced international pathogen surveillance network to identify COVID-19 variants and emerging diseases?

(a) USA

(b) Australia

(c) Italy

(d) Germany

(e) UK

Answer: E

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that the United Kingdom will work with the World Health Organization, other partners and nations to develop an advanced international pathogen surveillance network to identify COVID-19 variants and emerging diseases.

The world must never be caught unawares again by a virus spreading among us unchecked. We need to build a system of disease surveillance fit for the 21st century, with real-time data sharing and rapid genomic sequencing and response.

111. "SanjeevaniPariyojana" has been launched by which among the following state to provide for supervised and quick medical care at home largely for people in rural areas with mild to moderate symptoms of the disease?

(a) Madhya Pradesh

(b) Odisha

(c) Haryana

(d) Uttarakhand

(e) Karnataka

Answer: C

Haryana will launch an anti-Covid

"SanjeevaniPariyojana" to provide for supervised and quick medical care at home largely for people in rural areas with mild to moderate symptoms of the disease.

"SanjeevaniPariyojana" will extend medical care to rural areas where awareness of the second wave of COVID-19 and how to treat it remains low, an official spokesperson said. Chief Minister M L Khattar will roll out the initiative on May 24, through video conferencing, he added.

112. Padma Shri awardee, Srikumar Banerjee has passed away recently. He was a well

Known _____.

- (a) Scientist
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Wrestler
- (d) Actor
- (e) Musician

Answer: A

Padma Shri awardee scientist Srikumar Banerjee, who was the former chairperson of the department of atomic energy (DAE), passed away. Banerjee, who had recently recovered from Covid-19, succumbed to a heart attack at his Navi Mumbai residence. A specialist in physical metallurgy and material science, Banerjee had turned 75 last month.

Having completed his Bachelor of Technology from the Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur in 1967, Banerjee joined the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Mumbai as a scientific officer. In 2004, he became BARC's director and held the post till 2010. He then took over the reins at DAE for the next two-and-a-half years. Banerjee was also the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award recipient and a fellow of the Indian National Science Academy.

113. Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected to the BWF council. He is currently the President of which among the following?

- (a) BWF
- (b) Badminton Asia
- (c) BAI

- (d) Both A & B
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) president Himanta Biswa Sarma elected to the BWF council for the period 2021-25. Sarma, who is also the Vice President of Badminton Asia, got 236 votes in his favour as the 20 council members were elected from 31 contestants at the virtual AGM and Council election of Badminton World Federation (BWF). BWF President Paul-Erik Hoyer was re-elected unopposed, so were Deputy President Khunying Patama of Thailand and Vice President Paul Kurzo of Switzerland.

114. Which among the following state has emerged as the best state and ranked number one in establishing health and wellness centres under the Ayushman Bharat Program?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Karnataka

Answer: E

Karnataka has emerged as the best state and is ranked number one in establishing health and wellness centres (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat Program, to provide comprehensive primary healthcare in rural areas, the state's Health and Family welfare department said.

It said the union government had set a target of establishing 2,263 HWC sub-centres, and the state has upgraded 3,300 centres till March 31, which is 146 per cent more than the set target.

115. What is the raised overseas investment limit of alternative investment funds by the Securities and Exchange Board of India?

- (a) \$1.0 billion
- (b) \$1.5 billion
- (c) \$2.0 billion
- (d) \$2.5 billion
- (e) \$3.5 billion

Answer: B

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) doubled the overseas investment limit of alternative investment funds (AIFs) to \$1.5 billion. The market regulator said the decision was taken following consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). In 2015, Sebi had created a \$500-million allowance for overseas investment. However, domestic AIFs were only allowed to invest a fourth of their corpus overseas. Also, overseas investments were required to have an Indian connection. In 2018, the limit was increased from \$500 million to \$750 million.

116. The Indian Navy's Kashin-class destroyer has recently decommissioned which among the following INS to be fitted with the long-range BrahMos missile?

- (a) INS Magar

- (b) INS Airavat
- (c) INS Guldar
- (d) INS Rajput
- (e) INS Cheeta

Answer: D

The Indian Navy's Kashin-class destroyer INS Rajput, the first warship to be fitted with long-range BrahMos missile, was decommissioned after 41 years of service.

The destroyer, built by the erstwhile USSR and commissioned on May 4, 1980, had the distinction of being part of both the Western and Eastern fleets. Indian Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said the warship was decommissioned in a low key event at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam.

117. Which among the following has officially confirmed the qualification of Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar for the Tokyo Paralympics?

- (a) Badminton World Federation
- (b) Football World Federation
- (c) Basket World Federation
- (d) Hockey World Federation
- (e) VolleyBall World Federation

Answer: A

India's Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar received an official confirmation from the Badminton World Federation that they had qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics in the SL3-SU5 women's doubles event.

The SL3-SU5 women's doubles event is among the 14 badminton categories -- seven men's, six women's and one mixed -- set to make its debut at the Tokyo Paralympics.

118. Which among the following has approved a home-based "Rapid antigen testing kit" for COVID-19?

- (a) SII
- (b) SCTIMST
- (c) ICMR
- (d) IIT
- (e) Bharat Biotech

Answer: C

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) approved a home-based rapid antigen testing (RAT) kit for COVID-19. The kit should be used only on symptomatic individuals or on immediate contacts of laboratory-confirmed positive cases.

The country's apex health research body said that the home-based rapid antigen testing kit manufactured by Mylab Discovery Solutions Ltd, Pune, has been validated and approved

119. Yuan Longping has passed away recently. He was known as "the Father of _____."

- (a) Hybrid Wheat
- (b) Hybrid Peas
- (c) Hybrid Maize
- (d) Hybrid Potato
- (e) Hybrid Rice

Answer: E

Yuan Longping, widely known as "the Father of Hybrid Rice," died of illness in Changsha at on Saturday at the age of 91, according to the Xinhua News Agency.

Yuan, the pioneer of the research and development of hybrid rice in China, was the first scientist in the world to successfully utilize the heterosis of rice.

120. Which among the following state government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Goa
- (e) Assam

Answer: B

Maharashtra government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs. Special incentives will be given to oxygen producing industries under this scheme. The demand for Liquid Medical Oxygen has increased in Maharashtra recently while treating Covid-19 patients.

At present the state's oxygen generation capacity is 1300 MT per day. In order to meet the increasing demand, state government has declared few incentives to meet the target of producing 3000 MT of oxygen per day.

121. Which among the following organisation has proposed a \$50 billion plan to end the Covid-19 pandemic, with a target of vaccinating at least 40% of the world's population by the end of 2021?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) ADB
- (c) AIIB
- (d) IMF
- (e) RBI

Answer: D

The International Monetary Fund or IMF proposed a \$50 billion plan to end the Covid-19 pandemic, with a target of vaccinating at least 40% of the world's population by the end of 2021 and the remaining 60% by the first half of 2022.

"Our proposal sets targets, estimates financing requirements, and lays out pragmatic action," said Kristalina Georgieva, head of the IMF, at the Global Health Summit held in Rome as part of the G20.

122. What is the name of the world's largest iceberg broken off from western Antarctica into the Weddell Sea?

- (a) A-76
- (b) A-77
- (c) A-78
- (d) A-79
- (e) A-80

Answer: A

A huge ice block has broken off from western Antarctica into the Weddell Sea, becoming the largest iceberg in the world and earning the name A-76.

It is the latest in a series of large ice blocks to dislodge in a region acutely vulnerable to climate change, although scientists said in this case it appeared to be part of a natural polar cycle.

Slightly larger than the Spanish island of Majorca, A-76 had been monitored by scientists since May 13 when it began to separate from the Ronne Ice Shelf, according to the U.S. National Ice Center.

The iceberg, measuring around 170 km long and 25 km wide, with an area of 4,320 sq km is now floating in the Weddell Sea.

123. The NABARD has provided an amount of Rs 1,236 crore from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund during the financial year 2020-21 in which among the following state?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam
- (e) West Bengal

Answer: D

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has provided an all-time high amount of Rs 1,236 crore from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) during the financial year 2020-21 with Rural Connectivity

Projects (Roads & Bridges) as the focus area in the state of Assam.

It was created in 1995-96 with an initial corpus of Rs 2,000 crores. In 2020-21, Rs 29,848 crores was allocated to RIDF. With this the cumulative allocation has reached Rs 18,500 crores.

124. US Special Presidential Envoy on Climate

Change John Kerry has welcomed India's ambitious goal of generating 450 gigawatts of renewable energy by which among the following year?

- (a) 2027
- (b) 2030
- (c) 2029
- (d) 2033
- (e) 2035

Answer: B

US Special Presidential Envoy on Climate Change John Kerry has welcomed India's ambitious goal of generating 450 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030 and said that Washington will help New Delhi achieve it by helping mobilise international funding. Last year, Modi set the target of 450 GW green energy by 2030 as India, which now heavily coal-dependent marches towards an ultimate goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

125. NukluPhom has been recently awarded with Whitley Award, also known as the "Green Oscar for his efforts to establish a network of community-owned forests in the state and preserve the rare

Amur falcon. He hails from which among the following state?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam
- (e) West Bengal

Answer: A

The Whitley Award, also known as the "Green Oscar," was given to a church worker from Nagaland for his efforts to establish a network of community-owned forests in the state and preserve the rare Amur falcon.

NukluPhom, who is in his forties, is the only Indian to receive the prestigious award this year, which is given annually to individuals from the Global South by the UK-based charity the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN). He's been working in the environmental sector for over a decade.

126. Which among the following rover has expected to spend around three months in Mars taking photos, harvesting geographical data, and collecting and analysing rock samples?

- (a) Huoxing
- (b) Tianwen
- (c) Yinghuo
- (d) Zhuimeng
- (e) Zhurong

Answer: E

The Mars probe and rover are expected to spend around three months taking photos, harvesting geographical data, and collecting and analysing rock samples.

The six-wheeled, solar-powered, 240-kilogramme (530-pound) Zhurong is named after a Chinese mythical fire god.

China has now sent astronauts into space, powered probes to the Moon and landed a rover on Mars -- the most prestigious of all prizes in the competition for dominion of space.

The United States and Russia are the only other countries to have reached Mars, and only the former has operated a rover on the surface.

127. Which among the following bank has launched a micro-website, 'Microsite' that would serve as an emergency networking platform for all employees amid the second wave of COVID-19?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Bank of Baroda
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) Indian Bank

Answer: C

Bank of Baroda has launched a micro-website that will serve as an emergency networking platform for all employees amid the second wave of COVID-19. The microsite will offer vital data, including a network of plasma donors to employees who are in

need of. Recovered employees can also enrol themselves voluntarily as donors,

It offers a host of other facilities that include providing contact details of various SPOCs (single point of contact) across zones for help, registration facility for employees to sign up for volunteer work in their cities, reaching out under the 'Need Help' section to request assistance for themselves or their families.

The lender said that within two days of going live, more than 305 employees from across the country have registered themselves for plasma, and several have registered for voluntary aid work in their respective cities

128. The Competition Commission of India has given an approval to take over which among the following by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance?

- (a) ICICI Home Finance Company
- (b) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation
- (c) L&T Housing Finance Limited
- (d) Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance Ltd
- (e) REPCO Home Finance Ltd.

Answer: B

Piramal Enterprises (PEL) said its subsidiary Piramal Capital and Housing Finance (PCHFL) has received an approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to take over Dewan Housing Finance Corporation (DHFL).

The approval brings Piramal a step closer to acquire DHFL, as PCHFL's Rs 34,250-crore bid has already

been approved by the Reserve Bank of India in February 2021.

129. China has recently launched Yaogan-33 satellite in a Long March-4C rocket for which among the following purpose?

- (a) For Weather forecasting
- (b) For Space Survey
- (c) For Communication
- (d) For Remote sensing
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

China has successfully launched a new remote sensing satellite into space, official media reported.

The satellite was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

The satellite, Yaogan-33, was launched aboard a Long March-4C rocket and entered the planned orbit successfully. It was the 357th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series, the report said.

130. According to a report by research firm VeriskMaplecroft, Which among the following city has topped the list of combined risk based on all nine factors?

- (a) Jakarta
- (b) Osaka
- (c) Dongguan
- (d) Tokyo
- (e) Guangzhou

Answer: A

Asian cities face the greatest risk from environmental issues including air pollution and natural disasters, according to a report by research firm VeriskMaplecroft.

Of the 100 most vulnerable cities, 99 are in Asia, according to the report released. Of those, 37 are in China and 43 are in India, the world's first and third biggest emitters of greenhouse gases respectively. Globally, 1.5 billion people live in 414 cities that are at high risk from pollution, water shortages, extreme heat, natural hazards and the physical impacts of climate change.

Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia, topped the list of combined risk based on all nine factors analyzed by VeriskMaplecroft. India is home to 13 of the 20 riskiest cities in the world, a result of its extreme levels of air and water pollution. China's flood-prone Guangzhou and Dongguan topped the list of cities facing threats from natural hazards, followed by Japan's Osaka and Tokyo for being vulnerable to earthquakes and typhoons. Lima is the only city outside Asia among the top 100 most at-risk cities

131. The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has partnered with which among the following organisation for organising a virtual seminar on "Social Infrastructure Financing and use of Digital Technologies?"

- (a) AIIB
- (b) NDB

- (c) World Bank
- (d) IBRD
- (e) ADB

Answer: B

The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and the New Development Bank (NDB) are jointly organising a virtual seminar on “Social Infrastructure Financing and use of Digital Technologies”, as part of the Economic and Financial Cooperation Agenda under the Indian BRICS Chairship, 2021.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has reinforced the importance of investing in social infrastructure and underpinned the importance of leveraging Digital Technologies in both advanced and emerging economies.

132. e-Sanjeevani OPD, a flagship telemedicine platform, has been developed by the C-DAC, Mohali under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. What is P mean in OPD?

- (a) Platform
- (b) Point
- (c) Part
- (d) Portion
- (e) Patient

Answer: E

Veteran defence doctors will provide free online consultation services on the e-Sanjeevani platform. This will help on making the invaluable experience

of veteran defence medical professionals available to fellow citizens of the country.

e-Sanjeevani OPD(Out Patient Department) is a Govt of India flagship telemedicine platform, developed by the C-DAC, Mohali under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. It facilitates free online medical consultation to all citizens of India, as well as provides for online prescription of medicines.

‘Ex-Defence OPD’ was launched on 07 May 2021 in a phased manner by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar and Surgeon Vice Admiral RajatDatta, Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services.

133. The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology has built the next generation Digital Financial Infrastructure called the National Digital Financial Infrastructure. IDRBT is an arm of _____.

- (a) NABARD
- (b) SIDBI
- (c) SEBI
- (d) IRDAI
- (e) RBI

Answer: D

The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), an arm of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is building next generation Digital Financial Infrastructure.

The National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI) would provide a roadmap and framework for future digital financial services growth in the country.

The NADI will consist of modern network infrastructure which includes 5G/Edge Cloud with SDNs (software defined networking) for connecting to the critical data centre infrastructure at the back-end.

134. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released over Rs 20,000 crore under the PradhanMantriKisanSammanNidhi for which among the following instalment?

- (a) Eighth
- (b) Fifth
- (c) Second
- (d) Third
- (e) Seventh

Answer: A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the eighth installment of over Rs 20,000 crore to more than 9.5 crore farmer beneficiaries under the PradhanMantriKisanSammanNidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme via video-conferencing.

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, who was present on the occasion, said West Bengal has joined the scheme with more than 7 lakh farmers of the state getting the benefit today.

Under the PM-KISAN scheme, the government is providing Rs 6,000 in three equal installments to 14 crore farmers annually. The amount is directly

transferred into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode.

135. As per the recent report by online real estate portal, Housing.com, which among the following city has ranked third in the health infrastructure?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Pune
- (d) Gurugram
- (e) Noida

Answer: B

When it comes to health infrastructure, Pune is the most equipped city in India, shows a recent report by online real estate portal, Housing.com. The Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR), which covers the national capital, Gurugram, Faridabad, Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad, was ranked the lowest in the list, primarily because of the region's poor scores on air and water quality, sanitation and performance of municipal bodies. Ahmedabad is ranked second in the list, while India's Silicon Valley, Bengaluru, is ranked third.

Pune offers 3.5 hospital beds per 1,000 people. This is much higher than India's national average, where there is only half a bed available per 1,000 people in the public healthcare system, shows the report, titled 'State of Healthcare in India', by the Elara Technologies-owned online realty firm.

136. The MOMA Market mobile app, which enables residents to order fresh vegetables and have them delivered to their homes. Which among the following state has launched the app?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Meghalaya

Answer: C

The Chief Minister of Manipur, N Biren Singh, has introduced the MOMA Market mobile app, which enables residents to order fresh vegetables and have them delivered to their homes. The app is free to download from www.momamarket.com, and it will be available on the Google Play Store soon. The app's iOS version will be released soon.

Under the supervision of Chief Minister N Biren Singh, the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur, launched the application to make fresh vegetables available for daily consumption and to reduce the distress sales of farm produce

137. New Shepard, a space tourism rocket, has been launched by which among the following space venture?

- (a) Boeing
- (b) Sierra Nevada Corporation
- (c) PD AeroSpace

(d) SpaceX

(e) Blue Origin

Answer: E

Jeff Bezos' space venture Blue Origin will launch its first astronaut crew to space on July 20, flying on its space tourism rocket called New Shepard, the company announced Wednesday.

Blue Origin has yet to open ticket sales or release pricing information about New Shepard flights, but will host a public auction for a seat on the first crewed launch.

138. The Cultural Exchange Program has been launched by the Minister of State for Culture and Tourism of India Prahlad Singh Patel in cooperation with which among the following country?

- (a) China
- (b) Mongolia
- (c) Kazakhstan
- (d) Vietnam
- (e) Russia

Answer: B

Minister of Culture Ch.Nomin held a virtual meeting with Prahlad Singh Patel, discussing various issues under Cultural Exchange Program between the two countries, and other areas of common interest.

Mr.Prahlad Sigh Patel said that the Cultural Exchange Program (CEP) between India and Mongolia stands renewed until 2023, and that cooperation under specific areas would be discussed in detailed meetings between senior

officers of the Culture Ministries of India and Mongolia. It was also emphasized that India's historical connect and convergence in Buddhism with Mongolia forms the basis of our deep, spiritual friendship.

139. India's first agro-export facilitation centre has been launched by NABARD in collaboration with the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture in which among the following city?

- (a) Nagpur
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Pune
- (e) Ahmedabad

Answer: D

The Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has teamed up with the agriculture finance body NABARD to launch India's first agro-export facilitation centre in Pune to boost agricultural exports from the region and adhere to global standards.

The facility was inaugurated remotely, with the MCCIA office at Senapati Bapat Road hosting the centre. There are also plans to set up a digital presence for the centre as well as sub-branches in the region to ensure greater access.

140. Jupitice Justice Technologies has launched the country's first private digital platform to conduct virtual arbitration, conciliation, mediation and other

Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms.

Jupitice is _____ based.

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Gandhi Nagar
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Mumbai

Answer: A

Chandigarh-based Jupitice Justice Technologies has launched the country's first private digital platform to conduct virtual arbitration, conciliation, mediation and other Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms.

The startup has launched an online service marketplace for the dispute resolution sector that provides a platform to find arbitrators, mediators and other justice service providers and also provides an end-to-end ADR mechanism completely online, without any physical interaction.

Co-founded by husband and wife duo Raman and Anju Aggarwal, the startup's advisory board comprises Justice Ranjit Singh, former judge of Punjab & Haryana High Court and Justice SL Bhayana, former judge of Delhi High Court among others.

141. Which among the following tournament has planned to take place in Belgrade, Serbia in the upcoming October?

- (a) Women's World Boxing Championships
- (b) Women's World Wrestling Championships

- (c) Men's World Boxing Championships
- (d) Men's World Weightlifting Championships
- (e) Men's World Wrestling Championships

Answer: C

The dates of the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia have been agreed. The tournament will be held from 26 October – 6 November 2021.

AIBA's flagship tournament will be a key milestone in the boxing calendar this year, with the best athletes from around the world set to compete in the Serbian capital. The delivery of the event will be overseen by the President of Serbia, Mr. Aleksandar Vučić, who is the Head of the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

142. Which among the following day has been observed every year on May 16?

- (a) National Stoke Day
- (b) National Dengue Day
- (c) National Chicken Pox Day
- (d) National Hepatitis Day
- (e) National Malaria Day

Answer: B

Every year, May 16th in India is observed as the National Dengue Day, under the recommendation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) with the aim to spread awareness about the disease, tips to prevent it, and prepare to control its spread before the onset season.

143. RL Bhatia has been passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following field?

- (a) Politics
- (b) Journalism
- (c) Medicine
- (d) Sports
- (e) Film

Answer: A

Former Union minister of state for external affairs RL Bhatia died after testing positive for Covid-19 at a private hospital in Amritsar. He was 99. Bhatia, who also served as the governor of Kerala from 2004-08, is survived by a son and a daughter, both based in Amritsar.

Bhatia was first elected as member of Parliament from Amritsar in 1972. He was re-elected in 1980, 1985, 1992, 1996 and 1999..

144. "CovidFateh programme" has been launched by which among the following state as part of the "Corona Mukh Pind Abhiyaan" to tackle the spread of COVID-19 infections in rural areas amid the ongoing second pandemic wave?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Odisha
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Assam
- (e) Punjab

Answer: E

The Punjab government on May 16 unveiled a unique "CovidFateh programme", as part of the "Corona MuktpindAbhiyaan" to tackle the spread of COVID-19 infections in rural areas amid the ongoing second pandemic wave.

Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, while announcing the scheme, stressed that there is a need to "avoid the kind of situation that was prevailing in the villages of Uttar Pradesh. Ask Static

145. Harry Gurney has announced his retirement from cricket. He hails from which country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Zimbabwe
- (c) South Africa
- (d) England
- (e) Singapore

Answer: D

England seamer and former Kolkata Knight Riders pacer Harry Gurney announced his retirement from cricket after taking 614 all-format wickets during his career in the professional game. The

Nottinghamshire pacer bowed out as a result of the shoulder injury that saw him miss the club's 2020 T20 Blast campaign.

"The time has arrived for me to hang up my boots. After trying to recover from the recent injury to my shoulder, I am truly disappointed to have to end my playing career as a result of it," Gurney captioned a post on Instagram to announce his retirement.

146. The 14th World Agri-Tourism Day has been observed every year on 16th May. Which among the following state is the pioneer State to develop and promote Agri-Tourism?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: E

Maharashtra is the pioneer State to develop and promote Agri-Tourism in the country. To further promote it in the State and commemorate the 14th World Agri-Tourism Day (16th May), Department of Tourism, Maharashtra Government in partnership with Agri-Tourism Development Corporation India, is organising 'INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRI-TOURISM' on 15th and 16th May 2021. The objective of the conference is to explore the sustainable entrepreneurship opportunities for rural women through Agri-Tourism

147. Which among the following Federation has entered a tie-up with Stupa Sports Analytics to provide AI-enabled real-time match and practice solutions to leading players in all its 226 member associations?

