

**Question 1:** Which famous personality delivered the Darbari Seth Memorial lecture, organised by Global think-tank TERI?

- (a) Antonio Guterres
- (b) Donald Trump
- (c) Christine Lagarde
- (d) Sundar Pichai

**Answer: Antonio Guterres**

**Answer Explanation:** *The United Nations (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres delivered the 19th Darbari Seth Memorial lecture, organised by the Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).*

*The UN Secretary General delivered the lecture titled 'The rise of renewables: shining a light on a sustainable future'. He called India and other G20 countries to invest in clean and sustainable systems after the world recovers from Covid-19 pandemic.*

**Question 2:** Which country is to set up a honorary statue of Indian doctor Dwarkanath Kotnis?

- (a) China
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bangladesh

**Answer: China**

**Answer Explanation:** *As per the official media of China, the country is set up a bronze statue to honour the Indian doctor Dwarkanath Kotnis.*

*The Doctor is commemorated for his contributions during the Chinese revolution headed by Mao Zedong and the World War II. The Doctor was a part of the medical team sent by the Indian National Congress to help the Chinese during World War II. He later joined the Communist Party of China.*

**Question 3:** Which state assembly passed a resolution against the Ordinances on Agriculture Marketing, introduced by the Centre?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Chhattisgarh

**Answer: Punjab**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Punjab Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution tabled by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh against the Centre's farm ordinances.*

*The assembly also passed resolution against the proposed Electricity amendment Bill 2020. As*

*per the Chief Minister and the assembly, the ordinances were against the rights of the farmers and the regime of Minimum Support Price.*

**Question 4:** 'Ease of doing business' report, that was seen in news, is released by which organisation?

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) World Bank
- (d) NITI Aayog

**Answer: World Bank**

**Answer Explanation:** *The World Bank releases the 'Ease of doing business' report, to rank 190 countries on the basis of their measures to promote trade.*

*Recently, the World Bank announced that it has paused the publication of the report amidst concerns of Data manipulation. A Wall Street Journal report said that data of four countries including and the UAE is said to have been allegedly altered.*

**Question 5:** In which state / UT, three Mega Bamboo Clusters are proposed to be set up?

- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Meghalaya

**Answer: Jammu and Kashmir**

**Answer Explanation:** *Three mega Bamboo clusters has been proposed to be set up in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.*

*In addition to the bamboo cluster, a bamboo technology park and a bamboo training centre will also be set up. These institutions would be set up by the Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC) under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).*

**Question 6:** A Defence Policy Dialogue was conducted virtually by India with which country?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Russia
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Japan

**Answer: Singapore**

**Answer Explanation:** *The India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) was conducted virtually where the two parties reviewed their bilateral defence ties in a comprehensive manner.*

*The two countries resolved to enhance their cooperation in defence and security with special*

*focus on maritime security. The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar. During the event, the Implementing Arrangement on “Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief” (HADR) was signed between the two countries.*

**Question 7:** Which institution announces the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Indian Bullion Association
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Reserve Bank of India

**Answer: Reserve Bank of India**

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

**Question 8:** Who is the head of the committee set up by the Defence Ministry, to review AFHQ CS cadre?

- (a) Bipin Rawat
- (b) DB Shekatkar
- (c) R Chandrashekhar
- (d) AN Das

**Answer: DB Shekatkar**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Union Ministry of Defence has recently set up a committee to review the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Services (AFHQ CS) cadre. Defence minister Rajnath Singh approved the proposal to set up the committee, that will be headed by Lt Gen Shekatkar (Retd). The other two members include R Chandrashekhar and AN Das. The committee would identify appointments in Service HQs and Inter-Service Organisations (ISO).*

**Question 9:** The Economic Ministers consultation meeting of India with which multilateral association was virtually held recently?

- (a) BRICS
- (b) ASEAN
- (c) SAARC
- (d) BIMSTEC

**Answer: ASEAN**

**Answer Explanation:** *The 17th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultations was held virtually and was co-chaired by Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry*

& Railways.

The virtual meeting was attended by the Trade Ministers of 10 ASEAN countries. The discussion was focused on ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).

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**Question 10:** The first Roll on- Roll Off (RORO) service of which section of Indian Railways was flagged off recently?

- (a) Central Railway
- (b) Western Railway
- (c) North Eastern Railways
- (d) South Western Railways

**Answer: South Western Railways**

**Answer Explanation:** The first Roll on Roll off (RORO) service of the South Western Railways was flagged off from Nelamangla (Karnataka) to Solapur (Maharashtra). RORO is the transportation model where trucks loaded with various commodities are loaded on open flat railway wagons.

Jitendra Realty and Infrastructure, a Solapur based firm, explored the commercial feasibility of RO-RO train services between Solapur and Bengaluru. It was approved by the Railway Board in April 2020.

**Question 11:** Which body has directed Banks to refund charges collected by them on electronic transactions after January 1?

- (a) Finance Ministry
- (b) Supreme Court of India
- (c) Central Board of Direct Taxes
- (d) Reserve Bank of India

**Answer: Central Board of Direct Taxes**

**Answer Explanation:** The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued a direction to Banks stating to refund charges collected by them on electronic transactions made by customers after January 1.

The CBDT has directed the Banks not to charge any fee for any transaction carried out through electronic modes like RuPay, BHIM – UPI, QR Code etc. Such practice by Banks is a breach of section 10A of Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act and section 269SU of the IT Act.

**Question 12:** What is the name of the event observed by all Ministries for a fortnight, to focus on the issues of 'Swachhata'?

- (a) Swachhata Pakhwada
- (b) Swachhta Samiksha
- (c) Swachhata Vidhya
- (d) Swachhata Survekshan

**Answer: Swachhata Pakhwada**

**Answer Explanation:** Under the Swachh Bharat Mission of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, an event with a duration of a fortnight is observed to focus on the issues of Swachhata. Named as 'Swachhata Pakhwada', the event was started in the year 2016 and an annual calendar is provided to the Ministries with a fortnight allotted to them. Recently, the Department of Fertilizers is observing Swachhta Pakhwada from September 1-15.

**Question 13:** Who represented India in the Australia-India-Japan Ministers' meeting on Supply Chains Resilience?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Nitin Gadkari
- (d) Ramvilas Paswan

**Answer: Piyush Goyal**

**Answer Explanation:** Indian Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, and his counterparts from Australia and Japan attended the Australia-India-Japan Economic Ministers' Joint meeting on Supply Chains Resilience.

As per the joint statement released, the countries have decided to launch an initiative to build a resilient supply chain in Indo-Pacific region. They have also decided to keep their markets open and thereby creating a transparent trade environment. This is expected to reduce China's dominance.

**Question 14:** Which Insurance company has launched AI-based chatbot service named 'LiGo'?

- (a) HDFC Ergo
- (b) ICICI Prudential
- (c) Life Insurance Corporation
- (d) Canara-HSBC OBC

**Answer: ICICI Prudential**

**Answer Explanation:** ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has recently launched an AI-powered voice chatbot named 'LiGo', on Google Assistant.

The customers and policy holders can use this service to resolve their queries on products by giving simple voice commands. As per the company, customers can activate 'Google Assistant' on their Android smartphones and say their policy number or mobile number for details on their policies.

**Question 15:** Which institution has estimated that India's real GDP for FY21 will contract by 10.9%?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) CRISIL

**Answer: State Bank of India**

**Answer Explanation:** According to State Bank of India's research report, 'Ecowrap', the real GDP of India for FY21 will contract by 10.9%.

*The report had earlier estimated that the growth in real gross domestic product (GDP) at (-) 6.8% for the current fiscal year. It also highlighted that all the four quarters of FY21 will showcase only negative real GDP growth.*

**Question 16:** As per the recent data from NPCI, which mode of payment clocked 1.62 billion transactions in August 2020?

- (a) UPI
- (b) IMPS
- (c) AePS
- (d) FASTag

**Answer: UPI**

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

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

**Question 17:** The historic commercial direct flight has been operated between which two countries?

- (a) Israel and the UAE
- (b) USA and Israel
- (c) USA and China
- (d) Russia and USA

**Answer: Israel and the UAE**

**Answer Explanation:** The first commercial direct flight between Israel and the UAE was recently operated. It took off from Israel and landed in Abu Dhabi. Saudi Arabia granted permission for using its air space.

*On August 13, Israel and the UAE announced to establish full diplomatic relations after the United States initiated. UAE is only the third Arab country to establish diplomatic ties with Israel. The flight carried a top-level Israeli delegation and a US delegation.*

**Question 18:** Which Bank has launched a virtual property exhibition named 'Home Utsav'?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) HDFC Bank

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

**Answer Explanation:** India's leading private sector lender ICICI Bank has launched a virtual property exhibition called 'Home Utsav'. Real estate projects promoted by renowned developers across important cities of the country would be showcased in the exhibition. The Bank has also offered special concession in interest rates, processing fee along with facility of digital sanction of loans to its customers who are buying properties through the exhibition.

**Question 19:** Which country has extended Rs 3500 crores to India for its response to Covid-19 pandemic?

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

**Answer: Japan**

**Answer Explanation:** Japan has extended an emergency loan support of 50 billion Japanese Yen (Rs 3500 crore) to India for its response to Covid-19 pandemic. This financial support will be in the form of a 15-year loan at 0.01% rate of interest. The loan will support the health and medical policy of Indian Government and would be used to develop hospitals equipped with ICUs, infection prevention and management facilities.

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**Question 20:** Which former Finance Secretary has assumed charge as the new Election Commissioner (EC) of India?

- (a) Rajiv Kumar
- (b) Amitabh Kant
- (c) Rajiv Arora
- (d) Venugopal Rao

**Answer: Rajiv Kumar**

**Answer Explanation:** Former Finance Secretary, Rajiv Kumar has taken charge as the new Election Commissioner (EC) of India. Rajiv Kumar is a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service Officer and has served in various

*capacities at Ministries in the Centre and his state cadre of Bihar/Jharkhand. He retired as Finance Secretary, in February 2020, after which he was appointed as the Chairman Public Enterprises Selection Board.*

**Question 21:** When is the International Day for Victims of Enforced Disappearances observed?

- (a) August 25
- (b) August 30
- (c) August 31
- (d) September 1

**Answer: August 30**

**Answer Explanation:** *Every year 30th of August is observed by the United Nations as "International Day for Victims of Enforced Disappearances".*

*On 21 December 2010, the United Nations adopted a resolution in this regard. Victims of enforced disappearance are those who are deprived of all their rights and liberties and are at the mercy of their captors.*

**Question 22:** By what percentage the Indian Economy has contracted in Q1 of 2020-21, compared to the same quarter of 2019-20?

- (a) 5%
- (b) 10.2%
- (c) 11.3%
- (d) 23.9%

**Answer: 23.9%**

**Answer Explanation:** *Indian Economy has contracted by 23.9% in the Q1 of FY 2020-21 compared to the same quarter of previous FY. This is supposed to be the worst performance since quarterly measurement began in 1996.*

*The prime reason for economic slowdown and contraction is the COVID 19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown that followed it.*

**Question 23:** Who became the first Indian to win a Grand Slam singles main draw match in seven years?

- (a) Sumit Nagal
- (b) Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- (c) Rohan Bopanna
- (d) Yuki Bhambri

**Answer: Sumit Nagal**

**Answer Explanation:** *Indian ace Tennis player Sumit Nagal became the first Indian to win a Grand Slam singles main draw match in seven years.*



*The 23-year old entered the second round of the ongoing US Open tournament. He defeated Bradley Klahn of the United States in the men's singles first round. Prior to this achievement, Somdev Devvarman had reached the second round of the Australian Open, French Open, and US Open.*

**Question 24:** What is the theme of the World Coconut Day 2020?

- (a) Invest in Coconut to save the world
- (b) Coconuts and Nutrition
- (c) Coconuts and Covid-19
- (d) Coconuts in Asian and Pacific regions

**Answer: Invest in Coconut to save the world**

**Answer Explanation:** Every year, September 2 is observed as World Coconut Day across the world. It is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of the coconut and its benefits.

*It also commemorates the foundation day of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC). APCC is a body operating under the aegis of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP). This year, the theme is 'Invest in Coconut to save the world'*

**Question 25:** European Investment Bank is to invest 650 million Euros in the construction of the metro line of which Indian city?