- (a) International Shooting Sport Federation
- (b) International Weightlifting Federation
- (c) International Table Tennis Federation
- (d) Badminton World Federation

(e) World Archery Federation

Answer: C

The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has entered into a tie-up with an Indian start-up company, Stupa Sports Analytics to provide Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled real-time match and practice solutions to leading players in all its 226 member associations.

An agreement has been inked between ITTF and Stupa Analytics, according to a release issued by the company.

148. International Day of Light has been observed every year on May 16th. Which among the following organisation has established it?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) ILO
- (c) WTO
- (d) UNID
- (e) UNGA

Answer: A

International Day of Light seeks to raise awareness about light and the role it plays in science, art, and education. Light is a vital resource that sustains every living creature on Earth.

International Day of Light was established in 2017 by UNESCO. It is observed annually on May 16th, a date that serves as the anniversary of the first successful operation of a laser in 1960 by physicist Theodore Maiman.

149. The Indian Navy was held two-day Goa Maritime Symposium for the first time in virtual mode. Which among the following country has not participated in the symposium?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Comoros
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Singapore

Answer: D

With an objective to foster closer maritime relations with Indian Ocean Littoral countries, the Indian Navy held two-day Goa Maritime Symposium for the first time in virtual mode.

Organised by Goa-based Naval War College from May 11 to May 12, the theme of the symposium was "Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies."

As many as 13 Indian Ocean Littoral countries, which included India, Bangladesh, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand-participated the symposium where emphasis was laid on capacity building amongst the IOR Navies to tackle emerging common maritime threats.

150. International Day of Living Together in Peace has been observed every year on May 16th. Which among the following organisation has established the day?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) UNGA
- (c) WMO
- (d) UN
- (e) UNSC

Answer: B

International Day of Living Together in Peace seeks to advocate for world peace. This day aims to encourage the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity. It encourages living together in peace by listening, recognizing, and respecting others. This day emphasizes inclusion and tolerance with the goal being the uniting of all communities, religions, and races.

International Day of Living Together in Peace was established in 1997 by the UN General Assembly. It is observed annually on May 16th.

151. Which among the following organisation has become the sole regulator for the domestic gold spot exchange?

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) IRDAI
- (d) SIDBI
- (e) EXIM Bank

Answer: B

Capital and commodity market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has come out with a discussion paper on setting up a gold spot

exchange in the domestic market. The yellow metal will be traded as electronic gold receipts (EGRs) in the exchange, as per the proposal.

The government has announced Sebi as the sole regulator for the domestic gold spot exchange. In the budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the plan to establish a gold spot exchange. Sebi and Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authorities would be responsible for the operations of the exchange.

152. Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd has appointed whom among the following as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company?

- (a) Ajay Tewari
- (b) Anil Tewari
- (c) Abhas Tewari
- (d) Akil Tewari
- (e) Abhay Tewari

Answer: E

Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd (SUD LIFE) announced the appointment of Abhay Tewari as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company w.e.f 15th May 2021.

Abhay Tewari joined the company in the year 2014 as Appointed Actuary. Prior to his appointment as Managing Director & CEO of the company, he was promoted as Joint President - Corporate & Chief

Actuary, overseeing Operations, Actuarial, Risk and Corporate Governance functions.

153. Bihar Chief minister Nitish Kumar has launched Covid-19 Home insolation tracking mobile application through video conference for the online monitoring of infected patients under home isolation. Which among the following districts has not launched the HIT app?

- (a) Aurangabad
- (b) Gopalganj
- (c) Bhagalpur
- (d) Buxar
- (e) Supaul

Answer: D

Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar launched Covid-19 home insolation tracking (HIT) mobile application through video conference for online monitoring of infected patients under home isolation in the state.

In the pilo

t project, the online monitoring system has been made functional in Supaul, Gopalganj, Aurangabad, Nalanda and Bhagalpur.

154. The Edelweiss General Insurance company has launched IPOS, a fully automated onboarding solution for all the company's current and prospective partners, including agents, brokers, and web aggregators. What does 'I' mean in IPOS?

- (a) Integrated
- (b) Invested

- (c) Interest
- (d) Insurance
- (e) Index

Answer: A

Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) launched IPOS (Integrated Partner On-boarding Solution). This is a fully automated onboarding solution for all the company's current and prospective partners, including agents, brokers, and web aggregators.

IPOS is a unified portal for all partner related onboarding requirements. It has multiple features like easy visualisation capabilities, a built-in learning system where partners can take up practice tests

155. The Bank of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as its nominee director. She is currently an Additional Secretary of which among the following department?

- (a) Department of Home Affairs
- (b) Department of Education
- (c) Department of Financial Services
- (d) Department of Law and Justice
- (e) Department of Parliamentary Affairs

Answer: C

Vandita Kaul, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services, Government of India will be the nominee director of Bank of India by the Government of India. She has been appointed as government nominee director of

the bank, with immediate effect and until further orders.

The bank received the communication from the Finance Ministry about Kaul's nomination.

156. Which among the following telecom company has planned to construct the largest international submarine cable system centred on India?

- (a) Airtel
- (b) Vodafone Idea
- (c) MTNL
- (d) Reliance Jio
- (e) BSNL

Answer: D

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio Infocomm said that it will be constructing the largest international submarine cable system centred on India. The country will be at centre of the two new subsea cable systems to support the growing data consumption needs in India.

In conjunction with several key global partners and world-class submarine cable supplier SubCom, Jio is currently deploying two next-generation cables to support the extraordinary growth in data demand across the region, the company said in a statement. The India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) system connects India eastbound to Singapore and beyond while the India-Europe-Xpress (IEX) system connects India westbound to the Middle East and Europe.

The systems will seamlessly interconnect as well as connect to the world's top inter-exchange points and

content hubs for extension of service globally. "IAX and IEX will enhance the ability for consumer and enterprise users to access content and cloud services in and out of India," said Jio.

157. According to the WWF Report, Which among the following animal habitat has remained under-researched over 12 countries?

- (a) Snow Leopard
- (b) White Elephant
- (c) Asiatic Lion
- (d) Tiger
- (e) Jaguar

Answer: A

A large majority of snow leopard habitat, spanning over 12 countries, remains under-researched, and critical knowledge gaps must be plugged for informed snow leopard conservation, according to a WWF report.

The report titled, "Over 100 Years of Snow Leopard Research - A spatially explicit review of the state of knowledge in the snow leopard range" examines the current state of knowledge across their range. The report is based on an analysis of peer-reviewed published papers on the species and its habitats.

158. 'Jagrut Tripura' has been launched by Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb for which among the following reason?

- (a) To get benefits from various schemes
- (b) To get vaccination in all rural areas

- (c) To get free wifi in all government offices
- (d) To get interest free crop loan
- (e) None of these

Answer: A

The Tripura government has come up with a digital platform to help people get benefits from various schemes of the Centre and the state government. At least 102 schemes of various departments of both the governments are available on the platform, he said.

Launched by Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, the 'Jagrut Tripura' will empower citizens of the northeastern state, the official said.

159. PayPoint India has partnered with Digit General Insurance to provide affordable health insurance to its customers. What is the premium amount for the affordable health insurance?

- (a) Rs 999
- (b) Rs 199
- (c) Rs 799
- (d) Rs 99
- (e) Rs 499

Answer: C

PayPoint India has partnered with Digit General Insurance to provide affordable health insurance to its customers in India's underserved regions, improving insurance access and assisting the rural masses in recovering themselves from significant financial losses due to the surging Covid-19.

The partnership is being flagged off with the launch of a coronavirus hospitalization insurance policy that covers treatments up to Rs 2 lakhs at a premium of Rs 799. PayPoint will offer offline access and assistance to its clients, directing them to make an informed financial decision, while Digit General Insurance focuses on selling this master policy online.

160. Which among the following space agency has begun a critical sequence of testing Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer that scheduled to take 31 days to complete?

- (a) Roscosmos
- (b) European Space Agency
- (c) NASA
- (d) ISRO
- (e) JAXA

Answer: B

The European Space Agency's Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (Juice) has begun a critical sequence of tests to make sure it can function correctly in the hostile conditions of outer space.

Having been assembled by Airbus Friedrichshafen, Germany, the 6.2 tonne spacecraft has now arrived at Esa's European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) in the Netherlands. The tests are scheduled to take 31 days to complete. After this, Juice will be shipped to Toulouse for a final round of tests before being transported to Europe's spaceport

in Kourou, French Guiana for launch. Lift off will take place next year on an Ariane 5 rocket.

Upon arrival at Jupiter in 2029, Juice will begin an extensive investigation of the planet and its oceanic moons: Europa, Ganymede and Callisto to investigate the conditions necessary for habitability.

161. Subdolusepsnilgiriensis, the New Species of Asian Gracile Skink has been found in which among the following state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Answer: E

The New Species of Asian Gracile Skink has been named Subdolusepsnilgiriensis after Nilgiris. The species is closely related to Subdolusepspruthi found in parts of the Eastern Ghats.

The species has a slender body of just about 7 cm. It is sandy brown in colour. The unnoticeable limbs of skinks make them resemble snakes.

Subdolusepsnilgiriensis is currently considered a vulnerable species. This species is only the third skink species discovered from mainland India in the last millennium.

162. BaljeetKaur and Gunbala Sharma has become the first Indian women to summit Mount

Pumori along with 12-member team. Mount Pumori belongs to which among the following country?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) India
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Iceland
- (e) Finland

Answer: C

Women mountaineers, BaljeetKaur from Himachal Pradesh and Gunbala Sharma from Rajasthan became the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori (7,161 meters) in Nepal. The duo was a part of a 12-member team that will attempt to conquer all four peaks that are part of the Everest Massif.

This Indian Everest Massif Expedition 2021(Pumori) Team by Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) is sponsored by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

163. "VaidyaAapkeDwar" scheme has been launched by which among the following department for free medical specialists can be consulted through live video call from home?

- (a) Department of AYUSH
- (b) Department of Agriculture
- (c) Department of Finance
- (d) Department of Family Welfare
- (e) Department of Health

Answer: D

Through the "VaidyaAapkeDwar" scheme launched by the Department of AYUSH, free AYUSH medical

specialists can be consulted through live video call from home. The three disciplines of AYUSH, Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani, can be availed under the scheme. Citizens can take advantage of this facility by downloading the AyushQure App from the Google Play store on Android phones.

The Department of AYUSH has made this scheme available through the telemedicine app with the aim of making AYUSH health service accessible to the common people even at home. In today's era of information technology, telemedicine is the harmonizing form of medical sciences, engineering. Under this, both the patient and the doctor will be able to use specially designed app "AyushQure".

164. Which among the markets regulator has proposed to rationalise the definition of 'promoter group' and move to the concept of 'person in control' and reduce the minimum lock-in periods for promoters' and other shareholders post an IPO?

- (a) SIDBI
- (b) IRDAI
- (c) RBI
- (d) EXIM
- (e) SEBI

Answer: E

Markets regulator Sebi proposed to rationalise the definition of 'promoter group' and move to the concept of 'person in control' as well as reduce the minimum lock-in periods for promoters' and other shareholders post an IPO.

In a consultation paper, the watchdog has also suggested streamlining the disclosures requirement of group companies.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has sought comments from public on the proposals till June 10.

165. Adani Green Energy Limited has signed an agreement to acquire SB Energy India from its shareholders, Softbank Group and Bharti Enterprises. What is the deal amount?

- (a) \$3.5 billion
- (b) \$2.5 billion
- (c) \$5.5 billion
- (d) \$1.5 billion
- (e) \$4.5 billion

Answer: A

Adani Green Energy Limited signed a share purchase agreement to acquire SB Energy India from its shareholders, Softbank Group and Bharti Enterprises, swooping at the opportunity within seven days of the failure of previous negotiations with Canadian Pension Board (CPPIB).

Adani Green Energy announced that it will acquire SB Energy's 5 GW India renewable power portfolio for a fully completed EV of \$3.5 billion. "Adani Green (AGEL) has signed definitive agreements for 100% acquisition of SB Energy Holdings Limited.

166. In order to raise about Rs 4,000 crore via stake sale, the government has sold what percentage in Axis bank?

- (a) 7%
- (b) 3%
- (c) 4%
- (d) 2%
- (e) 5%

Answer: D

The government's offer to sell its nearly 2 per cent stake held in Axis Bank held through SUUTI has received a "good response", with the government garnering about Rs 4,000 crore, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management Secretary TuhinKantaPandey tweeted.

The government had offered to sell its 58 million shares or 1.95 per cent stake of Axis Bank held through Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI). The floor price for the offer was set at Rs 680/share.

The offer was open for non-retail investors on May 19, and on May 20 for retail investors. Retail quota of the Axis Bank offer for sale (OFS) managed to garner just 28 per cent subscription. The unsubscribed portion of the OFS will be allotted to non-retail investors. A day earlier, they had bid for 2.6 times the shares on offer.

167. According to the latest UN data, which among the following country has showed a relatively better"

than other major economies in imports and exports in the first quarter of this year?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) Both A & B
- (e) Both A & C

Answer: D

India, China and South Africa have fared "relatively better" than other major economies in imports and exports in the first quarter of this year, according to the latest UN data which said that global trade recovery from the COVID-19 crisis hit a record high during in the same period.

The Global Trade Update by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) that in Q1 2021, the value of global trade in goods and services grew by about 4 per cent quarter-over-quarter and by about 10 per cent year-over-year.

168. ArjunLalJat and Arvind Singh were the only Indians in a 14-member squad to secure their berth for Tokyo 2020. They belong to which among the following sports?

- (a) Skating
- (b) Rowing
- (c) Sky Diving
- (d) Kabaddi
- (e) Swimming

Answer: B

ArjunLalJat and Arvind Singh were blissfully unaware of the Olympic Games till 2016, let alone weaving dreams around it. But last week the Indian duo won a silver medal at the Asia and Oceania Olympic and Paralympic continental qualification regatta to make the cut for the Tokyo Olympics. During the qualification event at the Sea Forest Waterway on Tokyo Bay, Arvind and Arjun were the only Indians in a 14-member squad to secure their berth for Tokyo 2020.

169. According to the International Energy Agency the halting of new oil, gas and coal fields aims to achieve net-zero global carbon emissions by which among the following year?

- (a) 2035
- (b) 2047
- (c) 2050
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2045

Answer: C

The world has a choice -- stop developing new oil, gas and coal fields today or face a dangerous rise in global temperatures.

That's the bold assessment from the International Energy Agency, the organization that has spent four decades working to secure oil supplies for industrialized nations. In its new road map for achieving net-zero global carbon emissions by 2050, the IEA laid out in stark terms what the planet must

do to avoid harmful the climate change -- and just how far that is from our current reality.

170. ChamanLal Gupta, former union minister, has passed away recently in Gujarat. He belonged to which among the following party?

- (a) Indian National Congress
- (b) RashtriyaJanata Party
- (c) Swatantra Party
- (d) Praja Socialist Party
- (e) BharatyaJanata Party

Answer: E

Veteran BJP leader and former union minister ChamanLal Gupta died after a prolonged illness at his Gandhi Nagar residence, days after undergoing successful treatment for Covid-19 at a hospital. Born in Jammu on April 13, 1934, the BharatiyaJanata Party (BJP) leader was not in good health for the last couple of years as he was suffering from various ailments and was hardly seen in public life.

171. Which among the following organisation has notified the Changes introduced through the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2021?

- (a) NACIN
- (b) CBIC
- (c) FIEO
- (d) FSSAI
- (e) CBDT

Answer: B

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified the Changes introduced through the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2021. The Amendment Rules have been introduced in view of the demands from the trade and industry and having regard to their changing needs as per prevalent global practices.

The amendments are also an effort towards creating an enabling environment for the promoting manufacturing by domestic industry to make them competitive globally and also make them self-reliant in furtherance of the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

There are major changes brought in vide the the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2021.

172. TashiYangjom has become the first Indian female climber to scale Mount Everest this season. She hails from which among the following state?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Assam
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: E

TashiYangjom of Arunachal Pradesh has become the first Indian female climber to scale Mount Everest this season.

“Congratulations Ms TashiYangjom from Dirang for scaling Mt. Everest and becoming the first Indian lady climber to Summit Everest this Season.

Regular Training at NIMAS Dirang has made her a strong mountaineer with blitzkrieg speed. She becomes the ninth climber from NIMAS to scale Everest,” tweeted Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister PemaKhandu.

173. AmritVahini app has been launched to curb Coronavirus infection by getting all information at a single platform. This app has been launched in which among the following country?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Uttarakhand

Answer: A

The people of Jharkhand have started availing the facilities offered by AmritVahini website, App and the related chatboat. 31,059 people visited the website during the past four days with 8260 people visiting the app on Monday. Till Sunday evening, 356 persons booked hospital beds using it while 37,375 persons availed the services offered by the chatboat. AmritVahini app is becoming a helping tool for Covid patients as they are getting all information at a single platform.

Chief Minister HemantSoren on the launch of the app and chatboat said that many effective

arrangements have been made to curb Coronavirus infection in the State. In this sequence, one more step has been taken through AmritVahini.

174. As per Bloomberg's Billionaire Index, Bernard Arnault has overtaken SpaceX Chief Elon Musk as the world's second-most richest person. Bernard Arnault is the chairman and chief executive of which among the following company?

- (a) Mulberry Group
- (b) Calvin Klein
- (c) Burberry
- (d) LVMH Moët Hennessy
- (e) Richemont

Answer: D

SpaceX Chief Elon Musk who has sent the prices of Bitcoin plummeting with his tweets is facing a similar fortune himself. On May 18, his overall wealth declined by a whopping \$3.16 billion sending his fortune to the US \$160/6, as per Bloomberg's Billionaire Index.

As his net worth dipped, his rank as the world's second-most richest man was overtaken by non-other than Luxury goods mogul- Bernard Arnault. The 72-year-old Bernard Arnault is chairman and chief executive of LVMH Moët Hennessy – Louis Vuitton, which is the world's largest luxury products company. At present, he oversees more than 70 leading brands including Sephora, Christian Dior amongst others. He owns a 96.5 per cent stake in Christian Dior, which controls 41 per cent of LVMH.

175. Which among the following companies CEO have joined the steering committee of the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response to drive the corporate sector's initiative to help India battle COVID-19?

- (a) Mastercard
- (b) Deloitte
- (c) Adobe
- (d) Both A & C
- (e) Both B & C

Answer: E

Three well-known Indian-American CEOs – SundarPichai, PunitRenjen and ShantanuNarayan of Google, Deloitte and Adobe respectively – have joined the steering committee of the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response, to drive the corporate sector's initiative to help India battle COVID-19.

According to the report, all three CEOs have been actively looking into the US companies' response to the COVID-19 crisis.

176. The Telangana State Health Department has signed an MOU with which among the following authority to introduce the Ayushman Bharat scheme in the state?

- (a) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
- (b) National Institutes of Health
- (c) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- (d) National Health Authority
- (e) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Answer: D

The Telangana State Health Department and the National Health Authority (NHA) have signed a memorandum of understanding to introduce the Ayushman Bharat (PradhanMantri Jan ArogyaYojana) scheme in the state.

With immediate effect, the National Health Authority's chief executive officer has directed his counterpart at the Arogyasri Trust to ensure that patients are treated in empanelled hospitals across the State under the converged scheme of Ayushman Bharat – Arogyasri.

177. SankarGhosh has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research". He is a well-known_____.

- (a) Neurologist
- (b) Cardiologist
- (c) Nutritionist
- (d) Ophthalmologist
- (e) Immunologist

Answer: E

An eminent and award-winning Indian-origin immunologist has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his

"distinguished and continuing achievements in original research".

SankarGhosh is the Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

178. The Chhattisgarh government has launched the 'Chhattisgarh MahtariDularYojna' for school children. What is the stipend amount would be paid to the children from Classes 9 to 12 per month?

- (a) Rs 500
- (b) Rs 1,000
- (c) Rs 1,500
- (d) Rs 2,000
- (e) Rs 2,500

Answer: B

The Chhattisgarh government said it will bear education expenses of the children who have lost parents to COVID-19.

The state government has decided to launch the 'Chhattisgarh MahtariDularYojna' for such children. Under the scheme, a stipend of Rs 500 per month will be paid to such children from Classes 1 to 8 and Rs 1,000 per month from Classes 9 to 12. Children studying in both government and private schools will be entitled to this stipend.

179. Barbora Strycova, Wimbledon singles semi-finalist has recently announced her retirement. She belongs to which among the following country?

- (a) Czech Republic
- (b) England
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) Austria
- (e) New Zealand

Answer: A

Barbora Strycova, a former top-ranked doubles player and Wimbledon singles semifinalist, has announced her retirement.

The 35-year-old Czech player previously announced her pregnancy. She is due in September and doesn't plan to return after giving birth. She was at her best at Wimbledon in 2019, when she won the women's doubles with Hsieh Su-wei to become No. 1 and reached the singles semifinals, losing to Serena Williams. Her career-high in singles was No. 16.

In 2016, she teamed up with Lucie Safarova to win the bronze medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

180. According to Knight Frank report of Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021, which among the following city has ranked at 36th position?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Chennai

(e) New Delhi

Answer: C

Knight Frank, a leading international property consultancy, in its 'Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' report cited that Bengaluru moves down four spots in the latest index at 40th rank in the first quarter of 2021. Against 36th rank in Q4 2020, Bengaluru saw a decline of 2.7% year-on-year (YoY) in prime residential prices, leading to the drop in global position. The premium micro-markets of the city recorded a fall of 0.6% in annual capital value change in Q1 2021 to an average price of Rs 19,200 per sq. ft.

New Delhi and Mumbai also move one spot down to 32nd and 36th rank, respectively, in Q1 2021 compared to 31st and 35th rank in Q4 2020.

181. The RBI has imposed a penalty on Priyadarshini Mahila Nagari Sahakari Bank for violation of certain directions under the Supervisory Action Framework. What is the imposed penalty by the RBI on the bank?

- (a) Rs 5 Lakh
- (b) Rs 4 Lakh
- (c) Rs 3 Lakh
- (d) Rs 2 Lakh
- (e) Rs 1 Lakh

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 lakh on Priyadarshini Mahila Nagari Sahakari

Bank, Beed (Maharashtra) for violation of certain directions under the Supervisory Action Framework.

The inspection report of the bank based on its financial position as on March 31, 2019, revealed, inter alia, non-adherence/ violation of specific directions issued to the bank by the RBI under SAF, the central bank said in a release.

Subsequently, a notice was issued to the bank, advising it to show cause as to why a penalty should not be imposed for non-compliance with the directions.

182. The Summit on Financing African Economies has been hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron. Who among the following has been represented India in the summit?

- (a) V Muraleedharan
- (b) NarendraModi
- (c) Jaishankar Prasad
- (d) NirmalaSitharaman
- (e) PiyushGoyal

Answer: A

Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan reiterated India's commitment to build a more resilient and stronger Africa. He was delivering India's message at the Summit on Financing African Economies hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron . The Minister highlighted India's unique development partnership with Africa, characterised by innovation, local needs and transparency.

Presently, there are over 89 projects across 41 countries in Africa that are being implemented with Indian concessional credit. Mr Muraleedharan said numerous digital innovations have emerged from the India-Africa partnership. He added that under the "Vaccine Maitri" initiative, India has supplied 24.7 million doses of Made in India COVID vaccines as grants, and commercial and COVAX supplies to 42 countries in Africa.

183. The stock exchange Bombay Stock Exchange has partnered with Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India for which among the following reason?

- (a) To foster Renewable sectors
- (b) To foster Interest free loans
- (c) To foster MSME growth
- (d) To foster Education Sector
- (e) To foster Agricultural growth

Answer: C

Leading stock exchange BSE has joined hands with Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India to create an ecosystem for promoting, aiding and fostering the growth of small and medium enterprises.

This partnership will help SMEs in India to increase their visibility, expand access to global markets, find potential customers, uncover new suppliers and channel partners, manage risk and identify growth opportunities, it added.

This MoU will help both BSE and Dun & Bradstreet reach maximum SMEs across the country for offering their products, which will be beneficial to them and bring growth in their business. This will also create inclusive growth and employment in the country.

184. James Webb Space Telescope has been tested by which among the following space agency?

- (a) Roscosmos
- (b) NASA
- (c) JAXA
- (d) SpaceX
- (e) The European Space Agency

Answer: B

NASA has been working on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) for the better part of two decades, and it's almost ready for launch. When operating in space, the JWST will be the most powerful telescope ever built, but it'll all be for naught if the giant segmented mirror cannot deploy correctly. NASA has just completed the final pre-launch test of the mirror. The next time it deploys, the JWST will be hanging in the inky blackness of space.

The Webb telescope is the long-awaited follow-up to the aging Hubble Space Telescope, which saw its final service mission in 2009 just before the end of the Shuttle program. Whereas Hubble relied on a single-piece reflector, the JWST will have a segmented Korsch-style mirror.

185. Which among the following bank has launched the SmartServe and IntelliSign, first-of-its-kind digital solutions aimed at ensuring a quick, secure and seamless onboarding process for corporate clients?

- (a) Deutsche Bank
- (b) Citi Bank
- (c) Standard Chartered Bank
- (d) HSBC India
- (e) Royal Bank of Scotland

Answer: D

HSBC India (the Bank) announced the launch of HSBC SmartServe and HSBC IntelliSign, first-of-its-kind digital solutions aimed at ensuring a quick, secure and seamless onboarding process for corporate clients.

The API (Application Programming Interface) enabled solutions provide an accelerated onboarding experience, replacing the documentation process with a digital platform, including the use of electronic signatures, as well as leveraging existing data assets to complete account opening requirements.

HSBC SmartServe is a newly digitised account onboarding and lifecycle management solution that offers services to clients that are faster, automated and centralised.

186. The Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion award has been recently announced to recognize a current player for pursuing social justice

and upholding the league's decades-long values of equality, respect and inclusion. This award would be conferred for which among the following sports?

- (a) Basketball
- (b) Football
- (c) Volleyball
- (d) Tennis
- (e) Golf

Answer: A

The NBA announced the creation of the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion award, a new annual honor that will recognize a current NBA player for pursuing social justice and upholding the league's decades-long values of equality, respect and inclusion.

The award is named after six-time NBA champion and Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The recipient will have advanced Abdul-Jabbar's mission to drive change and inspired others to reflect on injustice and take collective action in their communities over the previous year.

The winner of the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion honor will select an organization to receive a \$100,000 contribution on his behalf.

The other four finalists will each select an organization to receive a \$25,000 contribution.

187. The SEBI has formulated a panel headed by whom among the following to make corporate foundations, political and religious organisations

should be ineligible to raise funds using the SSE mechanism?

- (a) Ajay Tyagi
- (b) G.V. Ramakrishna
- (c) Harsh Bhanwala
- (d) BP Kanungo
- (e) Raghuram Rajan

Answer: C

Sebi's technical group (TG) on social stock exchanges (SSEs) has recommended that corporate foundations, political and religious organisations should be made ineligible to raise funds using the SSE mechanism.

Market regulator made public the report on SSEs prepared by the expert panel headed by Harsh Bhanwala, ex-Chairman, Nabard.

"Corporate foundations, political or religious organisations and activities, professional or trade associations, infrastructure and housing companies (except affordable housing) will not be permitted on SSE," the report says.

188. According to '2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement in a changing climate' released by Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, what is the total number of people living in internally displaced at the end of 2020?

- (a) 50 Million
- (b) 40 Million
- (c) 35 Million
- (d) 45 Million

(e) 55 Million

Answer: E

According to '2021 Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID): Internal displacement in a changing climate' released by Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), globally the number of people living in Internal displacement reached 55 Million at the end of 2020.

"Both numbers this year were unusually high," IDMC director Alexandra Bilak told AFP, saying the surge in internal displacement was "unprecedented".

The number of internally displaced people is now more than double the some 26 million people who have fled across borders as refugees.

189. HyperVerge has been partnered with which among the following bank to achieve a whopping 10x improvement over the regular video KYC checks performed per day per agent?

- (a) Punjab National Bank
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) Indian Bank
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer: D

To serve customers in the new normal times, State Bank of India launches a full power YONO Savings Account that can be opened instantly with Video KYC in 4 simple steps.

Keeping in mind the need of the hour, the product proposition is built in a way that this new service will

offer complete paperless and instant digital savings account opening experience with just PAN and Aadhaar card.

Amidst this backdrop, HyperVerge announced its partnership with India's largest bank, SBI, with one of its flagship products, the Video KYC solution which aims to achieve a whopping 10x improvement over the regular video KYC checks performed per day per agent.

190. The US Space Force's Space and Missile Systems Center has launched which among the following first military space satellite in ULA Atlas V rocket?

- (a) SBIRS GEO-11
- (b) SBIRS GEO-5
- (c) SBIRS GEO-19
- (d) SBIRS GEO-2
- (e) SBIRS GEO-9

Answer: B

A United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas V rocket has successfully launched the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) Geosynchronous Earth Orbit (GEO) Flight 5 mission.

The US Space Force's (USSF) Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) mission lifted off from Space Launch Complex-41 (SLC-41) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, US.

SBIRS GEO-5 is the first military space satellite built on an LM 2100 Combat Bus. It is a version of

Lockheed Martin's modernised, modular LM 2100 space vehicle.

191. MyGov has been partnered with which among the following department for an Innovation Challenge for creating an Indian Language Learning App?

- (a) Department of Skill development
- (b) Department of IT & Broadcasting
- (c) Department of Law & Justice
- (d) Department of Higher Education
- (e) Department of Electronics and Information Technology

Answer: D

MyGov, the citizen engagement platform of the Government of India, in partnership with Department of Higher Education has launched an Innovation Challenge for creating an Indian Language Learning App.

This Innovation Challenge has been launched to take forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of celebrating India's cultural diversity through greater interaction among its constituent parts.

192. The Ministry of Home Affairs has extended the validity of the registration certificates issued to NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. What is the new deadline for registration?

- (a) September 30, 2021
- (b) July 30, 2021
- (c) December 30, 2021

(d) October 30, 2021

(e) June 30, 2021

Answer: A

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the validity of the registration certificates issued to NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), which expired on September 29, 2020, till September 30 this year due to the restrictions imposed in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is mandatory for the NGOs receiving foreign funding to register under the FCRA and the decision is expected to benefit several thousands of NGOs and other voluntary organisations, the registration of which expired on September 29 last year

193. Which among the following organisation has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.25 crore on Cairn India for making a misleading announcement?

- (a) RBI
- (b) IRDAI
- (c) SEBI
- (d) World Bank
- (e) SIDBI

Answer: C

Markets regulator Sebi imposed a penalty of Rs 5.25 crore on Cairn India for making a misleading announcement regarding the buyback of shares in 2014.

In addition, the regulator levied a fine of Rs 15 lakh each on P Elango, who was the CEO and director of Cairn, Aman Mehta, who was the director on the

company's board, and Neerja Sharma, who was director (risk assurance) and company secretary, Sebi said in an order.

194. Alankit Imaginations Limited has partnered with Digital Swiss Gold to allow investors to buy and hold physical gold digitally in which among the following country?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Italy
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) US
- (e) Qatar

Answer: C

Alankit-led subsidiary, Alankit Imaginations Limited announced their partnership with Digital Swiss Gold (DSG), a modern and innovative digital platform allowing investors to buy and hold physical gold digitally in Switzerland as well as sell and send gold via a mobile app.

Further, through the association with Digital Swiss Gold, investors with Alankit will also get an opportunity to win gold and other rewards and discounts, refer a friend and earn a reward, and will have access to a weekly newsletter from financial experts.

195. "Buddha in Gandhara" a book penned by Sunita Dwivedi. This book is about _____.

- (a) Mystery
- (b) Travelogue

- (c) Romance
- (d) Principles
- (e) Riddles

Answer: B

A book titled "Buddha in Gandhara" by Sunita Dwivedi is Published by Rupa Publications. It is a Travelogue about the journey through the cities that once dotted the highroad connecting India with Central Asia and China.

196. As per the Forbes list, who among the following is the world's second most highest-paid athlete over the last year?

- (a) Conor McGregor
- (b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (c) Mohamed Salah
- (d) Lionel Messi
- (e) Dallas Cowboy

Answer: D

Irish MMA fighter Conor McGregor was the world's highest-paid athlete over the last year ahead of soccer players Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, according to the annual Forbes list released.

During the 12-month period ending May 1, 2021, McGregor earned \$180 million, a figure which includes \$158 million from endorsements and the recent sale of the majority stake of his whiskey brand.

Barcelona and Argentina forward Messi was second on the list and set a record as the highest-earning soccer player after bringing home \$130 million while

Portugal and Juventus forward Ronaldo earned \$120 million to sit third among the top 10 highest-paid athletes.

197. The Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman has virtually commemorated the 12th Annual Day of the Competition Commission of India. The CCI was established in which among the following day?

- (a) 20th May
- (b) 23th May
- (c) 21th May
- (d) 19th May
- (e) 22th May

Answer: A

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman virtually commemorated the 12th Annual Day of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

The CCI was established under the Competition Act, 2002, on 20th May, 2009, when the substantive provisions concerning anti-competitive conduct came into force.

198. Arvind Kumar has been appointed as the managing director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd is a unit of _____

- (a) ONGC
- (b) HPCL
- (c) Essar Oil

(d) BPCL

(e) IOCL

Answer: E

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has picked Arvind Kumar as managing director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd, a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

Kumar is currently an executive director at Indian Oil Corporation. Chennai Petroleum Corporation is one of the largest refineries in South India, with an installed refining capacity of 10.5 million tonnes (mt). Kumar was selected by the government's head-hunter after interviewing eight candidates that included three from Indian Oil Corporation, according to PESB.

199. The International Tea Day 2021 has been observed every year on 21 May. In Which among the following year, the International Tea Day was observed at first?

- (a) 2020
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2011
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2019

Answer: A

International Tea Day 2021 is on 21 May 2021.

International tea day is celebrated every year on the 21st of May. The theme for this day as "Tea and Fair Trade"

First-ever International Tea Day was on 21 May 2020 and in the current year 2021, it is the second observance of this day. Tea day is a source to express the economical, biological and physical benefits of tea. This year International Tea Day observance will happen with its full scope and importance.

200. Which among the following organisation has declared May 21st as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) UNGA
- (c) UN

- (d) UNSC
- (e) UNICEF

Answer: B

Every year on May 21st, the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development urges everyone to do their part to bridge the gap between cultures. The day is often referred to as Diversity Day.

UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity in December 2001. In December 2002, the UN General Assembly declared May 21st as the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

May 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat has launched announced Chief Minister VatsalyaYojana for orphaned children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19. The allowances under this scheme would be allotted upto the age of _____.

- (a) 15 Years
- (b) 25 Years
- (c) 21 Years
- (d) 19 Years
- (e) 23 Years

Answer: C

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat has announced Chief Minister VatsalyaYojana for

orphaned children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19. Under the scheme, the State Government will make arrangements for their maintenance, education and training for employment up to the age of 21 years.

Chief minister said that such orphaned children of the state will be given a maintenance allowance of 3000 rupees per month. He said that the state government will make laws for the paternal property of these orphans in which no one will have the right to sell their paternal property until they are adults. This responsibility will be with the District Magistrate of the concerned district.

2. Max Mosley has passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following game?

- (a) Skating
- (b) Ice Hockey
- (c) Lawn Tennis
- (d) Fencing
- (e) Formula One

Answer: E

Max Mosley, the former head of Formula One's governing body, has died at the age of 81 after suffering from cancer.

His old friend and ally in the world of motor sport Bernie Ecclestone paid tribute. The youngest son of Oswald Mosley, the leader of the British fascist movement in the 1930s, Mosley was a racing driver, team owner and lawyer before becoming president of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) in 1993.

He won a high-profile privacy case against the News of the World newspaper in 2008 after it said he had taken part in a "sick Nazi

3. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of which among the following high court?

- (a) Chhattisgarh High Court
- (b) Odisha High Court
- (c) Bihar High Court
- (d) Uttar Pradesh High Court
- (e) Kerala High Court

Answer: A

The Centre has appointed Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, senior-most Judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court, as the Acting Chief Justice of that High Court with effect from June 1, 2021. A notification to that effect was published by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

The appointment was made in view of the impending retirement of Justice PR

Ramachandra Menon who is set to demit office on May 31, 2021.

Justice Mishra enrolled as an advocate in 1987 and practiced before the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur and the High Court Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur.

4. The All listed companies on Bombay Stock Exchange have hit a market cap of _____ in all listed companies on its platform.

- (a) \$5 trillion
- (b) \$2 trillion
- (c) \$4 trillion
- (d) \$3 trillion
- (e) \$1 trillion

Answer: D

Mumbai-based stock exchange BSE said the cumulative market cap of the all listed companies on its platform hit the \$3 trillion mark intraday for the first time in history.

"Market capitalization of equities of listed companies on @bseindia reached \$3 trillion intra day for the

first time ever. A great milestone on a long journey. The exchange's market cap had earlier in the year hit Rs 200 lakh crore mark for the first time ever. As the covid cases have started declining, the market has boomed, lifting the market cap to fresh highs. In the last. The 30-share benchmark BSE Sensex has climbed nearly 2,000 points in the last seven sessions.

5. Which among the following ministry has been named Subodh Kumar Jaiswal as Director of Central Bureau of Investigation for a period of 2 years?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- (c) Ministry of Defence
- (d) Ministry of Law & Justice
- (e) Ministry of Finance

Answer: B

Central Bureau of Investigation comes under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

IPS Subodh Kumar Jaiswal has been appointed as Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of 2 years.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has based on the panel recommended by the Committee approved the appointment of ShriSubodh Kumar Jaiswal. IPA (MC: 1985) as Direct., Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of two years from

the date of assumption of charge of the office or until further orders whichever is earlier.

Jaiswal, a 1985-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, is a former Maharashtra director general of police. He is at present the director general the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

6. Which among the following app the users would get Blue Ticks and Blue Shields after getting fully vaccinated?

- (a) MyGov
- (b) UMANG App
- (c) AarogyaSetu
- (d) mAadhaar App
- (e) AaykarSetu

Answer: C

Users will now get Blue Ticks and Blue Shields on their AarogyaSetu app account on getting fully vaccinated. The new feature in the 'Government of India' contact tracing app was announced. The new ticks and shield will show up once the user has taken both the doses.

AarogyaSetu app was launched to track infected people, to show if the person has come from a containment zone, an area with a high infection rate to let the third party get an idea of the person's health or chances of falling ill and spreading the infection.

7. Which among the following ministry has organised a series of five webinars organising under

the broad theme of “Be with Yoga, Be at Home” in collaboration with five renowned organisations of the country?

- (a) Ministry of Ayush
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of IT & Broadcasting
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Health

Answer: A

The Ministry of Ayush is organising various activities in the run up to the International Day of Yoga, 2021.

One among these is a series of five webinars that the Ministry is organising under the broad theme of “Be with Yoga, Be at Home” in collaboration with five renowned organisations of the country who will present one webinar each on a particular topic of importance in the current scenario.

The first among the series will be held by The Art of Living on “Finding inner strength amidst outer crisis.”

8. ‘FakeBuster’ has been developed by which among the following IIT along with Australia based Monash University to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anybody’s knowledge?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Hyderabad
- (c) IIT Kharagpur
- (d) IIT Ropar
- (e) IIT Bombay

Answer: D

The Indian Institute of Technology in Punjab's Ropar said that the institute along with Australia based Monash University has developed a unique detector named ‘FakeBuster’ to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anybody’s knowledge. The detector can also find out faces manipulated on social media to defame or make joke of someone.

9. The Union Cabinet has signed an MOU with Institute of Cost Accountants of India along with which among the following company to facilitate mutual recognition of qualifications and a range of collaborative activities for the exchange of knowledge?

- (a) Institute of Chartered Account of India
- (b) Institute of Company Secretaries of India
- (c) Institute of Cost and Management Accountants
- (d) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

The Union Cabinet has granted approval to the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) with various countries and organisations.

The MoUs seek to facilitate mutual recognition of qualifications and a range of collaborative activities for the exchange of knowledge. The signed MoUs would help in the advancement of the goals on

equity, public accountability and innovation among the beneficiaries' countries

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) have signed MoUs with foreign organisations namely Institute of Public Accountants (IPA), Australia, Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment, UK (CISI), Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), UK, Institute of Certified Management Accountants, Sri Lanka and Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), UK.

10. V Karthikeyan Pandian has been named as a recipient of the prestigious FIH President's Award. He is a Private Secretary to which among the following CM?

- (a) M. K. Stalin
- (b) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
- (c) N. Rangaswamy
- (d) Pinarayi Vijayan
- (e) Naveen Patnaik

Answer: E

Private Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and IAS, V Karthikeyan Pandian was named as a recipient of the prestigious FIH (International Hockey Federation) President's Award.

Pandian was instrumental in successfully organising the men's Hockey World Cup and other international hockey events in the state capital Bhubaneswar.

11. Col Panjab Singh has passed away recently. He was a recipient of which among the following award?

- (a) Paramvir Chakra award
- (b) Vir Chakra award
- (c) Shaurya Chakra award
- (d) Ashoka Chakra award
- (e) Maha Chakra award

Answer: B

Col Panjab Singh, Vir Chakra awardee and a decorated veteran of the 1971, war passed away at the Command Hospital in Chandimandir, in Haryana due to post-COVID complications. He was 79. Col. Singh had lost his elder son Anil Kumar to COVID-19 on May 21.

Born on February 15, 1942, Col. Singh was commissioned into the 6th Battalion of the Sikh Regiment on December 16, 1967. He went on to command the Battalion from October 12, 1986 to July 29, 1990.

12. Ana, the first ever storm of which among the following ocean has occurred recently in northeast of Bermuda?

- (a) Pacific Ocean
- (b) Antarctic Ocean
- (c) Arctic Ocean
- (d) Indian Ocean
- (e) Atlantic Ocean

Answer: E

The first named Atlantic storm of the season is posing no threat to land and is expected to dissipate in a few days. The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Subtropical Storm Ana is drifting northeast over the Atlantic Ocean after bringing rain to Bermuda.

Ana was located about 270 miles (435 kilometers) northeast of Bermuda with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph (75 kph), the hurricane center said in an 11 p.m. advisory. It was moving northeast at 9 mph (15 kph).

13. Dr. Reddy has become the first ever recipient of the Rudolf V. Schindler Award for which among the following field?

- (a) Microscopy
- (b) Laparoscopy
- (c) Bioscopy
- (d) Endoscopy
- (e) Radioscopy

Answer: D

Padma Bhushan awardee and Chairman of AIG Hospitals has won the highest honour from The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)- the Rudolf V. Schindler Award, making him the first-ever Indian medical practitioner to get this recognition from ASGE for his work in the field of endoscopy.

While presenting the Rudolf V. Schindler Award to Dr. Reddy, ASGE President Dr. Klaus Mergener said "ASGE's highest honor is given to a member

who has accomplishments in endoscopic research, teaching, and/or service to the field of GI Endoscopy that exemplifies the standards and traditions of Dr. Schindler."

14. The world's fastest land animal Cheetah is expected to be re-introduced into the country in which among the following National Park?

- (a) Kuno National Park
- (b) Jim Corbett National Park
- (c) Kanha National Park
- (d) Buxa Tiger Reserve
- (e) Dachigam National Park

Answer: A

Cheetah, the world's fastest land animal which was declared extinct in India in 1952, is expected to be re-introduced into the country in November this year at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

The country's last spotted cheetah died in Chhattisgarh in 1947 and it was declared extinct in the country in 1952. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) some years back prepared a cheetah re-introduction project.

The Supreme Court had earlier given its approval to introduce African cheetahs to a suitable habitat in India on an experimental basis.

15. The SoftBank has lent a fund of \$260 million to Banking tech startup, Zeta. Zeta now becomes the _____ Indian startup to become unicorn in 2021.

- (a) 10th

- (b) 19th
- (c) 14th
- (d) 20th
- (e) 11th

Answer: C

Banking tech startup Zeta has raised \$260 million in a funding round led by SoftBank Vision Fund II at a valuation of \$1.45 billion. In the process, it has become the latest Indian startup to join the coveted unicorn club.

SoftBank has invested \$250 million for 17% stake, while existing investor Sodexo has put in \$10 million. Zeta has become the fourteenth Indian startup to become a unicorn this year—joining Cred, Razorpay and Groww in the club—underscoring the growing demand among equity investors for growth-stage fintech companies in the country.

16. Shaji N M has won the prestigious India Biodiversity Award. He is a farmer from which among the following state?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Kerala

Answer: E

Shaji N M, a farmer from Wayanad, who took up farming tuber crops as a solution to fight lifestyle diseases and poverty, has won the prestigious India Biodiversity Award (conservation of domesticated

species – individual), on the International Day for Biological Diversity.

The India Biodiversity Awards was founded in 2012 jointly by the ministry of environment, forest and climate change and UNDP-India.

Over an area of seven acres, he cultivates 200 varieties of tuber crops, earning the nickname 'tuber-man'.

17. Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation during the 47th Congress of the sport's global governing body. It is his _____ term.

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 5th
- (c) 6th
- (d) 4th
- (e) 3rd

Answer: A

Incumbent Narinder Batra of India was re-elected as the International Hockey Federation (FIH) President for a second term during the virtual 47th Congress of the sport's global governing body. Batra, who is also the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and an International Olympic Committee (IOC) member, narrowly defeated his rival Marc Coudron, chief of Belgium Hockey Federation, by a margin of two votes.

Batra secured 63 votes as against his rival's 61 to emerge as the winner in the online voting process, in which 124 member associations participated.

18. India has collaborated with which among the following country to enhance their cooperation in agriculture for three-year work program?

- (a) Denmark
- (b) Finland
- (c) Israel
- (d) France
- (e) Japan

Answer: C

Taking forward the ever-growing partnership in agriculture between Israel and India, the two governments have agreed to enhance their cooperation in agriculture and signed a three-year work program agreement for development in Agriculture cooperation, while affirming the ever-growing bilateral partnership and recognizing the centrality of agriculture and water sectors in the bilateral relationship.

India and Israel are implementing the “INDO-ISRAEL Agricultural Project Centres of Excellence” and “INDO-ISRAEL Villages of Excellence”.