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Kanpur
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bengaluru

**Answer: Kanpur**

**Answer Explanation:** The European Investment Bank (EIB) announced that it is to invest 650 million Euros in the construction of Kanpur's first metro service.

*The agreement regarding the investment has been recently signed. This is the second metro rail project supported by the EIB in the state of Uttar Pradesh. It had earlier financed the Lucknow Metro rail system.*

**Question 26:** Which city is the host of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet?

- (a) Tokyo
- (b) Beijing
- (c) Moscow
- (d) New Delhi

**Answer: Moscow**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet is to be hosted in the city of Moscow, Russia.*

*Union Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh has recently left for Russia to attend the meet. He is also expected to hold talks with his Russian counterpart Sergey Shoigu. However, no schedule has been made for meeting with the Chinese Defence Minister.*

**Question 27:** Which organization has released an annual report on the deaths caused by accident and suicides in India?

- (a) Interpol
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) National Crime Records Bureau
- (d) National Institute of Road Safety

**Answer: National Crime Records Bureau**

**Answer Explanation:** *According to an annual report released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), around 1.39 lakh people died by suicide and 4.21 lakh people were killed in accidents in India last year.*

*The report also noted that traffic accidents were the single biggest contributor to accidental deaths which amounted to 43% of all fatalities.*

**Question 28:** "Indra 2020" is a bilateral Naval exercise between India and which country?

- (a) China
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) USA
- (d) Russia

**Answer: Russia**

**Answer Explanation:** *India and Russia have scheduled to conduct bilateral naval exercise, Indra 2020, in the Andaman Sea, close to the Strait of Malacca.*

*This is the first naval exercise since all such military activities were suspended due to COVID-19. 3 Russian Navy ships and 3 Indian Navy ships are expected to take part in the exercise.*

**Question 29:** Which Union Ministry is the implementing agency of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana?

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture
- (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- (c) Ministry of Rural Development
- (d) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: Ministry of Food Processing Industries**

**Answer Explanation:** *Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) implements Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and*

*Development of Agro-Processing Clusters).*

*Recently, the Union Government has approved the implementation of 27 projects under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana scheme. The projects aim to develop integrated cold chains and value addition infrastructure.*

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**Question 30:** Ministry of Defence partnered with BMEL, Tata Power and L&T for supply of Pinaka Regiments to which armed force?

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Indian Air Force
- (d) Indian Coast Guard

**Answer: Indian Army**

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

**Question 31:** Which Union Ministry of India has banned 118 Mobile Apps including PUBG?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (c) Ministry of External Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Government of India has blocked 118 Mobile Apps which are considered to be prejudicial to Sovereignty and Integrity of the nation and the Defence security of the country.*

*The move has been made by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology by using the powers vested under Section 69A of Information Technology (IT) Act. This includes apps like PUBG and Wechat.*

**Question 32:** Who has been given extension as the Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for a period of 6 months?

- (a) Pramod Chandra Mody
- (b) Harsh Vardhan
- (c) Amitabh Kant

(d) Riahi Lal

**Answer: Pramod Chandra Mody**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the tenure of Pramod Chandra Mody for a period of 6 months from 01.09.2020 to 28.02.2021.*

*This move has been made to ensure continuity in Income Tax related matter till the next Budget. Pramod Chandra Mody is a 1982 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer and his tenure has been extended for the second time in a row.*

**Question 33:** Which Ministry has released the SOP for metro train operations in the country?

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Railways

**Answer: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has released Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) operation of Metro Trains in the country.*

*The metro services are set to restart from 7th September. It has been directed that wearing of face mask is mandatory for all passengers and staff. In order to ensure social distancing, markings at stations and inside trains will also be done.*

**Question 34:** Which cricketer has been appointed as the Member of Australia-India Council, to promote business ties?

- (a) Ricky Ponting
- (b) Adam Gilchrist
- (c) Mathew Hayden
- (d) Bret Lee

**Answer: Mathew Hayden**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Government of Australian has appointed former star cricketer Matthew Hayden as trade envoy for promoting business ties with India, along with two new members.*

*He has been named as the Member of Australia-India Council. Ashok Jacob has been reappointed as Chair and Indian-origin politician Lisa Singh will be the Deputy Chair. Another new member was former Australian politician Ted Baillieu.*

**Question 35:** What is the name of the online contest launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, to sensitise about water conservation?

- (a) Water Heroes
- (b) Jal Raja

- (c) Jal Tumhara
- (d) Jal Kahani

**Answer: Water Heroes**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 'Water Heroes – Share Your Stories' Contest.*

*The contest is launched from September 1 and it aims to create awareness about the importance of water conservation. Under the contest, entries will be invited every month which is a video explaining the participant's success story. Selected entries will be awarded Rs. 10,000 each.*

**Question 36:** What is the theme of this year's US India Strategic and Partnership Forum?

- (a) Navigating New Challenges
- (b) COVID and the world
- (c) Unlocking New Opportunities
- (d) Make Way for the Future

**Answer: Navigating New Challenges**

**Answer Explanation:** *The theme of the 3rd US India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF) was 'Navigating New Challenges'.*

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address of the event in a virtual mode. The USISPF is an independent not for profit organization aimed to strengthen the US India partnership.*

**Question 37:** Which state has entered into an agreement with CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, for setting up Bulk Drug Park?

- (a) Tami Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: Andhra Pradesh**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC) has entered into a MoU with CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology for setting up of Bulk Drug Park in the state.*

*As per the MoU, CSIR-IICT will act as a knowledge partner and provide technical assistance to prepare a proposal to be submitted by the Andhra Pradesh Government to the Union Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, for seeking financial assistance.*

**Question 38:** What is the cap imposed by the government on the incentives under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS)?

- (a) Rs.50 lakh
- (b) Rs.1 crore
- (c) Rs.2 crores
- (d) Rs.5 crores

**Answer: Rs.2 crores**

**Answer Explanation:** The Union Government has capped export incentives under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS), at Rs.2 crore per exporter.

This incentive cap is applicable for exporters who have made outbound from September 1 to December 31, 2020. This has been announced by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) through its notification. The DGFT also stated that MEIS scheme would be withdrawn from 1st January 2020.