MIDH, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India, and MASHAV - Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation - are leading Israel's largest G2G cooperation, with 29 operational Centres of Excellence (COEs) across India in 12 States, implementing Advanced-Intensive agriculture farms with Israeli Agro-Technology tailored to local conditions.

19. Jagjit Pavadia has been recently elected as the president of which among the following board?

- (a) International Atomic Energy Agency
- (b) International Narcotics Control Board
- (c) United Nations Population Fund
- (d) International Maritime Organization
- (e) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Answer: B

Jagjit Pavadia, former Narcotics Commissioner of India and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), has been elected president of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). She is the first Indian to be heading the Vienna-based organization and the second woman to hold this office.

The INCB is a quasi-judicial body responsible for the implementation of the United Nations international drug control convention. It monitors the compliance of UN member states with the three international drug control conventions and the functioning of the international drug control system. The INCB also helps governments in access to controlled drugs during emergency situations.

20. Equitas Small Finance Bank has become the first SFB to offer its NRI customer segment the ease of account opening online. The Applicants should courier the documents within _____ days after account opening.

- (a) 90 days
- (b) 60 days

- (c) 30 days
- (d) 15 days
- (e) 3 days

Answer: A

Equitas Small Finance Bank (Equitas SFB) has become the first SFB to offer its NRI customer segment the ease of account opening online. The bank will also be the only one in the SFB space to have virtual relationship managers based on time zones, it claimed. The online process of account opening for NRIs can be done via smart phone or computer connected to internet. Applicants will to courier documents within 90 days after account opening.

With this move, Equitas SFB is increasing opportunities for its NRI account holders to manage their investments, deposits and income earned in India. The Equitas net banking would also facilitate investment in mutual funds and portfolio management services for NRI account holders.

21. Which among the following Bank has launched a unique facility of linking a UPI ID to its digital wallet 'Pockets'?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) BOB
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) IOB

Answer: D

Mumbai: ICICI Bank announced the launch of a unique facility of linking a UPI (Unified Payments Interface) ID to its digital wallet 'Pockets', marking a departure from the current practice that demands such IDs be linked with a savings bank account. New users, including those who are not customers of ICICI Bank, can now instantly get a UPI ID, which is automatically linked to 'Pockets'. Further, customers who already have a UPI ID, will get a new ID when they log on to the 'Pockets' app. This initiative enables users to undertake small value everyday transactions directly from their 'Pockets' wallet using UPI in a safe and secure manner. It helps them to streamline the number of transactions being undertaken daily from their savings account and thus de-clutter their savings account statement of multiple entries. Further, it expands the convenient usage of UPI to young adults like college students, who may not have a savings account.

22. Ashok Kumar has become the only referee from the country to officiate the Tokyo Olympic Games. He is a referee of which among the following sports?

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Wrestling
- (c) Football
- (d) Golf
- (e) Weightlifting

Answer: B

Ashok Kumar will be the only referee from the country to officiate in wrestling matches of the Tokyo Olympic Games. He was named in the list of officials released by the United World Wrestling (UWW).

Ashok, who will officiate in his second consecutive Olympics, has officiated in more than 100 international events, including the World championships, Asian championships and Commonwealth Games. He is a UWW referees' educator as well.

23. Alka Raghuvanshi passed away recently. She was a well-known _____.

- (a) Musician
- (b) Author
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Both A & B
- (e) Both B & C

Answer: E

Art critic, author and journalist Dr Alka Raghuvanshi passed away in New Delhi on May 26, weeks after being diagnosed with pneumonia. She was 60. Dr Raghuvanshi was India's first trained art curator who had trained at the Goldsmiths College, London and the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford.

24. TRIFED has partnered with NITI Aayog to implement the Van Dhan Yojana in 39 tribal aspirational districts. Which among the following state's district has not under the list?

- (a) Assam

- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Answer: E

TRIFED will partner with NITI Aayog to implement the Van Dhan Yojana in the districts that have been identified as aspirational districts by NITI Aayog.

"Based on the discussions held recently between NITI Aayog's CEO Amitabh Kant and TRIFED's

Managing Director Pravir Krishna, it has been

decided that a dedicated team from TRIFED along with the NITI Aayog team will work out the follow-up plan for the implementation of the 'Van Dhan Yojana' in each of the 39 tribal aspirational districts.

These include districts in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana and Tripura. To this accord, a VC will be planned with the District Collectors of all districts in the first week of June.

25. Which among the following ministry has doubled the variable dearness allowance to more than 1.5 crore workers, effective from April 1, 2021?

- (a) Ministry of Finance & Corporate
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- (d) Ministry of Law & Justice
- (e) Ministry of Skill & Development

Answer: C

In a major announcement that will provide relief to more than 1.5 crore workers in the central sphere amid ongoing Covid pandemic, the Union Labour & Employment Ministry has doubled the variable dearness allowance. The revised variable dearness allowance will be effective from April 1, 2021. This will also result in an increase in rate of minimum wages for central sphere employees and workers. This will benefit 1.5 workers employed under the scheduled employment in central sphere and applicable to the establishments under the authority of central government such as mines, major ports, railway administration, oil fields or any corporation established by the central government.

26. Aashritha V Olety is the country's first woman flight test engineer to be graduated as part of the 43rd Flight Test Course. She hails from which among the following state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: D

Olety a native of Karnataka, has graduated as part of the 43rd Flight Test Course after completing a one-year course at the pilot school. In yet another first for women in the Indian military, an officer of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has graduated from the Air Force

Test Pilot School as the country's first woman flight test engineer.

Squadron Leader Aashritha V Olety is the first and only woman in the IAF qualified for the role, and as a flight test engineer, she will be responsible for evaluating aircraft and airborne systems before their induction into the armed forces, said one of the officials. Olety, a native of Karnataka, has graduated as part of the 43rd Flight Test Course after completing a one-year course at the pilot school.

27. As per the latest data by the commerce and industry ministry, which among the following state has attracted the second highest total FDI inflow during the financial year 2020-21?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Kerala

Answer: C

India has attracted the highest ever total FDI (foreign direct investment) inflow of \$81.72 billion during the financial year 2020-21, recording a 10 per cent rise on a year-on-year basis, shows the commerce and industry ministry's latest data.

Among states, Gujarat received the highest FDI at 37 per cent of the total equity inflows. Maharashtra and Karnataka had the second and third highest flow at 27 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively.

Gujarat has bagged the top spot in terms of the highest FDI for the fourth consecutive year now. With a 37 per cent share, Gujarat received a total FDI of \$30.23 billion in 2020-21. Almost 94 per cent of the investment that came in Gujarat during 2020-21 was in the computer hardware and software sector. The state accounts for 78 per cent of the country's total FDI inflow in this sector.

28. Which among the following stadium has recently renamed after Balbir Singh, a Padma Shri recipient of Hockey?

- (a) Mohali International Hockey Stadium
- (b) Khuman Lampak Hockey Stadium
- (c) Raipur International Hockey Stadium
- (d) Jaypee Sport City Hockey Stadium
- (e) Vidarbha Hockey Association Stadium

Answer: A

The Mohali International Hockey Stadium was officially renamed after three-time Olympics champion and Padma Shri recipient Balbir Singh Senior on the occasion of his first death anniversary. Balbir Singh Sr's world record for most goals scored by an individual in the men's hockey final of the Olympics still remains unbeaten. He had scored five goals in India's 6-1 victory over the Netherlands in the gold medal match of the 1952 Helsinki Games. Balbir Singh Sr's three Olympic gold medals came in London (1948), Helsinki (1952) as vice-captain, and Melbourne (1956) as captain.

29. The Indian government has approved the opening of a new consulate in which among the following Island to augment the country's diplomatic presence in the Indian Ocean archipelago?

- (a) Andaman & Nicobar Island
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Lakshadweep
- (e) Maldives

Answer: E

The Indian government approved the opening of a new consulate in Addu City of the Maldives in 2021 to augment the country's diplomatic presence in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

A meeting of the Union cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cleared the proposal for opening the first such consulate in the Maldives, which has an important place in the government's "Neighbourhood First" policy.

India and Maldives share ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity. Maldives occupies an important place in the 'Neighbourhood First Policy' and the 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision of the Government of India.

30. Which among the following season of TCS CodeVita has won a Guinness World Records title as the world's largest computer programming

competition with 136,054 participants from 34 countries?

- (a) Third
- (b) Ninth
- (c) Fourth
- (d) Eighth
- (e) Fifth

Answer: B

Tata Consultancy Services' programming contest, TCS CodeVita, has won a Guinness World Records title for the world's largest computer programming competition. "The ninth season of TCS CodeVita has won a Guinness World Records title as the world's largest computer programming competition with 136,054 participants from 34 countries,".

The company said that the 2021 TCS CodeVita competition invited college students from around the world to pit their programming skills against each other to be ranked among the top student programmers globally.

31. The Food Testing Laboratories at Jammu and Srinagar have achieved accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories under which among the following act?

- (a) Food Safety & Standards Act 2006
- (b) Essential Commodities Act, 1955
- (c) Vegetable Oil Products (Control) Order, 1947
- (d) Edible Oils Packaging (Regulation) Order, 1998
- (e) Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954

Answer A:

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Food Testing Laboratories at Jammu and Srinagar have achieved accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) as mandated under Section 43 of Food Safety & Standards Act 2006.

The Food Laboratory Jammu was granted NABL Accreditation in the month of March 2021 while the Food Laboratory Srinagar has been accorded NABL Accreditation on 22nd May, 2021. The NABL certification has been achieved in a record time in the prevailing pandemic situation, as food testing is an essential part of the Food Safety ecosystem to assure that the food conforms to the prescribed legal standards and is safe to consume.

32. Zinedine Zidane, Football coach has recently announced his retirement. He was a manager of which among the following team?

- (a) Barcelona
- (b) La Liga
- (c) Manchester City
- (d) Real Madrid
- (e) Liverpool

Answer: D

Zinedine Zidane has resigned as Real Madrid manager with immediate effect, the Spanish club said, just days after the club were beaten to the La Liga title by Atletico Madrid.

In his first spell at the club from January 2016 to May 2018, Zidane secured three consecutive

Champions League titles and won the Spanish league once.

His second term was not as successful as the first, but after his return in March 2019, he led Madrid to La Liga title in 2020. The Spanish giants are yet to announce a new coach.

33. The Banks and other financial institutions frauds have reduced by _____ % in 2020-21 while compared to the previous year by the RBI.

- (a) 10%
- (b) 25%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 35%
- (e) 15%

Answer: B

Banks and other financial institutions reported frauds worth Rs 1.38 trillion in 2020-21, down 25 per cent compared to the previous year, when the amount involved was Rs 1.85 trillion, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) annual report released.

In terms of number, these entities reported 15 per cent fewer frauds in 2020-21, at 7,363, compared to the previous year's 8,703 cases.

The RBI data takes into account frauds of Rs 1 lakh and above only. Also, the central bank has changed its accounting year to April-March from July-June, and hence the latest report only covers nine months (July 2020-March 2021).

34. How many persons are totally nominated for the post of Director-General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets in the Department of Commerce by US President Joe Biden?

- (a) Five
- (b) Seven
- (c) Eight
- (d) Three
- (e) Six

Answer: E

US President Joe Biden nominated Indian-American Arun Venkataraman for the post of Director-General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service and Assistant Secretary for Global Markets in the Department of Commerce.

He is one of the six individuals recently nominated for key positions in the Biden administration.

Arun Venkataraman is currently the Counselor to the Secretary at the US Department of Commerce.

35. The International Eni Award 2020 has been recently conferred to Professor C.N.R. Rao in Rome. This award is considered to be _____.

- (a) Nobel Prize for Environment
- (b) Nobel Prize for Space Science
- (c) Nobel Prize for Energy Research
- (d) Nobel Prize for Agriculture
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

Bharat Ratna Professor C.N.R. Rao has received International Eni Award 2020 for research into renewable energy sources and energy storage, also called the Energy Frontier award, said Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advances Scientific Research (JNCASR).

Eni Award is considered to be the Nobel Prize in Energy Research. It will be presented to him in October 2021 in Rome.

Professor Rao has been working on hydrogen energy as the only energy source for the benefit of mankind. Hydrogen storage, photochemical and electrochemical production of hydrogen, solar production of hydrogen, and non-metallic catalysis were the highlights of his work.

36. Three Indian peacekeepers have honoured with a prestigious UN medal posthumously for courage and sacrifice in the line of duty. MulchandYadav has posthumously awarded with the Dag Hammarskjold Medal for serving in which among the following country?

- (a) South Sudan
- (b) Iran
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) Iraq
- (e) Cyprus

Answer: D

Three Indian peacekeepers, who laid down their lives while serving in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions last year, are among 129

military, police and civilian personnel honoured with a prestigious UN medal awarded posthumously for courage and sacrifice in the line of duty.

Corporal Yuvraj Singh, who served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), and two civilian peacekeepers -- Ivan Michael Picardo, who served with UNMISS, and MulchandYadav, who worked for the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) -- were honoured posthumously with the Dag Hammarskjold Medal during a sombre virtual ceremony on the occasion of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.

India is the fifth largest contributor of uniformed personnel to UN peacekeeping with more than 5,500 military and police serving in peace operations in Abyei, Cyprus, Congo, Lebanon, the Middle East, Somalia, South Sudan and the Western Sahara, according to the UN.

37. AshutoshChoudhury, the current General Manager of Punjab National Bank, has been appointed as the Group Chief Risk Officer by replacing whom among the following?

- (a) KapilSibal
- (b) Vishesh Kumar Srivastava
- (c) Baldev Singh Chokkar
- (d) Inder Kumar Gujral
- (e) M.M. PallamRaju

Answer: B

Punjab National Bank informed the exchanges that AshutoshChoudhury, General Manager (impanelled

as Chief General Manager) has assumed the office of Group Chief Risk Officer (GCRO) of the bank from May 24, 2021, in place of Vishesh Kumar Srivastava, Chief General Manager.

38. Automaker Kia has officially changed its name to Kia India from its existing name Kia Motors in the country. Kia is _____ based company.

- (a) Japan
- (b) Hong Kong
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) China
- (e) South Korea

Answer: E

South Korean automaker Kia has officially changed its name in the country to Kia India from Kia Motors earlier. The change of name is part of the company's new brand identity which symbolises it becoming an enterprise that invests in and produces more than just vehicles to offer a long range of sustainable mobility solutions, it said.

The brand has removed the word 'Motors' from its earlier name after ratification by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and will now function under the corporate identity of Kia India Pvt Ltd, the automaker.

39. The Jammu & Kashmir government has planned to construct 4,200 kilometres of road connecting remote areas under PradhanMantri Gram

SadakYojana. PMGSY was launched in which among the following year?

- (a) 2001
- (b) 2002
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2004
- (e) 2005

Answer: A

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) government plans to construct 4,200 kilometres of road connecting remote areas with Central assistance during 2021-22 under PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY). The PMGSY scheme was launched in 2001.

J&K chief secretary, BVR Subrahmanyam held a meeting with the principal secretary, Public Works Department (R&B), to review the progress made under the PMGSY in the previous financial year and fixed a target of completing 4,200km of road this fiscal.

40. Laurence des Cars has become the first female president of Musée du Louvre, the world's largest museum. This Museum is situated in which among the following country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) England
- (c) France
- (d) Iceland
- (e) Germany

Answer: C

Historian Laurence des Cars became the first female president of Musée du Louvre, the world's largest museum in Paris, France in 228 years by French President Emmanuel Macron.

On 1 September, Des Cars will replace the museum's leader of eight years, Jean-Luc Martinez, who had been seeking a third term. Martinez, a trained archaeologist from a working-class background, became director in 2013

41. The Ministry of Power would set up a National Mission on use of biomass in coal based thermal power plants to address the issue of air pollution.

What is the duration of the proposed National Mission?

- (a) 15 Years
- (b) 7 Years
- (c) 5 Years
- (d) 9 Years
- (e) 3 Years

Answer: C

The Ministry of Power will set up a National Mission on use of biomass in coal based thermal power plants to address the issue of air pollution due to farm stubble burning and to reduce carbon footprints of thermal power generation.

This would further support the energy transition in the country and our targets to move towards cleaner energy sources.

The duration of the proposed National Mission would be a minimum five years

42. Atletico Madrid has won the LaLiga title for the 11th time in their history by beating which among the following?

- (a) Real Valladolid
- (b) Barcelona
- (c) Real Madrid
- (d) Eibar and Sevilla
- (e) Manchester City

Answer: A

Atletico Madrid has won LaLiga for the 11th time in their history. Diego Simeone's side beat Real Valladolid 2-1 to clinch their first top-flight crown since 2013-14 and just their third in 25 years.

Previous champions Real Madrid, who fought back to beat Villarreal by the same scoreline in their final match of 2020-21, finished second in the table, with Barcelona securing third by beating relegated Eibar and Sevilla – who play – set to end the season fourth.

Atleti are the only team to have won Spain's top league other than Madrid or Barca since Valencia claimed their sixth title in 2003-04.

43. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has given a one-year extension to Samanta Goel. She is a chief of _____.

- (a) IB
- (b) CBI
- (c) NTRO
- (d) RAW

(e) NIA

Answer: D

India's top intelligence agencies will see continuity at the top, while there will be a change of guard in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) bureaucratic leadership.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister, has given a one-year extension to Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief SamantaGoel and Intelligence Bureau (IB) chief Arvinda Kumar.

J&K chief secretary BVR Subrahmanyam will come back to the national capital, after seeing through the process of the state losing its special status and turning into a Union Territory in a critical period.

44. Dame Cynthia has been appointed as the next Governor-General of which among the following country?

- (a) Switzerland
- (b) Italy
- (c) England
- (d) France
- (e) New Zealand

Answer: E

Prime Minister JacindaArdern has announced Dame Cynthia (Cindy) Kiro will be the next Governor-General of New Zealand. Prime Minister JacindaArdern has announced Dame Cynthia (Cindy) Kiro will be the next Governor-General of New Zealand.

From 2003 to 2009 Dame Cindy was the Children's Commissioner, and holds a PhD in social policy and an MBA in business administration.

She has been an associate professor and head of Massey University's school of public health, and has a role at the Royal Society.

45. The Bangladesh's central bank has approved a \$200 million currency swap agreement with which among the following country?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) Japan

Answer: C

Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh's central bank, has in principle approved a \$200 million currency swap agreement with Sri Lanka, which will help Colombo tide over its foreign exchange crisis, according to media reports from Bangladesh, quoting the bank's spokesman.

Sri Lanka, staring at an external debt repayment schedule of \$4.05 million this year, is in urgent need of foreign exchange. Its own foreign exchange reserves in March year stood at \$4 million.

46. The Ministry of AYUSH has launched the ACCR Portal to aggregate information about clinical outcomes achieved by Ayush practitioners on a large scale. What does R mean in ACCR?

- (a) Repository
- (b) Recession
- (c) Recapitalization
- (d) Reflation
- (e) Reinvestment

Answer: A

On May 26, Ayush Ministry announced the launch of Ayush Clinical Case Repository portal (ACCR) portal and the third version of the AyushSanjivani App. This app and portal will be launched on May 27, 2021.

Union Minister of State (IC) for Ayush Kiren Rijiju will launch the Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR) portal and the third version of the AyushSanjivani App in a virtual event.

The Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR) portal (<https://accr.ayush.gov.in/>) will serve as a platform to support both Ayush practitioners and the general public. This portal aims to aggregate information about clinical outcomes achieved by Ayush practitioners on a large scale.

47. The Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt has received a golden visa for which among the following country?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Morocco
- (c) UAE
- (d) Oman
- (e) Kuwait

Answer: C

Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt was thrilled to receive a golden visa for the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Sharing the news on Twitter, the 61-year-old actor said that he was honoured to receive the prestigious visa "in the presence of Major General Mohammed Al Marri, Director General of General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) - Dubai". He also thanked the UAE Government and Hamad Obaidalla, COO of flydubai for support.

48. Guillermo Lasso has been elected as the President of Ecuador by defeating who among the following?

- (a) Carmen Rosa
- (b) Verónica Elías
- (c) Gloria Patricia
- (d) Jessica Sara
- (e) Andrés Arauz

Answer: E

Guillermo Lasso has been sworn in as Ecuador's president. The 65-year-old conservative former banker defeated left-wing rival Andrés Arauz in a closely fought run-off election on 11 April. He has taken up office amid one of the worst economic crises ever to confront the Andean nation, which is still grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr Lasso has pledged to attract more investment to the oil sector and to kickstart the stagnated economy.

49. Which among the following has invited a nationwide youths to join “Young Warrior movement” to engage five million young people to lead action against COVID-19 and impact 50 million people?

- (a) NITI Ayog
- (b) CBSE
- (c) AIM
- (d) ISRO
- (e) NCERT

Answer: B

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is inviting nationwide youths to join in the Young Warrior movement. This movement is to engage participants from the age group between 18 to 30 years against the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. “YoungWarrior is a nationwide movement to engage five million young people to lead action against COVID-19 and impact 50 million people”.

This movement is to engage participants from the age group between 18 to 30 years a series of easy and real-life tasks such as vaccine registration, creating awareness about COVID-appropriate behaviour, and promoting access to

50. The One-stop centres have been opened by the central government in 10 missions across nine countries. In which among the following country, the centre has not opened?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Qatar
- (c) Bahrain

- (d) Japan
- (e) Australia

Answer: D

The government will be opening one-stop centres in 10 missions across nine countries, a senior official of the Women and Child Development Ministry said. One-stop centres (OSCs) tackle cases of violence against women.

“One OSC will be established in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, the UAE, Australia, Canada and Singapore, while two will be established in Saudi Arabia,” the official said, noting that 300 more OSCs will also be opened across India. These centres will be supported by the Women and Child Development Ministry and operated by the External Affairs Ministry, he added.

51. The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M.K. Stalin has announced the financial assistance for the children who have lost both parents to COVID-19. What is the financial assistance provided as the fixed deposit?

- (a) ₹3 Lakh
- (b) ₹5 Lakh
- (c) ₹7 Lakh
- (d) ₹4 Lakh
- (e) ₹2 Lakh

Answer: B

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that children who have lost both parents to COVID-19 will be provided with financial assistance of ₹5 lakh as fixed

deposit, and the amount will be provided to them with interest when they turn 18 years of age. The government will bear the educational and accommodation expenses of such orphaned children till their graduation from college. It will also make arrangements to ensure that priority is given to such orphaned children to be accommodated in government homes for children.

For children, who have lost either parent, a relief amount of ₹3 lakh will be given to the living parent. Children who had lost a parent earlier and have now lost the other parent to COVID-19 will be also provided with ₹5 lakh in a fixed deposit.

52. The Scientists of National Environmental Engineering Research Institute have developed the 'Saline Gargle RT-PCR Method' for coronavirus detection after the approval received from ICMR.NEERI is a _____ based Institute.

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Mysore
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Kozhikode
- (e) Nagpur

Answer: E

Scientists of Nagpur-based National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have developed a do-it-yourself version of the RT-PCR test for testing Covid-19 samples.

The NEERI scientists have developed the 'Saline Gargle RT-PCR Method' for coronavirus detection that has also received ICMR's approval. According to CSIR-NEERI, the 'Saline Gargle RT-PCR' method can give the result within 3 hours.