**Question 39:** What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2020?

- (a) 18
- (b) 35
- (c) 48
- (d) 52

**Answer: 48**

**Answer Explanation:** In the Global Innovation Index (GII) released for the year 2020 by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Cornell University and INSEAD business school, India has been ranked at 48th position among 131 nations.

India has moved up by 4 places from the previous ranking. Switzerland has topped the chart followed by Sweden and US.

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**Question 40:** What is the name of the Very-large Crude Carrier hired by IOC Paradip refinery, that has caught fire?

- (a) New Diamond
- (b) Oil King
- (c) Panama Queen
- (d) VLCC Falcon

**Answer: New Diamond**

**Answer Explanation:** The Very-large Crude Carrier (VLCC), that was hired by state-owned Indian Oil Corp. (IOC's) Paradip refinery, caught fire off the eastern coast of Sri Lanka. The oil tanker of the Carrier, New Diamond was carrying crude for Indian Oil's Paradip refinery from Kuwait. The Panama- registered was hired by IOC for carrying 270,000 thousand tonnes of crude oil. Indian Coast Guard sent three ships and a Dornier aircraft for fire-fighting.

**Question 41:** Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of South Indian Bank?

- (a) Murali Ramakrishnan
- (b) Shyam Srinivasan
- (c) Amitabh Chaudhary
- (d) Parthasarathi Mukherjee

**Answer: Murali Ramakrishnan**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Murali Ramakrishnan as the new Managing Director & CEO of Kerala-based South India Bank. Earlier, He has retired from ICICI Bank as Senior General Manager and joined the Bank in the post of an Advisor, three months ago. Murali Ramakrishnan will lead the bank for a period of three years with effect from October 1, 2020.*

**Question 42:** Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council of India (GJEPC) organised first ever virtual Buyer and Seller Meet for which precious stone/ jewellery?

- (a) Loose Diamonds
- (b) Coloured Gemstone
- (c) Gold Jewellery
- (d) Silver Jewellery

**Answer: Loose Diamonds**

**Answer Explanation:** *The apex body for promotion of Gems and Jewellery Exports, 'Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council of India (GJEPC)' has organised first Virtual Buyer and Seller Meet for loose diamonds.*

*The Joint Secretary of Ministry of Commerce & Industry inaugurated the first ever meeting. The two-day event will connect buyers and sellers and after the online matching, they would schedule a meeting and discuss their business.*

**Question 43:** The Supreme Court refused to stay the order against the which State's decision for Compulsory English Medium in schools?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka

**Answer: Andhra Pradesh**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Supreme Court refused to stay the Andhra Pradesh High Court's order against the state government's decision to make English the medium of education in the state's government school.*

*Earlier, the Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy-led Andhra Pradesh Government announced that English will only be the medium for government school students from Classes 1 to 6, from 2020-21 academic year. The top court quoted Section 29(2)(f) of the Right to Education (RTE) Act.*

**Question 44:** Which country has launched the 'Indo-Pacific strategy' with India?

- (a) UAE
- (b) Germany
- (c) Italy
- (d) Brazil

**Answer: Germany**

**Answer Explanation:** *The current President of the European Union, Germany has launched its Indo-Pacific strategy with India.*

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

**Question 45:** Scientists at ARIES, Nainital have discovered a low concentration of Ozone over which city, compared to other urban regions?

- (a) Shimla
- (b) Guwahati
- (c) Leh
- (d) Gangtok

**Answer: Guwahati**

**Answer Explanation:** *A relatively low concentration of Ozone over Guwahati has been discovered by the Scientists at the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital.*

*ARIES is an autonomous research institute under the Department of Science and Technology (DST). The team has evaluated the near surface ozone in the Brahmaputra River Valley (BRV) and found the Ozone variation in Guwahati, compared to the other urban locations in India.*

**Question 46:** The Shipping Ministry has directed all major ports to procure or hire which type of ship, that are only made in India?

- (a) Submarine
- (b) Tug Boat
- (c) Tanker
- (d) Ferry

**Answer: Tug Boat**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Union Ministry of Shipping has directed all major ports to procure or hire tug boats, that are only made in India.*

*All procurements that are being done by major ports will have to be carried out as per the revised 'Make in India' Order. Various initiatives are being taken to promote shipbuilding in India and improve self-reliance.*



**Question 47:** Which institute along with IISER, Tirupati has developed a Hybrid sterilization system that decontaminates PPEs?

- (a) IIT Tirupati
- (b) IIT Hyderabad
- (c) IIT Guwahati
- (d) IIT Bhilai

**Answer: IIT Tirupati**

**Answer Explanation:** *IIT Tirupati (IITT) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati, have developed a new technology named the 'Hybrid sterilization system'.*

*It can decontaminate the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that are used by the Health workers to contain the spread of COVID 19. This Portable Optical Cavity Sterilization Unit (POSCU) sterilises the PPEs and other items which can be reused.*

**Question 48:** What is the name of the N 95 decontaminating equipment developed by IIT Delhi incubated start-up "Chakr"?

- (a) Chakr DeCoV
- (b) Chakr DeCold
- (c) Chakr Disinfect
- (d) Chakr Clean

**Answer: Chakr DeCoV**

**Answer Explanation:** *"Chakr", an IIT Delhi incubated start-up has developed an equipment named 'Chakr DeCoV' to decontaminate N95 masks.*

*The equipment is designed in the shape of a cabinet. It uses ozone gas for cleaning the pores of N95 masks, thus ensuring complete decontamination of all layers of the mask.*

**Question 49:** Which state has approved its new Information Technology Policy for 2020-25?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: Karnataka**

**Answer Explanation:** *The state Government of Karnataka has approved a new Information Technology (IT) policy 2020-25.*

*The new policy is expected to help the state in retaining and leveraging its position in Information Technology segment. Through the policy, the state aims to achieve 1 trillion-dollar digital economy and create 6 million job opportunities.*

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**Question 50:** The children of which Industrial Giant have been listed in Fortune's "40 Under 40" list of influential people?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Anil Ambani
- (c) Azim Premji
- (d) Adi Godrej

**Answer: Mukesh Ambani**

**Answer Explanation:** *The twin children of Mukesh Ambani - Isha and Akash Ambani have featured in the Fortune's "40 Under 40" list of influential people around the globe.*

*The Ambani siblings are placed in the list for their contribution in turning around Reliance Industries' consumer business. Akash Ambani joined the board of Reliance Industries Limited in 2014 and Isha Ambani joined the board a year later.*

**Question 51:** "Wilmington" which has been declared as World War 2 Heritage City, is located in which country?

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

**Answer: USA**

**Answer Explanation:** *"Wilmington" in the US state of North Carolina has been declared as the World War 2 Heritage City. It is first of such cities to be announced.*

*This announcement was made by the US President Donald Trump during a ceremony held to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2. During the WW2, North Carolina Shipbuilding Company situated in Wilmington built 243 ships in 5 years as a part of the USA's emergency ship building programme.*

**Question 52:** The key BIMSTEC meeting held in September 2020, was organised under the Chairmanship of which country?

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Myanmar

**Answer: Sri Lanka**

**Answer Explanation:** *An important meeting of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) was held virtually under the*

*chairmanship of Sri Lanka.*

*During the meeting discussions were focussed on ways to expand cooperation among its member nations to deal with various challenges Covid-19. BIMSTEC is a multinational grouping of India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal.*

**Question 53:** India has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Vitamin C from which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) United States
- (c) China
- (d) UAE

**Answer: China**

**Answer Explanation:** *India has recently initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Vitamin C from China, as per the recent statement from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR).*

*Earlier, Bajaj Healthcare filed a complaint to DGTR that dumping is leading to a decline in its market share, profits and causing damage to the domestic industry. Vitamin-C is mainly used by the pharmaceutical companies.*

**Question 54:** Which organisation released a report titled "From Insights to Action: Gender Equality in the wake of COVID-19"?

- (a) UN Women
- (b) World Bank
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) World Economic Forum

**Answer: UN Women**

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

**Question 55:** Which Technology company is set to acquire US-based product design firm, Kaleidoscope Innovation?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Accenture
- (d) Tata Consultancy Services

**Answer: Infosys**

**Answer Explanation:** *Leading Information Technology company Infosys has entered into an agreement to acquire US-based product design and development firm Kaleidoscope Innovation.*

*The deal has been finalised at USD 42 million and the acquisition is to ne completed in the second quarter. This deal is expected to strengthen the presence of Infosys in the US markets in the field of medical devices and consumer markets.*

**Question 56:** What is the name of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline, to be launched by the Social Justice Ministry?

- (a) Man Ki Baat
- (b) Kiran
- (c) Empower
- (d) Mind Tree

**Answer: Kiran**

**Answer Explanation:** *Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot is set to launch the Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline "KIRAN".*

*This 24x7 Toll-Free Helpline has been developed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, to provide psychological support and rehabilitation services to persons with Mental Illness, across the country.*

**Question 57:** V.S. Gaitonde, who was seen in news recently, is associated with which profession?

- (a) Sportsperson
- (b) Artist
- (c) Lawyer
- (d) Politician

**Answer: Artist**

**Answer Explanation:** *A painting of V.S. Gaitonde has become the most expensive work of art by an Indian artist, as it has fetched Rs 32 Crore at an auction held at Mumbai auction house Pundole.*

*The untitled oil-on-canvas painting was created in the year 1974 and was bought by an unnamed international buyer. This sale breaks the record held by another art work of V.S. Gaitonde that fetched Rs 29.3 crore in the year 2015.*

**Question 58:** Which country has recently permitted flights bound to UAE to fly through its air space, after Saudi Arabia?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Oman

- (c) Bahrain
- (d) Egypt

**Answer: Bahrain**

**Answer Explanation:** *In a diplomatic move, Bahrain has permitted all flights coming to and departing from the United Arab Emirates to fly through its air space.*

*The decision was taken by the Civil Aviation Affairs department of the country after it has received a request from UAE. A similar announcement was made by the neighbouring country Saudi Arabia recently.*

**Question 59:** The Covid-19 RT-PCR test kits of which Indian company has received validation from Drug Controller of India?

- (a) My Lab
- (b) Swagene
- (c) Aquitylabs
- (d) Pfizer

**Answer: My Lab**

**Answer Explanation:** *"Mylab", a molecular diagnostic company based at Pune, became the first company in India to get Covid 19 test kits validated by Drug Controller of India.*

*The validation of the Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests kits developed by the company has been validated by the National Institute of Virology.*

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**Question 60:** Who has recently won the 48th annual world open chess tournament?

- (a) P Iniyan
- (b) Swayams Mishra
- (c) P Karthikeyan
- (d) Karthik Venkataraman

**Answer: P Iniyan**

**Answer Explanation:** *Indian young Grand Master P.Iniyan won the 48th annual world open chess tournament conducted recently.*

*This tournament was conducted in an online format due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The event was conducted in 3 rounds where in 122 participants of 16 countries participated.*

**Question 61:** Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had a high-level meet with his counterpart of which country, on the side-lines of SCO meeting?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) China

- (c) United States
- (d) Iran

**Answer: China**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Union Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh attended the country's first high-level political meet with China amid prevalent border tensions. This meet has been organised on the side-lines of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting in the Russian capital Moscow. As per media reports, the Chinese side initiated the meeting attended by the Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe.*

**Question 62:** Which country is to send its expert teams to United Nations missions to help Congo and South Sudan fight Covid-19?

- (a) United States
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

**Answer: India**

**Answer Explanation:** *As per the recent statement from the India's UN mission, India is to send two teams of specialists to support UN peacekeeping operations in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This move is aimed to meet the Covid-19 challenge in two countries. One team of 15 specialists will be sent to Goma in DRC and another team of 15 specialists will be sent to Juba in South Sudan. This will strengthen the hospital facilities managed by Indian peacekeepers and will help those two countries in fighting Covid-19.*

**Question 63:** What is the name of the typhoon that has hit Japan and is approaching South Korea?

- (a) Haishen
- (b) Sinlaku
- (c) Hagupit
- (d) Bavi

**Answer: Haishen**

**Answer Explanation:** *As per the Japan Meteorological Agency, the typhoon Haishen hit Japan and released fierce winds and rains. Haishen means Sea God in Chinese and the typhoon unleashed winds of speed over 180 kilometers per hour and damaged some parts of Okinawa, Kyushu island. The typhoon is estimated to approach some regions of South Korea.*