53. Bashar al-Assad has been re-elected as the president of Syria after the recent election. This is his _____ term.

- (a) 6th
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 3rd

Answer: C

Bashar al-Assad has been re-elected for a fourth term as president of war-torn Syria with 95.1 percent of the votes cast in government-held areas, official results have shown, after a vote dismissed by the opposition and Western powers as a sham. Controversial presidential vote was the second since the beginning of Syria's uprising-turned-war a decade ago, a conflict that has killed hundreds of thousands of people, forced millions to leave the country and wrecked its infrastructure.

54. M Anandakrishnan, a renowned academician has passed away recently. He was earlier served as a Chairman of which among the following IIT?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Madras

- (c) IIT Kharagpur
- (d) IIT Bombay
- (e) IIT Ropar

Answer: A

Renowned academician and Padmashri recipient M Anandakrishnan died in Chennai due to Covid-19. Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit, Chief Minister M K Stalin and many others condoled the death of the former Vice Chancellor of Anna University. Anandakrishnan had earlier served as chairman of the Board of Governors of IIT, Kanpur.

55. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 crore to which among the following bank for irregularities found in its auto loan book?

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank of India fined HDFC Bank Rs 10 crore for irregularities found in its auto loan book.

The regulator found the bank deficient in compliance.

“The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 10 crore on HDFC Bank for contravention of provisions of section 6(2) and section 8 of the Banking Regulation Act,”. “This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any

transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.”

56. The Princess of Asturias award has been conferred to Amartya Kumar Sen under which among the following category?

- (a) Social sciences
- (b) Psychology
- (c) Economy
- (d) Physiology
- (e) English

Answer: A

Amartya Kumar Sen, an Indian economist and philosopher who studied the causes of famines, will be recognised with this year's Princess of Asturias award in the social sciences category, the Spanish foundation behind the prizes announced.

The 87-year-old Sen has devoted his career to studying poverty and theories of human development. His 1981 essay on Entitlement and Deprivation famously proved that the greatest famines in history took place when food was available but some groups couldn't access it.

57. Mount Nyiragongo has erupted recently which causes heavy destruction to humans. Mount Nyiragongo is situated in which among the following country?

- (a) Rwanda
- (b) Zambia
- (c) Angola

(d) Republic of Congo

(e) South Sudan

Answer: D

The Democratic Republic of Congo is weighing up the scale of destruction and human cost of a volcanic eruption. Lava began flowing from Mount Nyiragongo near Goma, prompting an evacuation. An eruption from under the lake could trigger the release of a lethal, suffocating cloud of gas, experts fear.

58. The Convergence Energy Services Limited has signed an agreement with which among the following state's energy agency for installation of solar PV-based home lighting systems for remote villages?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh Energy Development Agency
- (b) Goa Energy Development Agency
- (c) Odisha Energy Development Agency
- (d) Assam Energy Development Agency
- (e) Gujarat Energy Development Agency

Answer: B

Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) announced it has signed an agreement with Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA) for installation of solar PV-based home lighting systems for remote villages in Goa that are currently without proper power supply. Under the agreement, CESL will install and maintain solar PV systems for five years under the Remote

Village Electrification (RVE) programme of the Government of Goa. When commissioned, this would be CESL's first off-grid electricity project.

59. The title of World Choreography Award has won by Suresh Mukund. This is the _____ edition of Annual Award.

- (a) 5th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 7th
- (e) 10th

Answer: E

Emmy Award-nominated choreographer Suresh Mukund, who is the founder of dance group Kings United, has won the 10th Annual title of World Choreography Awards for the show World of Dance. He has become the first Indian to win this title. Earlier, Suresh's team had won NBC's World of Dance Season 3. Suresh was also one of the captains in the TV show Dance Plus 5.

60. Which among the following country has observed May 29 as the International Everest Day?

- (a) China
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) India
- (e) Bangladesh

Answer: B

International Everest Day 2021 is celebrated on May 29 every year. This day is observed in the memory of the first summit of Mount Everest by New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary and Nepal's Tenzing Norgay Sherpa that took place on May 29, 1953. They climbed Mount Everest on this day. They were the first humans to scale the height of Mount Everest.

In 2008, Nepal decided to observe the day as International Everest Day after Sir Edmund Hillary died. Since then, every year, Mount Everest Day is celebrated with processions, memorial and special events in Kathmandu, Nepal, and the Everest region.

61. The National Investigation Agency has been appointed Kuldiep Singh as the additional charge of the Director General. He is currently the chief of _____.

- (a) CAPF
- (b) ITBP
- (c) CBI
- (d) CRPF
- (e) DGP

Answer: D

CRPF chief Kuldiep Singh has been given the additional charge of the Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to replace Y C Modi, who retires.

Modi, a 1984-batch IPS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, was appointed chief of the federal anti-terror probe agency in September 2017.

62. As per the central bank's annual report, the RBI's foreign exchange transaction income has rose to Rs 50,629.18 crore from its earlier _____.

- (a) Rs 23,993 Crore
- (b) Rs 29,993 Crore
- (c) Rs 26,993 Crore
- (d) Rs 22,993 Crore
- (e) Rs 28,993 Crore

Answer: B

A 69 percent jump in the income from foreign exchange transactions and lower expenditure helped the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) transfer a higher-than-expected surplus to the government this year, the central bank's annual report released on May 27 shows.

The RBI's foreign exchange transaction income rose to Rs 50,629.18 crore from Rs 29,993 crore in the previous year, the report for 2020-21 said. Overall, the RBI saw its other income rise 59 percent from the previous year to Rs 64,215.66 crore.

On May 21, the RBI would transfer a surplus of Rs 99,122 crore to the government for the nine-month accounting period ended March 31, well above the Rs 45,000 crore the government was expected to get from the central bank.

63. How much monthly pension has been provided by the Jammu and Kashmir's Administrative Council under the new Saksham scheme?

- (a) ₹2000
- (b) ₹500
- (c) ₹1000
- (d) ₹2500
- (e) ₹1500

Answer: C

Jammu and Kashmir's Administrative Council under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has approved financial assistance to families who have lost their sole earning members to Covid-19.

Under the new Saksham scheme, the surviving spouse of the Covid victim or the eldest surviving member of affected families will receive a special monthly pension of ₹1000, provided that they are not otherwise receiving any pension under other schemes.

64. The Ministry of Education has launched YUVA- Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors to train young and budding authors below 30 years. What does V mean in YUVA?

- (a) Versatile
- (b) Vicinity
- (c) Veracity
- (d) Validate
- (e) Veteran

Answer: A

The Ministry of Education launched YUVA- Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors. It is an Author Mentorship programme to train young and budding authors below 30 years. The launch of YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) is in tune with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to encourage young writers to write about India's freedom struggle.

It was during Mann kiBaat in January this year that Prime Minister Modi called upon the young generation to write about freedom fighters, and incidents associated with freedom struggle.

YUVA is a part of India@75 Project to bring to the fore the perspectives of the young generation of writers on themes like Unsung Heroes, Freedom Fighters, Unknown and Forgotten Places.

65. The US President Joe Biden has released his first annual budget of _____ spending plan that includes steep tax increases for wealthier Americans

- (a) \$16Mn
- (b) \$16Tn
- (c) \$6Mn
- (d) \$6Bn
- (e) \$6Tn

Answer: E

US President Joe Biden has released his first annual budget - a \$6tn (£4.2tn) spending plan that includes steep tax increases for wealthier Americans.

The bumper proposal would include huge new social programmes and investment in the fight against climate change. But it needs approval from Congress, where Republican Senator Lindsey Graham condemned it as "insanely expensive". Under the plan, debt would reach 117% of GDP by 2031, surpassing levels during World War Two.

66. India's First City-wide Environmental Surveillance Platform for COVID19 has been launched in which among the following state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: B

A Platform launched by Government of Karnataka in partnership with the COVIDActionCollab that tracks COVID through waste-water surveillance, with Bangalore as the first city-wide initiative Bangalore, Karnataka, India.

With the number of cases of COVID-19 surging across the county in the second wave of the pandemic, the Government of Karnataka is introducing a city-wide sewage surveillance system in Bangalore that will help officials track the virus at an early stage, even among asymptomatic individuals.

Assisting this effort is the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Skoll

Foundation-supported COVIDActionCollab (CAC), an India-wide collaborative of over 300 organizations and networks working together to provide COVID-19 relief and recovery services to the country's most vulnerable communities.

67. The International Day of UN Peacekeepers has been observed every year on May 29. Which among the following Organisation has observed it?

- (a) UNICEF
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) UNGA
- (d) UNSC
- (e) UN

Answer: E

The United Nations has designated 29 May as the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. The day aims to celebrate the contributions of civilian and uniformed personnel who perform the task of peacekeeping for the organisation.

According to the official website, 130 UN peacekeepers lost their lives last year and 4,000 have died since 1948, when the UN peacekeeping mission began.

68. How many solar street lights has been sanctioned by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to Jammu and Kashmir?

- (a) 19,000
- (b) 16,000
- (c) 20,000

(d) 23,000

(e) 11,000

Answer: A

The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has sanctioned 19,000 solar street lights to Jammu and Kashmir, where the J&K Energy Development Agency has already installed 2,200 such lights so far, officials said. The SSL project has a central financial support of Rs 42.06 crore against the total project cost of Rs 47.84 crore with the remaining project cost of Rs 5.78 crore to be provided by the Union Territory.

The project is being implemented by JAKEDA, under the command of its Chief Executive Officer Babila Rakwal, to ensure that the solar street lights are installed expeditiously at public places in consultation with the district administration of J&K, they said.

69. The Lakshmi Bhandar project has been launched by the Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for which among the following reason?

- (a) A student credit card initiative
- (b) The ration home delivery scheme
- (c) A vaccination scheme
- (d) Both A & B
- (e) Both B & C

Answer: C

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced three welfare projects that, she said, were among her party's electoral promises. The Lakshmi Bhandar

project, a student credit card initiative, and the ration home delivery scheme will be implemented by committees headed by Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay.

As part of the Lakshmi Bhandar project, poor families will receive a monthly allowance of Rs 500 from the government. Families from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe families are eligible to receive Rs 1,000.

70. What is the theme of the World No Tobacco Day, observed every year on May 31?

- (a) Tobacco Exposed
- (b) Tobacco and heart disease
- (c) Tobacco - a threat to development
- (d) Commit to quit
- (e) Tobacco and lung health

Answer: D

World No Tobacco Day is observed on May 31 every year to highlight the risk associated with the use of tobacco. The annual campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness to help reduce use and protect the health of the people.

Every year World No Tobacco is observed with a different theme; this year, the theme of World no Tobacco Day is "Commit to quit". The Covid-19 pandemic has led to millions of tobacco users saying they want to quit.

71. The Ministry of Civil Aviation has permitted drone operations, which are in compliance with its

NPNT scheme up to 400 feet above the ground.

What does 2nd N mean in NPNT?

- (a) Not
- (b) No
- (c) Nothing
- (d) Null
- (e) None

Answer: B

The Civil Aviation Ministry has permitted drone operations, which are in compliance with its no-permission-no-takeoff (NPNT) scheme, up to 400 feet above the ground in 166 new green zones across the country.

The NPNT scheme requires an operator to take permission from aviation regulator DGCA, using an app, before each drone flight. If this permission is not received, the drone itself will not function.

72. Which among the following IIT researchers have developed smart window materials for automatic climate control of buildings?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Calcutta
- (d) IIT Guwahati
- (e) IIT Bombay

Answer: D

Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati researchers have developed smart window materials for automatic climate control of buildings. Such smart

window materials would help to develop efficient automatic climate control systems in buildings.

Debabrata Sikdar, assistant professor, department of electronics and electrical engineering, along with his research scholar, Ashish Kumar Chowdhary from IIT-Guwahati, have designed a smart window material that can effectively control the amount of heat and light passing through it in response to an applied voltage. The results of their study have recently been published in the journal, Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells.

73. Which among the following state cabinet has appointed its ministers to act as guardians for different districts in the state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Mizoram
- (e) Bihar

Answer: A

The Assam Cabinet appointed ministers who would act as guardians for different districts in the state. These guardians, each a minister of the Himanta Biswa Sarma Cabinet, have been given the responsibility of 2-3 districts to take stock of welfare schemes, implementation of infrastructure projects etc.

74. Which among the following rating agency has pegged India's economic growth for fiscal 2021-22 as 7.7%?

- (a) Nomura
- (b) Ind-Ra
- (c) Fitch
- (d) S&P
- (e) Barclays

Answer: E

Barclays has pegged India's economic growth for fiscal 2021-22 (FY22) – as measured by gross domestic product (GDP) – at 7.7 per cent in the bear-case scenario, if the country is hit by the third wave of the Covid pandemic going ahead. The economic cost, it believes, could rise by at least a further \$42.6 billion, assuming another round of similar stringent lockdowns are imposed across the country for eight weeks later this year.

75. PharmEasy has acquired which among the following e-pharmacy with the deal values at \$250 million?

- (a) Netmeds
- (b) Practo
- (c) Medlife
- (d) Apollo
- (e) Medplus

Answer: C

PharmEasy has acquired Medlife for an undisclosed amount, the e-pharmacy unicorn said. The deal will make PharmEasy the largest player in the domestic

online pharmacy sector, with the combined entity set to serve 2 million customers a month. The deal values the stake of Medlife shareholders at \$250 million, said a person close to the development.

76. The first WHO BioHub Facility has been launched by WHO after signing an MOU with who among the following to enhance the rapid sharing of viruses and other pathogens between laboratories and partners globally?

- (a) Swiss Confederation
- (b) Belarus Confederation
- (c) German Confederation
- (d) Oman Confederation
- (e) Italian Confederation

Answer: A

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Swiss Confederation signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch the first WHO BioHub Facility as part of the WHO BioHub System, which was announced in November 2020. This facility will enhance the rapid sharing of viruses and other pathogens between laboratories and partners globally.

Based in Spiez, Switzerland, the facility will serve as a centre for the safe receipt, sequencing, storage and preparation of biological materials for distribution to other laboratories, in order to inform risk assessments, and sustain global preparedness against these pathogens.

77. Which among the following company has launched its first European pace port in Amsterdam, Netherland?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Accenture
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) TCS
- (e) IBM

Answer: D

Tata Consultancy Services has launched TCS Pace Port Amsterdam, a co-innovation and advanced research center designed to help customers successfully navigate their growth and transformation journeys.

TCS Pace Port Amsterdam is the third co-innovation center by TCS, after New York and Tokyo, in a global network of physical-digital innovation hubs that bring to life the TCS Pace philosophy of unifying the best of TCS' innovation assets, capabilities and practices to build meaningful and accelerated outcomes. The TCS Pace Innovation Architecture provides a structured framework for companies to ideate better, work on creative solutions faster, and focus their efforts on real, purpose-driven business needs.

78. The National Institute of Nutrition has launched an e-survey to assess nutrition-related misinformation circulating on the internet. NIN is a subsidiary of _____.

- (a) NHA

- (b) ICMR
- (c) AIIMS
- (d) CSIR
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

The Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN) has launched an e-survey to assess the impact of the abundance and overburden of food and nutrition-related information on the web search behaviour, nutrition-related knowledge, attitude and practices as well as real and perceived food scares among the people during different phases of the COVID19 pandemic.

This study is designed to understand the online information-seeking behaviour of Indian internet users related to food and nutrition during different phases of the COVID-19 pandemic in India, the impact of the top trending information on food-related topics on the perception, knowledge, attitude and practices (KAP).

79. The Kia NBA Sixth Man Award has been awarded to Jordan Clarkson. He belongs to which among the following team?

- (a) Phoenix Suns
- (b) Chicago Bulls
- (c) Detroit Pistons
- (d) Houston Rockets
- (e) Utah Jazz

Answer: E

Utah Jazz guard Jordan Clarkson has won the 2020-21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award for his contributions in a reserve role.

This is the first Sixth Man honour for Clarkson, who becomes the first player to win the annual award with the Jazz. Clarkson received 65 first-place votes and earned 407 total points from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters.

Utah forward Joe Ingles finished in second place with 272 points (34 first-place votes), making this the first time that teammates hold the top two spots in voting for the Kia NBA Sixth Man Award. New York Knicks guard Derrick Rose finished in third place with 77 points (one first-place vote).

80. The Space technology startup, Bellatrix Aerospace, has successfully tested India's first privately developed hall-effect thruster in which among the following institute?

- (a) BHU
- (b) IIT Kharagpur
- (c) IISc Bengaluru
- (d) IIT Madras
- (e) IIT Bombay

Answer: C

Space technology startup Bellatrix Aerospace has successfully tested India's first privately developed hall-effect thruster, an electric propulsion engine for micro satellites weighing 50-500 kg.

The thruster will be ready for commercial use by the end of this year.

Bellatrix has completed ground tests for the new thruster in line with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and European Space Agency (ESA) standards at its lab at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

81. Which among the following state has released the 1st tranche of the "ReStart Package" to help the lockdown-hit Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Goa
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: E

Andhra Pradesh government has released the 1st tranche of the "ReStart Package" to help the lockdown-hit Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to reopen and become functional.

The first tranche is Rs 450 crore which will be used in clearing the pending industrial incentives that would benefit nearly 98,000 units. Under the "ReStart Package", the government will waive all the minimum power demand charges of MSMEs of the months of April, May and June, and will provide input capital of Rs 200 crore to the firms at low interest rates in order to bring the MSMEs back on rails.

This will be done by providing loans in partnership with the Small Industrial Development Bank of India at a low-interest rate.

82. How much MW of grid-connected solar power generation capacity has been added by Indian government in the first quarter of 2021?

- (a) 2104 MW
- (b) 2105 MW
- (c) 2106 MW
- (d) 2107 MW
- (e) 2108 MW

Answer: B

India added 2,105 megawatt (MW) of grid-connected solar power generation capacity in the first quarter (Q1) of 2021, as the first wave of COVID-19 subsided and construction pace picked up gradually. This took the total installed capacity to 44,241 MW by 31 March 2021, according to a recent report.

It added that utility-scale solar installations increased by more than 33 per cent quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) in Q1 2021.

83. Boyd Rankin has announced his retirement at the age of 36. He was associated with which among the following sports?

- (a) Football
- (b) Archery
- (c) Basketball
- (d) Cricket
- (e) Golf

Answer: D

Ireland and former England bowler Boyd Rankin has announced his retirement at the age of 36 after an 18-year career.

The 6ft 8in paceman - who counts Warwickshire, Derbyshire and Essex among his former clubs - bagged 161 international wickets across the three formats.

Rankin stepped away from Ireland duty in 2012 and went on to play seven ODIs, two T20Is and a solitary Test for England - against Australia in Sydney in 2014.

84. The Environmentalist SunderlalBahuguna has passed away recently. He was a recipient of which among the following award?

- (a) Padma Vibhushan
- (b) Padma Bhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Both A & C
- (e) Both B & C

Answer: A

Environmentalist SunderlalBahuguna, a founding member of the tree-hugging Chipko movement in the 1970s to prevent their felling, died of Covid-19 at a hospital in Rishikesh. He was 94.

A recipient of India's second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan, Bahuguna's work revolved around people's rights over forests in the Himalayas.

85. Which among the following insurance company has raised its stake to 5.06% in Union Bank of India

with acquisition of nearly 2% additional stake in the bank?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- (b) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance
- (c) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- (d) Aegon Life Insurance
- (e) Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance

Answer: C

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has hiked its stake to 5.06% in state-run Union Bank of India with acquisition of nearly 2% additional stake in the bank.

Earlier, the LIC held 3.09% stake in UBI, representing 19,79,23,251 equity shares of the bank. Union Bank of India had closed its Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP), in which it raised a total of ₹1,447.17 crore.

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86. The 34th Betfred British Masters was lost by Shubhankar Sharma with Richard Bland. The title was held in _____.

- (a) England

- (b) Scotland
- (c) Australia
- (d) Belgium
- (e) Netherlands

Answer: B

Leading Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma returned his best card of the week, a 3-under 69, yet ended up tied 34th at the Betfred British Masters in Wishaw, Scotland.

England's Richard Bland won the title, returning a six under 66 on the final day for an aggregate of 13 under par on the 72-hole course.

Shubhankar, along with Ajeetesh Sandhu, SSP Chawrasia and Gaganjeet Bhullar were four Indians to have made the cut.

87. National Missing Children's Day has been observed every year on May 25. The day has been observed by which among the following country?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Australia
- (c) India
- (d) France
- (e) US

Answer: E

National Missing Children's Day has been commemorated in the United States on May 25, since 1983, when it was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan.

It falls on the same day as the International Missing Children's Day, which was established in 2001.

The 2021 National Missing Children's Day poster contest winner is Heidy Jimena Perez Veleta from Sunnyside Elementary School in Dodge City, Kansas.

Heidy's poster represents the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home," through her colorful representation of two hands forming a heart.

88. The Banks Board Bureau has recommended the name of S L Jain for the post of managing director in which among the following Bank?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) Indian Overseas Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) Bank of India

Answer: A

The Banks Board Bureau (BBB) has recommended the name of S L Jain for the post of managing director (MD) of state-owned Indian Bank.

The term of incumbent MD of the Chennai-based lender, PadmajaChunduru, would superannuate later this month.

The bureau interviewed nine candidates from various public sector banks on May 24 for the forthcoming vacancy of managing director and chief executive officer in the Indian Bank.

89. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations has decided to confer which among the following award to Indian restaurants?

- (a) Annadhana Award
- (b) Annam Award
- (c) Aboorva Award
- (d) Annapurna Award
- (e) Aktshaya Award'

Answer: D

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations is likely to institute 'Annapurna Award' for Indian restaurants abroad that attract the highest footfall of local non-NRI people.

ICCR president VinaySahasrabuddhe recently made the announcement on the occasion of the fourth DeendayalUpadhyay Memorial International Oration, it said, noting that Chicago-based food historian Collin Taylor Sen also spoke on India's culinary culture as soft power.

Observing that India's influence on world's cuisine is greater than that of any other civilization, Sen said vegetarianism and Ayurveda-based food are two most significant contributions of the country to global food traditions.

90. Which among the following day has been observed on May 25?

- (a) World Stroke Day
- (b) World Arthritis Day
- (c) World Thyroid Day
- (d) World Cancer Day
- (e) World Tumour Day

Answer: C

World Thyroid Day takes place on 25th May each year. World Thyroid Day aims at increasing public awareness of thyroid diseases, namely the importance of their timely diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

Thyroid disorders are very common worldwide; they affect people of all ages and have a large range of symptoms.

The Department of Health (DOH) joins the rest of the world in observing the International Thyroid Awareness Week (ITAW) and World Thyroid Day (WTD) 2021, with the theme “Mother-Baby-Iodine: The Importance of Iodine on the Woman and her Baby”, which aims to raise awareness on Iodine Deficiency Disorders on women of reproductive age, especially pregnant and lactating mothers, and on children during their first 1000 days of life from conception.

91. Which among the following country has partnered with the WHO to launch ‘global pandemic radar’ to identify emerging COVID-19 variants and track new diseases around the world?