**Question 64:** Which organisation is to organise the first-ever World Solar Technology Summit?

- (a) International Atomic Energy Agency
- (b) International Solar Alliance
- (c) United Nations Environment Programme
- (d) Food and Agricultural Organisation

**Answer: International Solar Alliance**

**Answer Explanation:** *The first World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS) is to be organized by the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on September 8, 2020.*

*More than 25000 participants from 149 countries and several distinguished judges are set to participate in the virtual summit. The President of the assembly and India's New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh will be joined by Principal Scientific Adviser, K. Vijay Raghavan.*

**Question 65:** Which organization has successfully tested Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle (HSTDV)?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) HAL
- (c) DRDO
- (d) Indian Air Force

**Answer: DRDO**

**Answer Explanation:** *Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully tested Hypersonic Technology Demonstration Vehicle from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Launch Complex at Wheeler Island, off the Odisha coast.*

*The hypersonic cruise vehicle was launched using solid rocket motor, which took it to an altitude of 30 kilometers from where cruise vehicle separated and moved on the desired flight path at a velocity of 6 times the speed of sound i.e., nearly 2 km/second for more than 20 seconds.*

**Question 66:** Who represented India in the recently held G-20 Education Ministers meeting?

- (a) Prime Minister
- (b) Union Education Minister
- (c) Education Secretary of India
- (d) Union Women and Child Development Minister

**Answer: Union Education Minister**

**Answer Explanation:** *The G20 Education Ministers was held virtually, where India was represented by Union Minister of Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.*

*During the meeting, member countries resolved to work together shared best practices in three identified areas namely Education continuity in times of crises, Early childhood education and Internationalization in education.*

**Question 67:** Researchers of which organization have developed Diagnostic therapy drug candidate for lung cancer?

- (a) AIIMS
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) JNCASR
- (d) ICMR

**Answer: JNCASR**

**Answer Explanation:** *Researchers at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) have developed a theragnostic (diagnostic therapy) drug candidate for lung cancer.*

*JNCASR is an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India. Lung cancer is one of the most common cause of cancer related death and is tough to detect at early stages thereby making it difficult to treat.*

**Question 68:** The first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is/was celebrated in which year?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2020

**Answer: 2020**

**Answer Explanation:** *The first-ever International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed on September 7th, 2020. It aims to raise public awareness on the importance of air quality. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution to hold this day on December 19, 2019. It also invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to facilitate the observance of the International Day celebrated for the first time in 2020.*

**Question 69:** Which Indian state has topped the Ease of Doing Business Ranking for this year?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Telangana

**Answer: Andhra Pradesh**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Ease of Doing Business Rankings for Indian states has been released by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in collaboration with World Bank.*

*The ranking is based on implementation of "Business Reforms Action Plan". Andhra Pradesh has topped the list followed by UP and Telangana.*



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**Question 70:** Which state has announced a policy for Electronics and Hardware Manufacturing?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Assam

**Answer: Tamil Nadu**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced a new electronics & hardware manufacturing policy.*

*The policy aims to increase the State's electronics industry output to \$100 billion by 2025. The policy undertakes to impart skill training for more than 1,00,000 people by 2024, to meet the state's human resource demand in electronics sector.*

**Question 71:** When is the 'International Literacy Day' celebrated across the world?

- (a) September 8
- (b) September 9
- (c) September 10
- (d) September 11

**Answer: September 8**

**Answer Explanation:** *The International Literacy Day was observed on September 8 every year, across the world. The first International Literacy Day was declared at the UNESCO General Conference in 1966.*

*The day aims to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals and communities around the world. The theme of this year's International Literacy Day focusses on "Literacy teaching and learning in the Covid-19 crisis and beyond."*

**Question 72:** Which organisation is to provide USD 500 million for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor?

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) World Bank
- (c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- (d) BRICS Bank

**Answer: Asian Development Bank**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India has recently signed a USD 500 million loan, to build the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor.*

*This is the first tranche of a total USD 1 billion facility extended to construct the modern, high-speed 82-kilometer RRTS corridor in India's national capital region (NCR). A total of three priority rail corridors planned under the NCR Regional Plan 2021, to connect Delhi to other cities.*

**Question 73:** Which rating agency estimated that the annual GDP growth of India would contract by 10.5 per cent?

- (a) Fitch Ratings
- (b) S & P
- (c) CRISIL
- (d) ICRA

**Answer: Fitch Ratings**

**Answer Explanation:** *As per the recent statement of the Fitch Ratings, the annual GDP growth of India is projected to contract more than 10.5 per cent.*

*Earlier, it had estimated that the GDP Growth would contract by 5 per cent in its June Global Economic Outlook (GEO). In its recent GEO, it has also highlighted that the Global Economy is projected to fall less than projected level.*

**Question 74:** Which institute is to set up new Centres for Skilling and Technical Support in Bhagalpur and Varanasi?

- (a) Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology
- (b) Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology
- (c) CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute
- (d) CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CSIR-CDRI)

**Answer: Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) is to establish two new Centres for skilling and technical support at Bhagalpur and Varanasi.*

*CIPET is an autonomous research and training institution under the Chemicals and Fertilisers Ministry. Around 1,000 youths will be trained in each centre every year through Diploma and Skill development programmes for employment in petrochemicals and allied industries.*

**Question 75:** What is the name of the program to be attended by the Prime Minister of India, with Street Vendors from Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) SVanidhi Samvaad
- (b) SVanidhi Speaks
- (c) SVanidhi Ki Baat
- (d) SVanidhi Virtual

**Answer: SVanidhi Samvaad**

**Answer Explanation:** Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi is set to hold a programme named 'SVanidhi Samvaad' with street vendors from Madhya Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan will also participate in the program through video conferencing. Prime Minister is to interact with three beneficiaries from the state through virtual mode. 4.5 lakh street vendors of Madhya Pradesh registered in the PM SVANidhi scheme.

**Question 76:** Who has been conferred with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019?

- (a) David Attenborough
- (b) David Malpass
- (c) Ratan Tata
- (d) Mukesh Ambani

**Answer: David Attenborough**

**Answer Explanation:** The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2019 was conferred to the British broadcaster David Attenborough. The prize was conferred to him in a virtual event by former Indian PM Manmohan Singh.

The "Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development" was instituted in 1986 and is awarded to individuals / institutions who work to achieve international peace. It consists of a monetary award of Rs.25 lakh along with a citation.

**Question 77:** Which financial institution extended USD 82 million loan for Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project?

- (a) ADB
- (b) NDB
- (c) World Bank
- (d) AIIB

**Answer: World Bank**

**Answer Explanation:** A loan agreement for \$82 million has been signed between the Government of India, the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development).

The loan would be used for implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project. The world bank loan is given for a term of 15 years including a grace period of 5 years.

**Question 78:** Which state has launched the scheme named YSR Sampoorna Poshana?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Odisha

**Answer: Andhra Pradesh**

**Answer Explanation:** The Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched a scheme named YSR Sampoorna Poshana.

The scheme will be implemented in Anganwadi centres to provide supplementary nutrition to newborn babies, including pregnant women suffering from anaemia. Under the scheme, hot milk, rice, pulses, vegetables, and eggs would be distributed to pregnant and postpartum women for 25 days a month.

**Question 79:** What is the new name of Indian Civil & Administrative Association?

- (a) ICS Association
- (b) IAS Association
- (c) Indian Association
- (d) IAS Welfare Association

**Answer: IAS Association**

**Answer Explanation:** The Indian Civil & Administrative Services (Central) Association has been renamed as "IAS Association" recently.

The new name was unanimously cleared in the body's Annual General Meeting there by dropping the reference to the 'colonial-era' ICS. Also, a new moto "Yogah Karmasu Kaushalam" meaning "Perfection in action is Yogah" has been chosen during the meeting.

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**Question 80:** As per the data from the CGA, what is the quantum of India's borrowing from April- July, to tackle Covid-19?

- (a) Rs 3,165 Cr
- (b) Rs 5,165 Cr
- (c) Rs 17,165 Cr
- (d) Rs 39, 165 Cr

**Answer: Rs 39, 165 Cr**

**Answer Explanation:** According to the recent data from the Controller General of Accounts, India borrowed a record high Rs 39, 165 Crores from Multilateral agencies.

India has undertaken this borrowing to meet expenses related to tackling Covid-19. This is the highest external financing for any full fiscal year. Earlier, in the financial year 2016-17, India had borrowed Rs14,811 crore in external sources.

**Question 81:** Which neighbouring country of India has proposed to ban Cow-slaughter?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Nepal

- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) China

**Answer: Sri Lanka**

**Answer Explanation:** *As per the recent media reports, the ruling party of Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) has approved a proposal to ban cow slaughter.*

*In the country, about 99% people are meat-eaters. Whereas, the majority Hindus and Buddhists do not eat beef. Mahinda Rajapaksa-led SLPP party won a two-thirds majority in the parliamentary elections last month.*

**Question 82:** Which India state/UT has launched 'E-filing consumer complaint system'?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Chandigarh
- (d) Puducherry

**Answer: New Delhi**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Chief Minister of New Delhi Arvind Kejriwal has recently inaugurated the Delhi government's e-filing consumer complaint system.*

*The system is aimed at helping the people to file complaints through virtual mode. This digital service helps people maintain social distancing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In July, Delhi launched an e-RTI portal that will enable citizens to file online Right to Information (RTI).*

**Question 83:** The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has partnered with which Indian state to set up supplementary nutrition production units?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Jharkhand

**Answer: Uttar Pradesh**

**Answer Explanation:** *The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Uttar Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) are to collaborate in establishing over 200 supplementary nutrition production units.*

*This is to be undertaken under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme. This partnership aims to reach nearly 33 lakh beneficiaries in 18 districts, by 2023.*

**Question 84:** Which oil producing nation has reduced its daily oil production beyond the requirement stipulated by OPEC +?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Iran
- (c) Iraq

(d) Azerbaijan

**Answer: Azerbaijan**

**Answer Explanation:** *Azerbaijan has reduced its daily oil production by 133,400 barrels in August, thereby over fulfilling its production reduction obligations under OPEC+ output cuts deal.*

*As per the OPEC + deal, Azerbaijan is obligated to decrease its daily oil production by 131,000 barrels from August and December, whereas the country has decreased the production levels to 133,400 barrels.*

**Question 85:** Where is the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation-SCO Foreign Ministers Meet scheduled to be held this year?

(a) Beijing

(b) New Delhi

(c) Moscow

(d) Hong Kong

**Answer: Moscow**

**Answer Explanation:** *India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is representing India at the Foreign ministers Meet of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) to be held at Moscow.*

*The meeting is hosted by Russian Foreign Minister. The foreign ministers of Russia, India and China (RIC) would hold a luncheon meeting on the side-lines of the SCO. India has been the fulltime member of SCO since 2017.*

**Question 86:** The CCEA has approved monetization of assets of which PSU through InvIT model?

(a) NTPC

(b) ONGC

(c) Power Grid

(d) Indian Oil

**Answer: Power Grid**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the PM by, has approved monetization of assets of Power Grid.*

*Power Grid is a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Power. The monetization is being done for the first time through Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) model. The proceeds of asset monetization would be used to fund new and on-going projects of the PSU.*

**Question 87:** At what rate, the Funds sent abroad would be subjected to Tax Collection at Source (TCS), from October 1, 2020.

(a) 2%

- (b) 5%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 20%

**Answer: 5%**

**Answer Explanation:** Funds above Rs.7,00,000 sent abroad under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme would be subjected to 5% Tax Collection at Source.

This is under the Finance Act 2020 and would come in to force from 1st October 2020. On payments above Rs.700,000, the TCS will apply on the amount above this threshold. The TCS is not applicable for buying a tour package.

**Question 88:** As per a recent global report by UNICEF, WHO, UN and World Bank, what is the under-five mortality rate in India, in 2019?

- (a) 55
- (b) 45
- (c) 35
- (d) 34

**Answer: 34**

**Answer Explanation:** As per a recent report on released by UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and World Bank Group, the Under-five mortality rate in India declined from 126 in 1990 to 34 in 2019.

Also, the Infant mortality rate in India declined from 89 in 1990 to 28 in 2019. The data has been published in 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020.