- (a) India
- (b) UK
- (c) Japan
- (d) China
- (e) US

Answer: B

The UK is working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to launch ‘global pandemic

radar’ to identify emerging COVID-19 variants and track new diseases around the world.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced the plans, ahead of the Global Health Summit hosted by Italy and the European Union (EU).

The radar is expected to be fully up and running with a network of surveillance hubs before the end of 2021, with the aim of significantly improving global health security going into next year.

92. MB Rajesh has been elected as the Speaker of the _____ Kerala Assembly with support from 96 legislators in the 140-member Assembly.

- (a) 11th
- (b) 9th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 15th
- (e) 10th

Answer: D

CPM’s MB Rajesh was elected the Speaker of the 15th Kerala Assembly with support from 96 legislators in the 140-member Assembly.

While Rajesh’s victory was a foregone conclusion due to the LDF’s brute majority in the Assembly, UDF had nominated Kundara MLA PC Vishnunath as its candidate.

The UDF candidate got support of 40 legislators.

The LDF and UDF have 99 and 41 legislators in the Assembly respectively.

93. The Microsoft has announced to quit Internet Explorer 11 desktop browser. It has been replaced by which among the following browser?

- (a) Google Chrome
- (b) FireFox
- (c) UC Browser
- (d) Opera
- (e) Edge

Answer: E

On May 19, 2021, Microsoft announced that the Internet Explorer 11 desktop browser will be retired on June 15, 2022, for certain versions of Windows 10.

It will be replaced by Microsoft Edge with IE mode that will support older Legacy Internet Explorer-based websites and applications until 2029.

Microsoft 365 will terminate support for Internet Explorer 11 in August 2021.

94. The Social Media for Empowerment Awards, South Asia has been awarded to Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education to ensure digital education through which among the following Program?

- (a) First Bell
- (b) Red Bell
- (c) Cool Bell
- (d) Vintage Bell
- (e) Jingle Bell

Answer: A

The Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) under the Department of General Education has won the Social Media for Empowerment Awards South Asia (SM4E) award for using social media for social empowerment to ensure digital education through the 'First Bell' programme in the state.

The award was in the category 'Innovations @Covid19'. General Education Minister V Sivankutty congratulated the KITE for achieving the milestone.

95. A new endangered species

Didymocarpusvickifunkiae, a plant has been recently found by the researchers of which among the following institute?

- (a) IISc
- (b) CSIR
- (c) IISER
- (d) ICMR
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

Researchers of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Bhopal, have discovered a new endangered species Didymocarpusvickifunkiae of a plant belonging to the African Violets family in Mizoram and its adjacent areas in Myanmar.

The discovery has been published in the reputed journal 'Systematic Botany' a peer reviewed journal published by the American Society for Plant Taxonomists.

96. Which among the following ministry has decided to provide a subsistence allowance of Rs.1500 to each Transgender person as immediate support to meet their basic requirements?

- (a) Ministry of Health & Family welfare
- (b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of AYUSH
- (e) Ministry of Women & Child Welfare

Answer: B

As the country is fighting with COVID19, members of the Transgender community have been critically affected by the pandemic majorly because of serious disruption of livelihoods.

The current situation in the country is compelling this marginalized community into extreme distress and acute shortage of basic needs like food and health.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment being the nodal ministry for Transgender Welfare has decided to provide a subsistence allowance of Rs.1500 to each Transgender person as immediate support to meet their basic requirements.

97. Blade has partnered with 'MyHealthcare to launch of medical emergency services across the country. Blade is _____ based helicopter transport services.

- (a) Russia
- (b) France
- (c) Singapore

(d) US

(e) Japan

Answer: D

US-based helicopter transport services provider Blade's Indian subsidiary announced the launch of medical emergency services across the country, amid an increasing demand for air ambulance services in the wake of the pandemic.

The new services, Blade Care, are also open for regular air travel for people who want to travel inter-state, return to their hometowns or any other place they feel the safest.

For a seamless, medical evacuation and bed-to-bed transfer, the company has partnered with 'MyHealthcare', a specialty healthcare ecosystem, to manage all the medical requirements for patients on ground and with Blade being the air carrier service network.

The brand will arrange aero-medical charters for such patients with a team of certified doctors, paramedics and clinicians onboard

98. BalakrishnaAlse S has been appointed as the Additional Director of Karnataka Bank Ltd. He was a former Executive Director of which among the following Bank?

- (a) Oriental Bank of Commerce
- (b) Punjab National Bank
- (c) Indian Overseas Bank
- (d) Life Insurance Corporation
- (e) None of these

Answer: A

Karnataka Bank Ltd has appointed Balakrishna Alse S, former Executive Director of Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC), as Additional Director (Non-Executive, Independent) at its board meeting.

During his 35 years of tenure at Corporation Bank, Alse had worked in Agriculture Policy and Lending, Credit Sanctions, Credit Risk Management, HR, Integrated Risk Management (as Chief Risk Officer) and Information / Cyber Security (as Chief Information Security Officer).

He also had concurrent charge of Chief Vigilance Officer for over seven months.

99. "7 Lessons from Everest Expedition Learnings from Life and Business", a book has been authored by Aditya Gupta. He is _____ by profession.

- (a) Racer
- (b) Entrepreneur
- (c) Mountaineer
- (d) Both A & C
- (e) Both B & C

Answer: E

Aditya Gupta, a Delhi-based entrepreneur and mountaineer authored a book titled 7 Lessons from Everest Expedition Learnings from Life and Business.

The coffee-table book, with 350 stunning images spread over 250 pages. It narrates the author's experience of scaling Mt Everest at the age of 50 in 2019 and shares the virtues of "preparation,

passion, perseverance, mental toughness, and resilience.

The proceeds from the book will be given to NGO Child Rights and You (CRY). It supports in ensuring care, protection and education to children amidst these trying times.

It aims to raise Rs 1 crore for COVID-19 relief from the sale. The campaign, initiated by The Rug Republic (a brand owned by Gupta).

100. The Karnataka government has collaborated with which among the following organisation to launch a comprehensive portal, 'Akanksha'?

- (a) UNGA
- (b) UN
- (c) UNSPU
- (d) UNSC
- (e) UNESCO

Answer: C

A comprehensive portal on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities by companies in Karnataka, 'Akanksha,' was launched by chief minister B S Yediyurappa in Bengaluru.

The chief minister said the portal Akanksha providing details of all CSR activities in the state will help in enabling the corporate, government and donors to utilize the CSR funds for needy programmes by serving as a transparent platform. The UN agency UNSPU (United Nations Studies Program) has collaborated in the creation of the portal, which will help in easy, simple and

transparent utilization of CSR fund grants, Yediyurappa described the effort as the first of its kind initiative in the country. Total demand for Rs 75,000 crore grants, Rs 61,000 crore have already been allocated in the budget.

The total expenditure for the health sector during the last financial year was Rs 11,527 crore and a sum of Rs 11,650 crore have been set apart during the current financial year.

101. "SanjeevaniPariyojana" has been launched by the Government of Haryana with the support of Deloitte in which among the following district?

- (a) Karnal
- (b) Faridabad
- (c) Hisar
- (d) Kurukshetra
- (e) Gurugram

Answer: A

The Government of Haryana, with support from Deloitte, has launched SanjeevaniPariyojana (or 'the life project'), a supervised, virtual home-care initiative to help people quickly access healthcare for mild-to-moderate symptoms of Covid-19.

The programme is designed and supported by Deloitte, the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS-Haryana), which is a critically important step in bringing much-needed medical care to the people who need it the most. The pilot project will begin in the district of Karnal and may include a rollout to other affected areas shortly, thereafter.

102. Which among the following payment bank has partnered with Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited for a strategic partnership for cash management solutions?

- (a) Paytm Payments Bank
- (b) Airtel Payments Bank
- (c) India Post Payments Bank
- (d) Jio Payments Bank
- (e) NSDL Payments Bank

Answer: C

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited (MRHFL), a subsidiary of Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Ltd, has announced a strategic partnership for cash management solutions. As part of the tie-up, IPPB will be offering cash management and collection services to MRHFL through its access points and postal service providers. With the cash management service, MRHFL customers will be able to repay their monthly or quarterly loan instalments at over 136,000 post offices.

103. The French Grand Prix has won by Jack Miller. Who among the following has secured the 2nd place?

- (a) Fabio Quartararo
- (b) Jorge Martín
- (c) Valentino Rossi
- (d) Ángel Nieto
- (e) Johan Zarco

Answer: E

Jack Miller made it two wins from two races by claiming victory after a wild French Grand Prix at Le Mans. Pramac Racing's Johan Zarco from France finished 2nd, while Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo from France finished

3rd in the race. Fabio Quartararo is leading the 2021

Riders' Championship.

The MotoGP championships are organized by Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM).

104. "E-Courts Services Mobile app" has been released by e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India. How many languages the app consists of?

- (a) 19
- (b) 14
- (c) 17
- (d) 11
- (e) 20

Answer: B

E-Committee, Supreme Court of India has released Manual for its top citizen-centric service- free "e-Courts Services Mobile app" in 14 languages (English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarathi, Kannada, Khasi, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu). "e-Courts Services Mobile app" already released by e-Committee, Supreme Court of India for the benefit of the Litigants, Citizens, Lawyers, Law firms, Police, Government Agencies and other Institutional Litigants has so far crossed 57 lakh downloads.

The mobile app and its manuals in English & regional languages can be freely downloaded from the official website of the e-Committee, Supreme Court of India

105. The fifth edition of the India Biodiversity Award has been awarded to Shergaon Biodiversity Management Committee under the best such panel category. Shergaon Biodiversity Management Committee is situated in which among the following state?

- (a) Mizoram

(b) West Bengal

(c) Nagaland

(d) Arunachal Pradesh

(e) Meghalaya

Answer: D

The Shergaon Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh was awarded the best such panel in the country at the fifth edition of the India Biodiversity Award.

The award was given by the National Biodiversity Authority at a virtual programme on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, they said. The India Biodiversity Awards is a joint initiative by the Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry, National Biodiversity Authority and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

106. Sakti Mazumdar, has passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following sports?

- (a) Boxing
- (b) Wrestling
- (c) Weight Lifting
- (d) Discus Throwing
- (e) Archery

Answer: A

Former India boxer Sakti Mazumdar, who had represented India at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, died after suffering a heart attack. He was 89.

Mazumdar was suffering from age-related issues and had a heart attack.

He had won the first round in men's flyweight event at the 1952 Olympics after getting a walkover from Nguyen Van Cua of Vietnam and was defeated by Han Soo-ann of South Korea in the next round.

107. The IHGF Delhi Fair 2021 has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This marks _____ edition.

- (a) 55th
- (b) 49th
- (c) 44th
- (d) 51st
- (e) 50th

Answer: D

The 51st edition of virtual IHGF of Delhi fair (19th -23rd May, 2021) was inaugurated with message of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, for the success of 51st edition of IHGF Delhi Fair.

The 51st IHGF Delhi Fair 2021 is India's largest Virtual Fair in the Home, Fashion, Lifestyle, Textiles and Furniture sector and an exclusive B2B online platform is developed to assist the buyers from all across the globe to source from India. The Fair organised by the EPCH will see participation of 1500 plus manufacturers and exporters showcasing 2000 plus product expressions.

108. Neena Gupta has authored an autobiography, "SachKahunToh". She is a _____ by Profession.

- (a) Entrepreneur
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Politician
- (d) Musician
- (e) Actor

Answer: E

Veteran actor-director Neena Gupta's tell-all autobiography "SachKahunToh" will hit the stands on June 14, publisher Penguin Random House India announced

From her time at National School of Drama (NSD) to moving to Bombay (Mumbai) in the 80s and her single parenthood, the book will share Gupta's life story in the most "unapologetically honest" manner.

109. A six-month programme on rehabilitation of differently-abled people has launched by the government. The content and curriculum of the course have been developed by a committee of experts drawn from India along with which among the following country?

- (a) US
- (b) Germany
- (c) Australia
- (d) France
- (e) Italy

Answer: C

Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr Thaawarchand Gehlot virtually launched a six-month programme on rehabilitation of differently-abled people was launched by the government. The Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) programme aims to create a pool of grassroots rehabilitation workers at the community level, who can work alongside the ASHA and anganwadi workers to handle cross-disability issues and facilitate the inclusion of the persons with disabilities in the society.

The content and curriculum of the course have been developed by a committee of experts drawn from India and Australia.

110. What is the theme of World Turtle Day, observed every year on May 23?

- (a) Increase attention on turtles
- (b) Turtles Rock

- (c) Stop Poaching
- (d) Tortoise Rescue
- (e) Adopt, Don't Shop

Answer: B

World Turtle Day is observed on May 23. The day is celebrated to make people aware of turtle and tortoise and their habitats. Every year since 2000, American Tortoise Rescue (ATR), a nonprofit organization established in 1990, sponsors the celebrations for World Turtle Day. The theme for this year "Turtles Rock!" encourages a worldwide audience to see turtles as more than just rocks with legs.

111. Recently SEBI has imposed a total fine of Rs 14 lakh on Biocon Ltd, Narendra Chirmule an employee also fined of Rs 5 lakh, who serves as _____ in the company.

- (a) Executive director
- (b) Board Member
- (c) COO
- (d) Chairman
- (e) Vice president

Answer: E

Markets regulator SEBI imposed a total fine of Rs 14 lakh on Biocon Ltd and its designated person for violation of market norms.

Designated person of the firm, Narendra Chirmule, who was employed with the company as senior vice president-R&D is facing a fine of Rs 5 lakh for trading in the company's securities when the trading window was closed.

By doing so, he violated provisions of Prohibition of Insider Trading (PIT) norms.

112. Srikumar Banerjee has passed away recently. He was the former chairman of _____.

- (a) UPSC
- (b) BARC
- (c) Atomic Energy Commission
- (d) UGC
- (e) Planning commission

Answer: C

Srikumar Banerjee, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, died due to a heart attack at his residence in neighbouring Navi Mumbai, officials said. Banerjee, who was in his 70s, had recovered from COVID-19, they said.

He retired as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy in 2012.

113. As per the commerce and industry ministry, India has received the highest ever FDI of \$81.72 billion in FY21. How much percentage of the total FDI inflow has been invested by the US in India?

- (a) 23%
- (b) 29%
- (c) 13%
- (d) 11%
- (e) 9%

Answer: A

India received \$81.72 billion foreign direct investment (FDI) in FY21, the highest ever and 10% more than what was received in the year before, with Singapore, US and Mauritius being the top investors.

In the year before, India had attracted \$74.39 billion in FDI, said the statement from the commerce and industry ministry. Among major investing countries, Singapore

accounted 29% of the total FDI inflow into India in FY21, followed by the US which accounted for 23% and Mauritius which accounted for 9%.

114. The first phase of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, MCA21 Version 3.0 has been launched by whom among the following?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Ram Nath Kovind
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Anurag Singh Thakur
- (e) Rajesh Verma

Answer: D

Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launched the first phase of Ministry of Corporate Affairs' (MCA) MCA21 Version 3.0 (V3.0) comprising of revamped website, new email services for MCA Officers and two new modules, namely, e. Book and e. Consultation during a virtual event here today. Shri Rajesh Verma, Secretary, MCA, and other senior officials also attended the virtual launch event

115. Researchers of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research have found a new plant species belongs to the genus Didymocarpus in Mizoram. This Plant is popularly known as _____.

- (a) African Reds
- (b) African Violets
- (c) African Browns
- (d) African Whites
- (e) African Blues

Answer: B

Researchers at Bhopal's Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) have documented a

new plant species in Mizoram from African Violets' family. The discovery has been documented in a paper in the peer-reviewed journal Systematic Botany (published by American Society for Plant Taxonomists) nearly four years after the specimen was first observed in the field.

Researchers also documented the presence of the same species in Myanmar and said it may also exist in China. The species belongs to the genus Didymocarpus of the plant family Gesneriaceae popularly known as African Violets.

116. The Reserve Bank has recently announced the amalgamation of District Central Co-operative Banks with State Cooperative Banks with effect from _____, 2021.

- (a) September 1
- (b) June 1
- (c) July 1
- (d) December 1
- (e) April 1

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank said it will consider amalgamation of District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs) with State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) subject to various conditions, including that a proposal should be made by the state government concerned. The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 has been notified for the StCBs and DCCBs with effect from April 1, 2021. Amalgamation of such banks need to be sanctioned by the Reserve Bank of India.

RBI has come out with the guidelines after a few state governments approached it for amalgamation of DCCBs with StCBs as a two-tier Short-term Co-operative Credit Structure (STCCS).

117. Alapan Bandyopadhyay, the Chief Secretary of which among the following state has granted an extension for a period of three months?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Gujarat

Answer: B

West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay was granted an extension for a period of three months.

Banerjee had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 12, urging him to grant Bandyopadhyay an extension for at least six months in view of his experience of handling the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bandyopadhyay, a 1987-batch IAS officer, was to superannuate at the end of this month.

He took over as the chief secretary of West Bengal after Rajiva Sinha.

118. Shree Malani Foams Pvt. Ltd. has won the coveted 'Star Export House' award from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. This certification is valid for ____ years.

- (a) 7 Years
- (b) 3 Years
- (c) 5 Years
- (d) 9 Years
- (e) 2 Years

Answer: C

Shree Malani Foams Pvt. Ltd. won the coveted 'Star Export House' award from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The certification is valid for 5 years between 2021 to 2026.

With this notable development, Shree Malani Foams Pvt. Ltd. has emerged as the first and only mattress and mattress components company to be awarded this honour in the past 5 years.

119. FlexiLoans has partnered with Vivriti Capital to disburse working capital loans of more than Rs 300 crores to _____.

- (a) MSME
- (b) Education
- (c) Renewable Energy
- (d) Infrastructure
- (e) Agriculture

Answer: A

Fintech startup FlexiLoans has partnered with Vivriti Capital to disburse working capital loans of more than Rs 300 crores to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Businesses will be able to apply for these loans online and receive in-principal approval within 24-48 hours digitally without any manual intervention, FlexiLoans said on Monday in a statement.

The underwriting for loan requests will be done via FlexiLoans.com's credit underwriting platform BiFrost which has integrated with Vivriti's co-lending platform CredAvenue. FlexiLoans said that the partnership has targeted reaching out to over 10,000 MSMEs in the next 12-18 months.

120. Babagouda Patil has passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following field?

- (a) Journalism
- (b) Film Industry
- (c) Medicine
- (d) Politics

(e) None of these

Answer: D

Former union minister and eminent farmer leader

Babagouda Patil died in a hospital here on Friday, family sources said.

The 76-year old leader was undergoing treatment at the KLES Dr Prabhakar Kore Hospital where he died, the sources said.

He was survived with his wife, two sons and two daughters.

121. Which among the following digital payments network has partnered with Centrum Microcredit Limited to provide unsecured business loans to its retail partners as part of its Shop Owners Benefit Program?

- (a) PayNearby
- (b) Digibank
- (c) GoBank
- (d) Mashreq Neo
- (e) First Direct

Answer: A

PayNearby, a bank and digital payments network, has partnered with Centrum Microcredit Limited, the Centrum Group's micro finance arm, to provide unsecured business loans to its retail partners as part of its Shop Owners Benefit Program. Requirements will be sourced through PayNearby's vast network of retailers and will be disbursed by Centrum Microcredit Limited.

122. The 2021 edition of the Asia Cup will schedule to be held in 2023 in Sri Lanka. Where was it scheduled to be held earlier?

- (a) India
- (b) London

(c) England

(d) UAE

(e) Pakistan

Answer: E

The 2021 edition of the Asia Cup will now be held in 2023 due to a lack of window in a rejigged cricket calendar that is constantly subject to change amid an evolving COVID-19 situation.

This year's continental tournament was moved from Pakistan to Sri Lanka but rising cases in the island nation had led to its cancellation.

With all the big four Asian sides having packed schedules until the end of the year, finding a window for the tournament this year would have been extremely difficult.

123. SoftPoS solutions have been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India in partnership with Paycore. Paycore is _____ based company.

- (a) Italy
- (b) Japan
- (c) Turkey
- (d) China
- (e) US

Answer: C

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organization for retail payments in India, has onboarded PayCore, a global payments solutions company based out of Turkey, to develop SoftPoS solutions for its card network RuPay.

"This solution can be integrated into bank or aggregator acquiring systems to enable acquiring of RuPay using mobile phones enabled with NFC capability or add-ons," NPCI said in a release on Monday.

124. Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa became the first female Prime Minister of which among the following country?

- (a) Haiti
- (b) Samoa
- (c) Australasia
- (d) Polynesia
- (e) Melanesia

Answer: B

Samoa swore in its first female Prime Minister in a makeshift ceremony in a tent after she was locked out of Parliament amid a power struggle with the country's longstanding leader.

Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa's Faith in the One True God (FAST) Party said the dramatic turn of events amounted to a "bloodless coup" following weeks of uncertainty after the country's deadlocked April 9 election.

125. According to the Ecowrap report of the State Bank of India, India's GDP has contracted to 7.3% in FY21. What was its earlier estimation?

- (a) 7.7%
- (b) 8.5%
- (c) 8.3%
- (d) 8%
- (e) 7.9%

Answer: D

India's GDP may have contracted less than earlier estimated in FY21, the State Bank of India said in its Ecowrap report. While the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in February estimated Asia's third largest economy to have contracted by 8% in FY21, SBI now projects the Indian economy actually may have shrunk by 7.3%.

SBI said though the corporate results so far also reinforce the fact that March quarter of FY21 growth would be

much better than the December quarter growth, the entire projection for March quarter of FY21 is dependent on how much the past data will be revised by NSO. "

126. The Duare Ration Scheme, ration at doorstep has been launched by which among the following state in order to satisfy the election manifesto?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Assam
- (d) Tripura
- (e) Kerala

Answer: B

The West Bengal Cabinet gave its approval for implementation of a monthly income support scheme for eligible families and two other programmes promised in the election manifesto of the Trinamool Congress, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said.

The Cabinet also gave the green signal to introduce a new credit card scheme for all eligible students to pursue higher education, as well as the programme of free doorstep delivery of monthly ration to 1.5 crore households.

A proposal to recruit 2,500 people in the Kolkata Police force has also got the go-ahead from the Cabinet, Banerjee said. The Cabinet also approved the Student Credit Card and the Duare Ration (ration at doorstep) scheme

127. HDFC Ltd would raise up to _____ Crore by issuing bonds on private placement basis.

- (a) 3000 Cr
- (b) 4000 Cr
- (c) 5000 Cr

(d) 6000 Cr

(e) 7000 Cr

Answer: E

HDFC Ltd said it would raise up to Rs 7,000 crore by issuing bonds on private placement basis. The base issue size for the secured redeemable non-convertible debentures (NCDs) is Rs 5,000 crore with option to retain oversubscription of up to Rs 2,000 crore, HDFC said in a regulatory filing.

The country's largest mortgage lender will offer coupon rate of 6 per cent per annum on the bonds, the issue for which opens on May 28, 2021. The issue will close on the same day.

128. Buddha Purnima has been celebrated every year on _____ to commemorate Lord Buddha's birth anniversary.

(a) May 29

(b) May 28

(c) May 27

(d) May 26

(e) May 30

Answer: D

Buddha Jayanti or Buddha Purnima is the celebration of the birth of Gautama Buddha, and this year it will be observed on May 26. His birth anniversary is also known as Buddha Purnima or Vaisakhi Buddha Purnima or Vesak.

As per the Hindu calendar, Buddha Jayanti falls on a full moon day in the month of Vaisakh (which usually falls in April or May). Buddha Jayanti, 2021 will mark the lord Buddha's 2583rd birth anniversary.

129. Which among the following has constructing the country's first research reactor on public-private partnership model?

(a) BARC

(b) IGRC

(c) TIFR

(d) Raman Research Institute

(e) Homi Bhabha National Institute

Answer: A

The department of atomic energy announced that it will be constructing the country's first research reactor on public-private partnership (PPP) model. DAE is shortlisting the private enterprises for a partnership in the project.

The research reactor, which will be designed by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), will produce radioisotopes, and is expected to bring down the costs of nuclear medicine that is used in cancer treatment in India.

130. Who among the following has headed an expert committee on Investment Funds to recommend the roadmap for the funds industry in the International Financial Services Centres?

(a) Pallav Mohapatra

(b) Padmaja Chunduru

(c) Nilesh Shah

(d) Arundhati Bhattacharya

(e) Mrutyunjay Mahapatra

Answer: C

Gift city regulator IFSCA has constituted an expert committee on Investment Funds to recommend the roadmap for the funds industry in the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs).

The committee – headed by Nilesh Shah, Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co Ltd – has been tasked to recommend to the IFSCA on long-term vision for operation of Investment Funds in IFSC. The 12-member panel comprises leaders from the entire fund management ecosystem including from areas such as technology, distribution, legal, compliance and operations.

131. What is the approximate estimation of India's food grain production in the current crop year 2020-21 as per the agriculture ministry?

- (a) 7%
- (b) 2%
- (c) 5%
- (d) 8%
- (e) 3%

Answer: E

India's foodgrain production is estimated to rise 2.66 per cent to a new record of 305.43 million tonnes in the current crop year 2020-21, on better output of rice, wheat and pulses amid good monsoon rains last year.

In the 2019-20 crop year (July-June), the country's foodgrain output (comprising wheat, rice, pulses and coarse cereals) stood at a record 297.5 million tonnes.

132. Sami Khedira has announced his retirement recently. He is associated with which among the following sports?

- (a) Football
- (b) Golf
- (c) Hockey
- (d) Volleyball
- (e) Cricket

Answer: A

Germany's World Cup-winning midfielder Sami Khedira said he will retire following his club Hertha Berlin's final match of the Bundesliga season against Hoffenheim. Khedira, 34, began his career at VfB Stuttgart and helped them win the league title in the 2006-07 season before moving to Real Madrid, where he won the league and Champions League in a trophy-laden spell.

133. The Government has proposed to import pulses to improve availability and check prices. What is the annual import quota of Urad for fiscal year 2021-22?

- (a) 7 Lakh MT
- (b) 4 Lakh MT
- (c) 2 Lakh MT
- (d) 5 Lakh MT
- (e) 3 Lakh MT

Answer: B

The Government proposes to import pulses to improve availability and check prices. The notification for the annual import quota of 4 Lakh MT (LMT) of Urad for fiscal year 2021-22 has been issued. The details pertaining to production and import of pulses during each of the last three years are given below:

	Production of Pulses (LMT)			Import of Pulses (LMT)		
Pulse	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 [^]	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 [*]
Tur	33.20	38.90	38.80	5.31	4.50	4.40
Urad	30.60	20.80	24.50	4.90	3.12	3.21
Masoor	12.30	11.00	13.50	2.49	8.54	11.01
Moong	24.60	25.10	26.20	0.84	0.69	0.52

Gram	99.40	118.00	116.20	1.86	3.71	2.91
Source: DACFW, ^2nd Advance Estimates				Source: DGCIS, *Up to 7.3.2021		

The Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, empowers the Government to regulate prices, production, supply, distribution and prevention of hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities for maintaining their supplies and for securing their availability at fair prices.

134. Which among the following Bank has sold its 3.08% of the paid-up share capital in Reliance Infrastructure?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) Bank of Baroda

Answer: D

Housing Development Finance Corporation has further sold 81,05,667 shares representing 3.08% of the paid-up share capital of Reliance Infrastructure. The shares were sold through stock exchanges in secondary market between 18 May and 24 May 2021. The aggregate consideration received for the sale of 81,05,677 shares is Rs. 43,91,47,050.

135. Which among the following country has launched 'UNITE AWARE' for the United Nations Peacekeepers to improve their safety and security in the line of duty?

- (a) Italy
- (b) US
- (c) India
- (d) Japan

(e) France

Answer: C

India will launch 'UNITE AWARE', a mobile tech platform for the United Nations Peacekeepers to improve their safety and security in the line of duty. It will be launched during India's United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Presidency term in August 2021 (Presidency of the UNSC Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month).

UNITED AWARE will increase the situational awareness of the peacekeepers by providing terrain-related information.

India has spent USD 1.64 million on the project and is developing it in partnership with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Department of Operational Support.

136. Who among the following has won the European Golden Shoe with his record-breaking tally of 41 goals in the Bundesliga?

- (a) Lionel Messi
- (b) Gerd Muller's
- (c) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (d) Robert Lewandowski
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Robert Lewandowski has won the European Golden Shoe ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi with his record-breaking tally of 41 goals in the Bundesliga this term.

Lewandowski's 90th-minute goal to seal a 5-2 win over SC Freiburg saw the Bayern Munich star surpass Gerd Muller's long-standing record of 40 goals set in the 1971-72 season.

137. Which among the following port has signed an MOU with National Technology Center for Ports Waterways and coast for the development of indigenous software to the port?

- (a) VO Chidambaranar Port
- (b) Kandla Port
- (c) Paradip Port
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- (e) Mormugao Port Trust

Answer: A

VO Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Technology Center for Ports Waterways and Coast (NTCPWC), IIT Madras. Development of Swadeshi Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Software And for the operation, manning and maintenance of the vessel traffic system.

VOC port is First Indian Major Port Signing of MoU with NTCPWC for development of indigenous software for VTS. NTCPWC is the technology arm of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

The term of the MoU for the maintenance and updating of the vessel traffic system will be: Period of 5 years (May be extended up to 5 years).

The indigenous VTS will be developed at a cost of Rs 27, 81, 600 crore, while the existing VTS will be operated, manned and maintained at a recurring monthly fee of Rs 2, 56, 200.

138. The One Health High-Level Expert Panel has launched by which among the following countries with WHO to help develop a global plan to prevent the spread of diseases from animals to humans?

- (a) France and US
- (b) Italy and Germany
- (c) France and Germany
- (d) US and Italy
- (e) US and Germany

Answer: C

The World Health Organization and three other international bodies have formed a team of experts to help develop a global plan to prevent the spread of diseases from animals to humans, by the WHO.

The One Health High-Level Expert Panel was an initiative launched by France and Germany late last year, and held its inaugural meeting.

139. The third Foreign Office Consultations, led by Riva Ganguly Das was held between India and which among the following country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Russia
- (c) England
- (d) France
- (e) New Zealand

Answer: E

India and New Zealand reiterated the importance of closer cooperation for a rules-based international order and a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. The third Foreign Office Consultations between the two countries were held virtually.

Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Secretary (East) led the Indian delegation while the New Zealand side was led by Mr. Mark Sinclair, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The previous round of consultations took place in February 2019 in New Delhi.

140. Which among the following IIM has joined hands with The Deutsche

Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development to undertake a study on post COVID-19 business scenario?

- (a) IIM Bangalore
- (b) IIM Indore
- (c) IIM Ahmedabad
- (d) IIM Ranchi
- (e) IIM Lucknow

Answer: B

IIM Indore has joined hands with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to undertake a study on post COVID-19 business scenario.

Besides jolting the health index of various countries, the covid19 pandemic has adversely impacted economic, political, social, and psychological spheres but also have posed operational and management issues for the businesses.

141. Which among the following organisation has Unveiled the Plans to Include Climate, Digital Tech into Economic Assessments?

- (a) IMF
- (b) ADB
- (c) IMO
- (d) World Bank
- (e) AIIB

Answer: A

The new approach was agreed by the IMF's executive board after the global lender's first comprehensive review

of its surveillance work since 2014. It will provide strategic direction for its economic analysis in coming years.

Civil society groups lauded the changes, which acknowledge for the first time that climate-change related policies affect overall economic performance, but said the IMF should have enacted further-reaching changes regarding climate and poverty.

142. Which among the following state has given assent to eight important Bills, including the Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2021?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Nagaland

Answer: D

Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat has given his assent to eight important Bills, including the Gujarat Freedom of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which has been projected as the "anti-love jihad" Bill. These Bills were passed in the state assembly during the budget session held in March.

Parliamentary Affairs minister Bhupendrasinh Chudasama in an official statement issued on Saturday stated that Governor has given his stamp of approval to all the 15 Bills passed during the budget session. The Governor had given his assent to seven of the 15 Bills and now the remaining Bills have also been cleared, the minister stated.

143. Which among the following minister has launched 'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation (SeHAT)' OPD portal through video conferencing to

provide tele-medicine services to the serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families?

- (a) Harshavardan
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) Jitendra Singh

Answer: B

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched 'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation (SeHAT) OPD portal through video conferencing on May 27, 2021. The portal provides tele-medicine services to the serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families. The services can be availed by registering on the website <https://sehatopd.in/>. This is the final version of the SeHAT OPD portal with advanced safety features. The trial version was made functional in August 2020. More than 6,500 medical consultations have already been carried on the beta version by service doctors.

144. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has announced to set up One-Stop Centres in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs. Which among the following country has not introduced the OSC?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Oman
- (c) Canada
- (d) Japan
- (e) Singapore

Answer: D

The ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) announced that it will set up One-Stop Centres (OSC) — the Ministry's scheme aimed at supporting women affected by violence in public and private spaces — in

foreign missions in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs. The first 10 OSCs will be introduced in Australia, Canada, Singapore, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE, and Saudi Arabia.

145. The United Nations has marks "International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories on which among the following day?

- (a) May 29
- (b) May 27
- (c) May 25
- (d) May 30
- (e) May 26

Answer: C

Every year from May 25th to May 31st, the United Nations marks the "International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories." The United Nations maintains a list of what they deem to be "Non-Self-Governing Territories", and Bermuda is included, having been listed since 1946; with all the other British Overseas Territories are listed as well. Along with Bermuda, the jurisdictions listed are Western Sahara, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Montserrat, St. Helena, Turks & Caicos, U.S. Virgin Islands, Gibraltar, American Samoa, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Pitcairn, and Tokelau.

146. The Government has proposed to import pulses to improve availability and check prices. What is the (approx) annual production quota of Masoor for fiscal year 2020-21?

- (a) 16 LMT
- (b) 13 LMT
- (c) 19 LMT

(d) 29 LMT

(e) 14 LMT

Answer: E

The Government proposes to import pulses to improve availability and check prices. The notification for the annual import quota of 14 Lakh MT (LMT) of Masoor for fiscal year 2021-22 has been issued. The details pertaining to production and import of pulses during each of the last three years are given below:

Pulse	Production of Pulses (LMT)			Import of Pulses (LMT)		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21^	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*
Tur	33.20	38.90	38.80	5.31	4.50	4.40
Urad	30.60	20.80	24.50	4.90	3.12	3.21
Masoor	12.30	11.00	13.50	2.49	8.54	11.01
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Source: DACFW, ^2nd Advance Estimates				Source: DGCIS, *Up to 7.3.2021		

The Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, empowers the Government to regulate prices, production, supply, distribution and prevention of hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities for maintaining their supplies and for securing their availability at fair prices.

147. MooFarm's co-founders Jitesh Arora, Abhijeet Mittal, and Aashna Singh has secured a place in recently

announced Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list. MooFarm is _____ based Startup.

(a) Gurugram

(b) Nagpur

(c) Hisar

(d) Kolkata

(e) Cochin

Answer: A

Gurugram based startup MooFarm's co-founders Jitesh Arora, Abhijeet Mittal, and Aashna Singh secured a place in the most esteemed, recently announced Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list. The young trio embarked their entrepreneurial journey in 2019 with MooFarm, an award-winning technology start-up for dairy farmers. MooFarm also raised \$600k from Dutch-based accelerator Rockstart and a Dutch-based Investment firm, Navus Ventures in 2020.

148. Which among the following organisation has developed the near-isothermal forging technology for aero-engines?

(a) ISRO

(b) AAI

(c) DRDO

(d) IAF

(e) None of these

Answer: C

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has announced a modest step towards achieving the ultimate aeronautical challenge, one that even resource-rich China is struggling to achieve: Developing a jet engine with the thrust to power a fighter in combat.

"The DRDO established the near-isothermal forging technology to produce all the five stages of high-pressure

compressor (HPC) discs out of difficult-to-deform, titanium alloy, using its unique 2000 MT (metric tonne) isothermal forge press,” announced the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Friday.

149. The very severe cyclonic storm Yaas hit in which among the following state and cause severe damages?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Odisha

Answer: E

The very severe cyclonic storm Yaas hit the coast near Bahanaga coast between north of Dhamara and south of Balasore .

The landfall has commenced and the process will continue for the next three hours, said the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

The cyclone is crossing north Odisha coast to the south of Balasore. The maximum sustained wind speed associated with the cyclone during the time of landfall was about 130 kmph to 140 km/hr and gusting up to 150 km/hr, said IMD DG Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

150. The Government has proposed to import pulses to improve availability and check prices. What is the (approx) annual production quota of Tur for fiscal year 2019-20?

- (a) 38 LMT
- (b) 23 LMT
- (c) 27LMT
- (d) 39 LMT
- (e) 42 LMT

Answer: D

The Government proposes to import pulses to improve availability and check prices. The notification for the annual import quota of 39 Lakh MT (LMT) of Tur for fiscal year 2021-22 has been issued. The details pertaining to production and import of pulses during each of the last three years are given below:

Pulse	Production of Pulses (LMT)			Import of Pulses (LMT)		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21^	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*
Tur	33.20	38.90	38.80	5.31	4.50	4.40
Urad	30.60	20.80	24.50	4.90	3.12	3.21
Masoor	12.30	11.00	13.50	2.49	8.54	11.01
Moong	24.60	25.10	26.20	0.84	0.69	0.52
Gram	99.40	118.00	116.20	1.86	3.71	2.91
Source: DACFW, ^2nd Advance Estimates				Source: DGCIS, *Up to 7.3.2021		

The Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, empowers the Government to regulate prices, production, supply, distribution and prevention of hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities for maintaining their supplies and for securing their availability at fair prices.

151. Which among the following state's Deputy Chief Minister has convened the seven-member panel for better valuation of services of casinos, online gaming portal and race courses for levying goods and services tax?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh

- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Odisha

Answer: C

The government has set up a panel of state ministers for better valuation of services of casinos, online gaming portal and race courses for levying goods and services tax (GST).

The seven-member panel, convened by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel, would also examine whether any change is required in the legal provision for better means of valuation of these services.

The group of ministers (GoM) would 'examine the issue of valuation of services provided by casinos, race courses, and online gaming portals and taxability of certain transactions in a casino, with reference to the current legal provisions and orders of courts,' said its terms of reference (ToR).

152. 'Stargazing: The Players in My Life', a book has been co-authored by AyazMemon. Who has authored this book?

- (a) Ravi Shastri
- (b) Mohammad Shami Ahmed
- (c) Dinesh Karthik
- (d) RavindrasinhJadeja
- (e) Bhuvneshwar Kumar Singh

Answer: A

Cricket legend, commentator and one of Team India's most successful coaches, Ravi Shastri has penned a book titled 'Stargazing: The Players in My Life'. The news was announced by publisher HarperCollins India on Ravi

Shastri's birthday on May 27, 2021. It is been co-authored by AyazMemon.

153. The Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has approved to provide monetary assistance to 11.8 Crore students students) studying in _____through Direct Benefit Transfer of the cooking cost component of the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme to all eligible children.

- (a) Class IX to XII
- (b) Class VI to X
- (c) Class I to V
- (d) Class VI to VIII
- (e) Class I to VIII

Answer: E

The Union Minister for Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has approved the proposal to provide monetary assistance to 11.8 Crore students (118 Million Students) studying in class I to VIII in the Government and Government aided schools across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of the cooking cost component of the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme, to all eligible children, as a special welfare measure.

This will give a fillip to the Midday Meal programme. This is in addition to the Government of India's announcement of distribution of free-of-cost food grains @ 5 Kg per person per month to nearly 80 Crore beneficiaries under PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY).

The Central Government will provide additional funds of about Rs 1200 crore to State Governments and UT Administrations for this purpose. This one-time special welfare measure of the union Government will benefit about 11.8 crore children

154. What is the theme of the World Digestive Health Day 2021, observed every year on May 29?

- (a) Gut Microbiome: A Global Perspective
- (b) Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic
- (c) Viral Hepatitis, B and C: Lifting the Global Burden
- (d) Diet and the Gut!
- (e) Gut Microbiome: A Global Perspective

Answer: B

World Digestive Health Day is a worldwide public health campaign held on May 29. The event is coordinated by the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO). Each year, the awareness campaign focuses on a particular digestive health issue.

This year's theme World Digestive Health Day theme is "Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic". WGO and IFSO will be partnering to present a 4-hour virtual event on Saturday, 29 May. Stay tuned as more details will be provided in due course. World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) was inaugurated in 2004 and first held in 2005.

155. Which among the following crypto companies has launched a new first of its kind lending platform for crypto asset exchange?

- (a) OpenXcell
- (b) Hyperlink Infosystem
- (c) Polygon
- (d) ZebPay
- (e) Bitdeal

Answer: D

One of the oldest crypto companies in India, ZebPay, today launched a new lending platform for crypto asset exchange. The company says that the platform is a "first of its kind" crypto lending model in India and will allow users to lend their cryptocurrency to ZebPay, earning

interest on the same. Of course, the returns will depend on the token in question, its value during a particular period, and how long it's loaned for.

"The ZebPay Lending Platform generates returns on users' crypto investments if they lend select cryptos thus, providing an opportunity to earn a passive income by adding on to the returns gained from rise in crypto prices," the company said.

156. Which among the following organisation's Directorate General Mobile Training App Version 2.0 has been launched by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar?

- (a) CRPF
- (b) National Cadet Corps
- (c) CAPF
- (d) Indian Coast Guard
- (e) National Security Guard

Answer: B

Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0 in New Delhi on May 28, 2021. The app will assist in conducting countrywide online training to NCC cadets during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.

It is aimed at providing NCC-related basic information and entire training material (Syllabus, Précis, Training Videos, Frequently Asked Questions) on one platform. It provides the NCC cadets easy access to training material and assists in carrying out training during the pandemic.

157. Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University has signed an MOU with Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Learning to control possible pink bollworm

infestation in which among the following crop using AI-based interventions?

- (a) Sugar Cane
- (b) Jute
- (c) Jowar
- (d) Paddy
- (e) Cotton

Answer: E

In a bid to empower farmers with advance information about the possible pink bollworm infestation in cotton fields so that they could take preventive and control measures, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) has signed a memorandum of understanding with Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Learning, Mumbai, for providing AI-based interventions.

158. Which among the following University has led a world first, a satellite-based global coral reef bleaching monitoring system to scan the Earth's oceans for coral-killing bleaching events in real-time?

- (a) Arizona State University
- (b) Stanford University
- (c) University of Oxford
- (d) University College London
- (e) Harvard University

Answer: A

In a world first, a satellite-based global coral reef bleaching monitoring system will scan the Earth's oceans for coral-killing bleaching events in real-time.

The Allen Coral Atlas project, an international research collaboration featuring University of Queensland scientists, are using unprecedented detailed habitat maps

of all global coral reefs – over 230,000 of them – to detect reef bleaching anywhere in the world.

The project has been led by Arizona State University, which developed a monitoring system that detects potentially bleached coral reef habitat, with UQ scientists working on the habitat mapping element of the project.

159. Poul Schluter has passed away recently. He was a Prime Minister of which among the following country?

- (a) Coast Ivory
- (b) Germany
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Denmark
- (e) Norway

Answer: D

Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister who ended an era of currency devaluations by introducing a krone peg, has died. He was 92.

Schluter, the Conservative Party he once led said in a statement. A lawyer by education, he oversaw several governments between 1982 and 1993, making him Denmark's longest-serving prime minister since World War II.

160. The International Day of UN Peacekeepers has been observed every year on May 29. Which among the following organisation has observed the day?

- (a) UNSC
- (b) UNDO
- (c) UN
- (d) UNESCO
- (e) UNICEF

Answer: C

The United Nations has designated 29 May as the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. The day aims to celebrate the contributions of civilian and uniformed personnel who perform the task of peacekeeping for the organisation. The theme of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2021 is "The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security". According to the official website, 130 UN peacekeepers lost their lives last year and 4,000 have died since 1948, when the UN peacekeeping mission began.

161. Which among the following ministry has constituted a committee for suggesting amendments to the Indian Penal Code 1860 would now attempt to define 'hate speech'?

- (a) Home Ministry
- (b) Finance Ministry
- (c) Personnel Ministry
- (d) External Affairs Ministry
- (e) Defence Ministry

Answer: A

A committee constituted by Home Ministry would define hate speech as there is no clear definition in the IPC 1860. A committee constituted by constituted a committee for suggesting amendments to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860 will now attempt to define 'hate speech' and also propose a separate section on 'offences relating to speech and expression'. The Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws is expected to submit its report soon

162. TarannumRiyaz ,a poet and author has passed away recently. She was associated with which among the following language?

- (a) Marathi

- (b) Hindi
- (c) Urdu
- (d) Assamese
- (e) Bengali

Answer: C

Urdu poet, critic and author TarannumRiyaz passed away in a Delhi hospital due to Covid-19. Her husband, Riyaz Punjabi, who was former Kashmir University vice-chancellor, had passed away in the city last month. Born in Srinagar in 1960, she was a fiction writer, critic and a former newscaster with All India Radio. She was also a recipient of the SAARC Literature Award.

163. Which among the following has conducted "Steadfast Defender 21" with several warships and dozens of aircraft were took part in military exercises in Europe?

- (a) G7
- (b) OECD
- (c) BRICS
- (d) G20
- (e) NATO

Answer: E

As tensions with Russia simmer, thousands of NATO troops, several warships and dozens of aircraft are taking part in military exercises stretching across the Atlantic, through Europe and into the Black Sea region. The war games, dubbed Steadfast Defender 21, are aimed at stimulating the 30-nation military organization's response to an attack on any one of its members. It will test NATO's ability to deploy troops from America and keep supply lines open.

164. "Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966)", a final volume on the life and works of Veer Savarkar has been launched by VikramSampath. The book has been published by which among the following Publishers?

- (a) HarperCollins
- (b) Penguin Random House India
- (c) Roli Books
- (d) Macmillan Publishers
- (e) Jaico Publishing House

Answer: B

Historian VikramSampath's concluding volume on the life and works of Veer Savarkar will hit the stands on July 26, Penguin Random House India announced on the occasion of 138th birth anniversary of the Hindutva ideologue.

The book, titled "Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966)", will cover the story of one of the most contentious political thinkers of the 20th century from 1924 to 1966 — the year he died.

165. Which among the following bank has allotted over 203 crore preferential shares to the government in lieu of Rs 2,600 crore capital infusion for 2020-21?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Indian Bank
- (d) UCO Bank
- (e) Punjab National Bank

Answer: D

UCO Bank has allotted over 203 crore preferential shares to the government in lieu of Rs 2,600 crore capital infusion for 2020-21.

The competent authority this day allotted 203,76,17,554 equity shares of Rs 10 each to Government of India at an

issue price of Rs 12.76 per share against capital contribution of Rs 2,600 crore received by the Bank on 31.03.2021," UCO Bank said in a BSE filing.

The bank said its board has approved a proposal to raise up to Rs 3,000 crore equity capital in 2021-22 through various means including preferential issue, follow on public offer or qualified institutional placement.

166. The government has recently issued an advisory for private television channels, asking them to help by displaying four national level helpline numbers for the corona virus disease. To which among the following state the helpline is not covered?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttarakhand
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: E

The Centre issued an advisory for private television channels, asking them to help the government spread awareness about the corona virus disease (Covid-19) pandemic by displaying four national level helpline numbers.

The government stated it wants to create awareness about three things – Covid treatment protocol, Covid-appropriate behaviour and vaccination.

The National Helpline of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for Covid related queries is – 1075, the Child Helpline Number of Ministry of Women and Child Development is – 1098.

For Senior Citizens, the Helpline number of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is – 14567 and it is for

Delhi, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

While the Helpline number of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) for psychological support is – 08046110007.

167. How much amount the centre has allotted to Madhya Pradesh under the JalJeevan Mission by releasing its first tranche of Rs 1,184 crore?

- (a) Rs 5,117 crore
- (b) Rs 5,111 crore
- (c) Rs 5,118 crore
- (d) Rs 5,114 crore
- (e) Rs 5,110 crore

Answer: A

Jal Shakti ministry stated that, The Centre has allocated Rs 5,117 crore to Madhya Pradesh under the JalJeevan Mission, a four-fold rise than last year, and released its first tranche of Rs 1,184 crore.

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had two rounds of detailed review meeting with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The Centre has earmarked Rs 50,000 crore to the JalJeevan Mission which aims to provide piped drinking water to all rural households by 2024.

The ministry mentioned "In 2019-20, the Central Government allocated Rs 571.60 crore which was increased to Rs 1,280.13 Crore in 2020-21".

168. The J&K Government has launched a scheme, called SASCM to provide cash assistance of Rs 1000 per month for the spouse and the eldest member of the family who have lost their only bread earner due to COVID pandemic. What does M mean in SASCM?

- (a) Minorities
- (b) Money
- (c) Mortalities
- (d) Mortgages
- (e) Majorities

Answer: C

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched a Special Scheme for financial assistance to families which have lost their only bread earner due to COVID pandemic.

The J&K Government has adopted a comprehensive approach, by creating a Special Cell in the Social Welfare Department to identify and track support to these families over time, in the spirit of leaving no one behind.

Under the scheme, called 'Special Assistance Scheme for COVID Mortalities (SASCM)', cash assistance of Rs 1000 per month shall be provided to the spouse and the eldest member of the family.

Apart from this, the scheme provides for a scholarship of Rs 20,000 per annum for school going students and Rs 40,000 per annum for college going students.

169. Which among the following organisation has launched Nano Urea in the market to reduce the consumption of normal urea substantially thus saving a huge sum on subsidy and forex?

- (a) RCF
- (b) IFFCO
- (c) EPFO
- (d) NABARD
- (e) FCI

Answer: B

Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) will launch Nano Urea in the market next month. 500-ml Nano Urea,

which costs 240 rupees, is equivalent to 45kg of normal urea.

Besides reducing the cost of cultivation, it increases the yield.

Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister DV Sadananda Gowda said, the Nano Urea will be a game-changer for the farming sector as it is expected to reduce the consumption of normal urea substantially thus saving a huge sum on subsidy and forex.

It is also eco-friendly.

170 . What sum of amount, Paytm has planned to launch as the biggest initial public offering by breaking Coal India's 2010 record of Rs 15,475 crore?

- (a) \$5 Billion
- (b) \$4 Billion
- (c) \$9 Billion
- (d) \$3 Billion
- (e) \$7 Billion

Answer: D

Digital payments provider Paytm is all set to make its market debut as early as this year, with an aim to raise \$3 billion (around Rs 22,000 crore).

If successful, this could be the biggest initial public offering (IPO) by an Indian company, breaking Coal India's 2010 record of Rs 15,475 crore.

Paytm has emerged as one of the largest digital payments players in the country and ranks third in terms of UPI payments with a market share of around 12 per cent.

It aims to achieve over 10 million users and 75 million yearly transactions for Paytm Money, its stocks and mutual fund investment platform, in the financial year

2021-2022, with the majority of users from small cities and towns.

171. Harmohan Sahni has been appointed as the Chief executive officer of which among the following Company?

- (a) Raymond Ltd
- (b) Addison & Co. Ltd
- (c) Walter AG
- (d) DeWalt Industrial
- (e) Nachi-Fujikoshi Corp

Answer: A

Raymond Ltd stated it has appointed Harmohan Sahni as chief executive officer (CEO) of its realty business.

"Raymond Ltd strengthened its executive leadership team with the appointment of Harmohan Sahni as chief executive officer of its realty business.

An industry stalwart, Harmohan was till recently the COO of Real Estate business of ECL Finance Ltd (Edelweiss Group) and has enormous experience in executing projects".

172. Who among the following has been confirmed as the first female Army secretary of the US Senate?

- (a) Susanna Blume
- (b) John E. Whitley
- (c) Ur Jaddou
- (d) Christine Wormuth
- (e) Jill Biden

Answer: D

The US Senate confirmed Christine Wormuth, an international security expert and Defense Department aide during the Obama administration, as secretary of the Army.

She is the first woman to serve in the role.

The confirmation was not a straightforward process. After the Senate gave its unanimous consent, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., asked the Senate to overturn Wormuth's nomination, according to reporting from The Hill.

Kevin Cramer, R-N.D., stated the unusual course of events was related to a hold he had previously placed on Wormuth.

Terms used: D-N.Y stands for Downstate New York, R-N.D stands for R North Dakota.

173. Tsang Yin-Hung has Sets New Record for Fastest Ascent of Everest by Women by breaking the record of Nepalese climber. She hails from which among the following country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Hong Kong
- (d) Vietnam
- (e) Singapore

Answer: C

Ms Tsang Yin-hung, 45, reached the top of the world's highest mountain from base camp in 25 hours and 50 minutes. That was fast enough to beat the previous record, set by a Nepalese climber in 2017, by more than 12 hours.

Climbers from the United States and Hong Kong have set new records as they scaled Mount Everest.

Arthur Muir, 75, became the oldest American to climb the world's highest peak at 8,848.86-metres (29,031 feet).

Separately, Hong Kong's Tsang Yin-Hung, 45, scaled the peak in less than 26 hours, the shortest time taken by any woman after starting from the base camp.

174. Which among the following IIT has developed a detector called FakeBuster to identify and prevent imposters from attending video conferencing and manipulating faces on social media?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Ropar
- (c) IIT Kharagpur
- (d) IIT Bombay
- (e) IIT Delhi

Answer: B

The Indian Institute of Technology in Ropar, Punjab has developed a detector called FakeBuster.

It is a deep fake detector to identify and prevent imposters from attending video conferencing and manipulating faces on social media.

It has been developed by IIT Ropar in partnership with Australia based Monash University.

175. Chelsea has defeated which among the following in the 2020-21 UEFA Champions League final in Porto, Portugal?

- (a) Liverpool
- (b) Arsenal
- (c) Atlético Madrid
- (d) Aston Villa
- (e) Manchester City

Answer: E

On May 29, 2021, Chelsea beat Manchester City 1-0 in the 2020-21 UEFA Champions League final to win their 2nd title. It was held at the Estádio do Dragão in Porto, Portugal.

In the football match German forward Kai Havertz scored the only goal. Chelsea first won the UEFA Champions League Final in 2012.

176. Mary Kom has won silver medal in the 2021 ASBC Asian Boxing Championships by lost to NazymKyzaibay of Kazakhstan. The event has held in _____.

- (a) Dubai
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Delhi
- (e) London

Answer: A

On May 30, 2021, The 2021 ASBC Asian Boxing Championships, Indian pugilist Mary Kom, lost to two-time world champion NazymKyzaibay of Kazakhstan, to settle for silver medal.

It was held in Dubai.

The five-time Asian Championships gold medallist Mary Kom was competing in a high-octane 51kg final.

Meanwhile, Pooja Rani won the gold medal in the 75kg Women's Middle category final.

This is Mary Kom's second silver Medal at the Asian Championships. Previously Mary Kom won a silver Medal in 2008. Mary Kom won world championship titles on five occasions including 2003, 2005, 2010, 2012, and 2017.

177. World Hunger Day has been observed in which among the following day?

- (a) May 27
- (b) May 25
- (c) May 29
- (d) May 28
- (e) May 30

Answer: D

World Hunger Day takes place on 28 May with the aim of raising awareness of those who are going hungry around the world and to spur those with means to support them. The Hunger Project started an initiative known as World Hunger Day. Celebrating sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty is the aim of this day.

2018 would see people, organizations, companies and communities marking this awareness day on May 28.

178. Amnesty International Day has been observed in which among the following day?

- (a) May 29
- (b) May 25
- (c) May 28
- (d) May 21
- (e) May 30

Answer: C

Amnesty International Day takes place on May 28, because it was on that day in 1961 when lawyer Peter Benenson published "The Forgotten Prisoners" in The Observer, which was then reprinted around the world. He referenced the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular, articles 18 and 19, which deal with freedoms of thought and expression. He also announced an amnesty campaign called "Appeal for Amnesty". Celebrate the day by getting involved with Amnesty International. Help out with one of the many issues they are currently focusing on, see if there are any volunteering opportunities at their global offices, become a member, or give them a donation. You could also read the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, or learn about human rights in general.

179. Which among the following state has introduced a portable oxygen cylinder for corona suffocation?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Kerala

Answer: E

In Kerala, a portable oxygen cylinder has been introduced for use in the event of corona suffocation. 86 lakh persons in India have been targeted for corona in the previous 24 hours.

Oxygen cylinders are quite useful for corona patients. Portable oxygen cylinders have been introduced in this regard to help corona sufferers in their time of need. A private company in Kerala has developed a portable oxygen cylinder to avoid this.

A cylinder of oxygen with a capacity of 10 litres costs 680 rupees.

180. The Indian Broadcasting Foundation, the apex body of broadcasters has been renamed as _____.

- (a) Indian Broadcasting and Technical Foundation
- (b) Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation
- (c) Indian Broadcasting and Functional Foundation
- (d) Indian Broadcasting and Conventional Foundation
- (e) Indian Broadcasting and Professional Foundation

Answer: B

The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the apex body of broadcasters, is being renamed Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF), as it expands its purview to cover digital platforms to bring all digital over-the-top streaming firms under one roof.

IBDF is in the process of forming a new wholly-owned subsidiary to handle all matters pertaining to digital media, it added.

Government mentioned that "The foundation will also form a self-regulatory body (SRB), as per the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules.

181. Canara Bank's board has approved a plan to rise up to Rs 9,000 crore in the FY22. How much amount has been allotted through a Qualified Institutional Placement?

- (a) Rs 1,500 crore
- (b) Rs 1,000 crore
- (c) Rs 2,000 crore
- (d) Rs 3,500 crore
- (e) Rs 2,500 crore

Answer: E

State-run Canara Bank's board approved a plan to raise up to Rs 9,000 crore in the current financial year (FY22), of which Rs 2,500 crore will be through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), to meet regulatory norms and support growth.

The total amount would be raised through a mix of equity and debt instruments and is subject to market conditions and necessary approvals, the bank informed the BSE. The bank had raised Rs 2,000 crore through another QIP in December 2020.

182. Which among the following bank has announced the implementation of Trans Union's on boarding solution for its credit card customers efficiently and quickly?

- (a) Yes Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank

- (d) Punjab National Bank
(e) Canara Bank

Answer: A

YES BANK announced the implementation of TransUnion's onboarding solution.

This solution will enable YES BANK to onboard its credit card customers efficiently and quickly.

The solution has been designed to enable a digital, streamlined onboarding process that delivers the experience consumers prefer such as fewer customer information fields to input, no physical paperwork, and comparatively lesser time required for completing the credit card application.

183. Eric Carle has passed away recently. He was _____ by profession.

- (a) Doctor
(b) Politician
(c) Author
(d) Sports Man
(e) Journalist

Answer: C

On May 23, 2021, The children's author and illustrator, Eric Carle, Passed away.

He was 91.

Carle, who was born in Syracuse, New York. He began writing children's books in his late 30s.

Carle wrote and illustrated more than 75 books. Carle was a noted artist and designer.

Carle's most famous book The Very Hungry Caterpillar which tells the story of a ravenous caterpillar, was published in 1969. The book has sold more than 50 million copies.

The book has been translated into 62 languages.

184. The Secretary Level Committee consists of _____ members to make the guidelines and recommendations for the implementation of Smart Kitchen in Kerala.

- (a) 7 Members
(b) 3 Members
(c) 5 Members
(d) 4 Members
(e) 2 Members

Answer: B

The implementation of promises made in the Left Democratic Front (LDF) manifesto, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan mentioned a Secretary Level Committee will make the guidelines and recommendations for the implementation of Smart Kitchen by July 10.

Vijayan noted the aim of the scheme is to reduce the workload of women's domestic labour.

"A three-member Secretary Level Committee will make the guidelines and recommendations by 10 July for the implementation of Smart Kitchen.

The Chief Minister stated, It aims to account and reduce the workload of women's domestic labour".

In its manifesto for the 2021 Assembly elections, the LDF had promised to ease the domestic workload of women.

185. Under which among the article of the Constitution of Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari has issued an ordinance to amend the Nepali Citizenship Act?

- (a) Article 114 (1)
(b) Article 114 (1a)
(c) Article 114 (1b)
(d) Article 114 (2)
(e) Article 114 (2a)

Answer: A

President Bidya Devi Bhandari issued an ordinance to amend the Nepali Citizenship Act,.

The President's office said in a statement issued yesterday that the President had issued the Nepali Citizenship (first amendment) ordinance pursuant to Article 114 (1) of the Constitution of Nepal.

186. TejaswiniSawant has topped the Minimum Qualification Score section at the European Shooting Championship in Osijek, Croatia under which category?

- (a) 10m rifle
- (b) 25m rifle
- (c) 20m rifle
- (d) 50m rifle
- (e) 15m rifle

Answer: D

Former world champion TejaswiniSawant topped the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) section of the 50m rifle prone event at the European Shooting Championship in Osijek, Croatia,.

Tejaswini, 40, in her first MQS outing at the championship, shot 622.7 to finish ahead of three other compatriots and six Iranians, lined up for the MQS section, where shooters compete for official scores only and not medals. The rifle shooter from Maharashtra will represent India in the 50m rifle 3 positions event at the Olympic Games, her maiden stint at the quadrennial games.

187. Which among the following has launched Posaconazole API, used in treating Mucormycosis infection in Covid-19 patients?

- (a) Apollo Healthcare

- (b) Bajaj Healthcare
- (c) Reliance Healthcare
- (d) Aditya Birla Healthcare
- (e) Hetero Healthcare

Answer: B

Bajaj Healthcare (BHL) announced the launch of Posaconazole API used in treating Mucormycosis (Black Fungus) infection in Covid-19 patients. BHL has received approval from FDA Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat (India), to manufacture and market Posaconazole API as approved medication for treating Mucormycosis in India and it will commence its commercial production from 1st week of June 2021.

188. The cooperative sugar mills of Punjab have released the remaining amount of _____ to the sugarcane farmers for financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

- (a) ₹100 crore
- (b) ₹220 crore
- (c) ₹175 crore
- (d) ₹200 crore
- (e) ₹150 crore

Answer: A

The cooperative sugar mills of Punjab have released the balance amount of ₹100 crore due towards the cane growers for financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21. Announcing this, cooperation minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said the amount would be credited into their accounts .

The state government released the amount at its own level despite the Union government withholding the subsidy of ₹31 crore for export and ₹10 crore for buffer stock for 2019-20, he said in a statement.

189. The Assam government has paid Rs 500 Crore to which among the following company to increase the stake in Numaligarh Refinery Limited?

- (a) HPCL
- (b) Essar Oil
- (c) OIL
- (d) Bharat Petroleum
- (e) ONGC

Answer: C

Assam government to pay the remaining Rs 1,187 crore by September this year for increased stake in Assam based Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL).

Oil India Limited (OIL) has paid Rs 2,187 crore on behalf of Government of India. State government in March last year paid Rs 500 Crore. On Thursday, the state government paid another Rs 500 Crore.

190. Geronimo Rulli has claimed their first European title by beating Manchester United. Geronimo Rulli belongs to _____.

- (a) Valencia
- (b) Getafe
- (c). Real Sociedad
- (d) Chelsea
- (e) Villarreal

Answer: E

Villarreal goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli has scored the decisive spot kick and saved his counterpart David de Gea's attempt as they claimed their first European title by beating Manchester United 11-10 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the Europa League final.

In the first European final to be played in front of a crowd in two years amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Villarreal survived a tough second half to give coach Unai Emery a

record fourth title in the competition on Wednesday, leaving United without a trophy since their Europa League triumph in 2017.

191. Who among the following has been appointed by the CBDT for the administrative and policy-making body for the Income Tax Department?

- (a) Anu J Singh
- (b) AnujaSarangi
- (c) J B Mohapatra
- (d) Both A & C
- (e) Both A, B & C

Answer: E

Three new members were appointed to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the administrative and policy-making body for the Income Tax Department. An order issued by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) named 1985 batch officers of the Indian Revenue Service Anu J Singh, J B Mohapatra and AnujaSarangi to the board.

While Singh will be in service till August, Mohapatra will retire in April next year and Sarangi will superannuate in May, 2023.

192. Which among the following country has passed the Port City Economic Commission Bill, which officially declares 269 hectares of land reclaimed from the ocean?

- (a) India
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Seychelles
- (e) Magagascar

Answer: C

The Sri Lanka Parliament has passed the Port City Economic Commission Bill, which officially declares 269 hectares of land reclaimed from the ocean and annexed to the city of Colombo as the country's first special economic zone (SEZ) for services-oriented industries. The bill was passed with 149 votes in favour and 58 against. Under the legislation, a President-appointed commission will be established to govern the SEZ.

193. SanjivKapoor has now become the President of Oberoi Hotels & Resorts Group. He formerly works in which among the following airlines?

- (a) Vistara
- (b) Indigo
- (c) Spicejet
- (d) Air Asia
- (e) Air India

Answer: A

SanjivKapoor, who had last served as the Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer of Vistara – TATA SIA Airlines, will now be joining the Oberoi Hotels & Resorts Group as its President, from June 1, 2021 onwards.

Following the exit of Kapil Chopra in 2017, Oberoi hadn't appointed anyone to that position. Kapoor will now be taking Chopra's place.

194. Vairamuthu, a Lyricist-poet has announced the returning the ONV award, conferred to him recently. ONV award has been conferred by which among the following state?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

(e) Telangana

Answer: B

Lyricist-poet Vairamuthu announced that he will be returning the ONV award conferred on him recently. His decision comes a day after the ONV Cultural Academy said it will reconsider its decision after many pointed out how can a man accused of sexual harassment by so many women receive such an honour.

The award, instituted in memory of poet ONV Kurup, is awarded to poets from Malayalam and other Indian languages. This was the first time a non-Malayali was being conferred with this award.

195. The Uttar Pradesh CM has invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act in Uttar Pradesh. This causes strikes for _____ months.

- (a) Seven
- (b) Five
- (c) Three
- (d) Six
- (e) Eleven

Answer: D

CM Yogi Adityanath invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) in Uttar Pradesh. This act prohibits strikes in all state government departments and corporations for six months. A notification to this effect was issued on Tuesday, an official spokesperson said. This Act simply gives state police power to arrest anyone without any warrant if they violate its provision.

196. In which among the following field the India and US has not tied during Indo-US ties between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with US NSA Jake Sullivan?

- (a) Trade
- (b) Renewable energy

- (c) Technology
- (d) Business cooperation
- (e) Climate change

Answer: B

Bolstering Indo-US ties, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar met with US NSA Jake Sullivan and held talks on Indo-Pacific issues, Afghanistan, India-US vaccine partnership in Washington.

India welcomed the \$500 million COVID relief supplies from US and agreed to a free and open Indo-Pacific, global leadership on climate change and trade, tech & business cooperation.

The EAM also held trade talks with US Trade Representative Katherine Tai, focusing on post-COVID recovery. Jaishankar is on a 5-day trip from May 23-28 to the US to hold talks on vaccine import, QUAD, defence ties, trade relations etc.

197. A giant tortoise has been found on the Galápagos Islands was earlier found to be extinct. The last previous sighting of the species had been ____.

- (a) 1900
- (b) 1909
- (c) 1907
- (d) 1903
- (e) 1906

Answer: E

Genetic tests have confirmed that a giant tortoise found on the Galápagos Islands is from a species which scientists thought had died out more than a century ago. The single female was discovered during a 2019 expedition to Fernandina Island.

To prove the link, scientists took samples from the female to compare to the remains of a male from the species *Chelonoidis phantasticus*.

The last previous sighting of the species had been in 1906.

198. Breathe Applied Sciences, a start-up has received the National Award 2021 from Technology Development Board for developing a commercial solution for conversion of CO2 to chemicals and fuels. This start-up is _____ based.

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Chennai
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Mumbai

Answer: A

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Breathe Applied Sciences, a startup incubated at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) developed efficient catalysts and methodologies for the conversion of CO2 to methanol and other chemicals.

199. The American Journal Reptiles and Amphibians has published the research of 8 more species of snakes in which of the state/ UT?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Assam
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Nagaland

(e) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

India is home to a variety of snake species ranging from extremely to relatively harmless snakes. New research records 8 more species of snakes in Delhi. The study recorded a total of 329 snakes in 23 species and nine families. The result was gained after an extensive five-year study conducted by researchers from the Delhi University.

The new additions of snakes in the national capital's list of snakes are – common bronzeback tree snake, common cat snake, common trinket snake, barred wolf snake, common kukri, saw-scaled viper, and common sandboa.

The research, published in the American Journal Reptiles and Amphibians, covered all eleven districts of Delhi.

200. What was the hike made by the Tamil Nadu CM for compensation to the families of journalists, who died due to COVID-19 from Rs 5 lakh to.....?

- (a) Rs15 lakh
- (b) Rs 20 lakh
- (c) Rs 7 lakh
- (d) Rs10 lakh
- (e) Rs 25 lakh

Answer: D

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin increased the compensation given to the families of journalists, who died due to COVID-19, from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. The Chief Minister has also hiked the incentive sum given to journalists who have been reporting on the pandemic from Rs 3,000 to Rs 5,000.