**Question 89:** India signed 'Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA)' with which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) France
- (c) Germany
- (d) Brazil

**Answer: Japan**

**Answer Explanation:** India and Japan have recently signed a key agreement for Reciprocal provision of supplies and services between their Defence forces.

Called as the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA), it facilitates smooth provision of supplies and services between Japan's Self-Defense Forces and India's armed forces. This agreement is expected to promote military cooperation and regional security.

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**Question 90:** 'PNGRB' and 'CGD Authorisation', that were seen in news recently, are associated with which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (c) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- (d) Ministry of Power

**Answer: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas has recently dedicated 56 Compressed natural gas (CNG) stations spread across 13 states, to the nation. He also said that the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) is working to launch the 11th City gas distribution (CGD) authorisation round. The regulator board gives licenses for Retail CNG to automobiles and Piped cooking gas to household kitchens.*

**Question 91:** National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) works under the aegis of which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Answer: Ministry of Science and Technology**

**Answer Explanation:** *The National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) works under the aegis of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology. DST has recently launched a report on the journey of the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB) in catalysing innovation, entrepreneurship, and incubation.*

**Question 92:** What is the name of the new Redressal Platform launched by the Ministry of Shipping?

- (a) SAROD- Ports
- (b) SAROJ- Ports
- (c) SHIMOGA- Ports
- (d) SPEAK- Ports

**Answer: SAROD- Ports**

**Answer Explanation:** *Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya has recently launched 'SAROD-Ports' (Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes - Ports). SAROD-Ports is established under Societies Registration Act and aims to resolve the disputes with the panel of technical experts as arbitrators. It is expected to save legal expenditure and time. This works similar to the SAROD-Roads constituted by NHAI.*



**Question 93:** Which Government Department has launched a new scheme called Five Star Villages?

- (a) Department of Post
- (b) Department of Science and Technology
- (c) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
- (d) Department of Financial Services

**Answer: Department of Post**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Department of Post has launched a new scheme called Five Star Villages, to expand Universal coverage of Postal schemes in rural areas of the country. The scheme aims to create public awareness on Postal Products and services across all interior villages. The products covered include Sukanya Samridhi Accounts, PPF Accounts, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana Account, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana Account and other SB and RD accounts being offered.*

**Question 94:** Which women sports player has entered the US Open Semi Finals 11th time in a row?

- (a) Serena Williams
- (b) Karolina Piskova
- (c) Sofia Kenn
- (d) Johana Konta

**Answer: Serena Williams**

**Answer Explanation:** *Former World Number 1 Women Tennis player Serena Williams has entered the US Open 2020 semi-finals.*

*With this, the Tennis Legend has entered semi-finals in US Open for eleven times in a row. Serena, who is 38 years old, has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles including six US Open. She was the runner-up in US Open four times.*

**Question 95:** Which organization has decided to formulate Digital Payment Index?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) RBI
- (c) NPCI
- (d) SBI

**Answer: RBI**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to measure the extent of digital payment in India by devising Digital Payment Index.*

*The index would also assess innovation in existing modes and will help bridge digital divide. The development of the Digital Payment Index is based on the recommendations made by Nandan Nilekani Committee on Digital Payments.*

**Question 96:** When is International Day to Protect Education from Attack observed?

- (a) September 9
- (b) September 10
- (c) September 11
- (d) September 12

**Answer: September 9**

**Answer Explanation:** *September 9 of every year is observed as International Day to Protect Education from Attack.*

*United Nations General Assembly decided to observe this day to create awareness about the plight of millions of children living in countries affected by conflict. Children's right to education cannot be safeguarded in conflict areas without education being protected. UNESCO and UNICEF will facilitate to observe this day.*

**Question 97:** Which entrepreneur has topped the Forbes' list of richest Americans?

- (a) Bill Gates
- (b) Donald Trump
- (c) Jeff Bezos
- (d) Warren Buffet

**Answer: Jeff Bezos**

**Answer Explanation:** *Jeff Bezos – the Chief Executive and co-founder of Amazon has topped Forbes' list of richest Americans. He has been the richest American as per the Forbes' list for 3 times in a row.*

*He is followed by Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates. As per the Forbes and Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Jeff Bezos became the first person whose net worth rose to over USD 200 billion.*

**Question 98:** Which Ministry has released guidelines to states regarding welfare of migrant workers?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Social Justice
- (c) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (d) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: Ministry of Labour and Employment**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has released guidelines to states and Union Territories pertaining to welfare of migrant workers returning to destination States on account of COVID 19.*

*The States and UTs have been advised by the Ministry to conduct free corona virus (COVID-19) tests for migrant labourers. Also, the ministry has directed to maintain a database of all workers moving out of their States.*

**Question 99:** Which institution has directed for appointment of woman IPS officer in every district of Kerala to oversee POCSO related cases?

- (a) Supreme Court of India
- (b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- (c) High Court of Kerala
- (d) National Commission for Women

**Answer: High Court of Kerala**

**Answer Explanation:** *The High Court of Kerala has issued a set of directives to the state regarding Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO).*

*The High Court has directed the state to appoint woman IPS officer in every district, to oversee the cases investigated under POSCO Act. It has also directed to establish One-Stop Support Centres, in lines with the Supreme Court directions, to protect the victims.*

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**Question 100:** ARISE-ANIC is an initiative launched by which Indian organization?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) DRDO
- (d) Finance Ministry

**Answer: NITI Aayog**

**Answer Explanation:** *In order to boost applied research and innovation in MSMEs and start-ups, the Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog has launched "ARISE ANIC".*

*ANIC stands for "Atal New India Challenges" and ARISE stands for "Applied Research and Innovation for Small Enterprises". The programme is to be driven by ISRO along with 4 ministries namely Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.*

**Question 101:** Which Indian bank has launched a programme for start-ups named 'iStartup 2.0'?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Axis Bank

**Answer: ICICI Bank**

**Answer Explanation:** *Leading Private sector bank of India, ICICI Bank has launched an exclusive programme for start-ups named 'iStartup2.0'.*

*Under this programme, a Current Account can be created for new businesses that are up to ten*

years old seamlessly. The Bank has integrated its APIs with the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the account number is obtained at the time of incorporation.

**Question 102:** Which country is holding a naval exercise named 'Zolfaghar-99' in the Sea of Oman?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Oman
- (c) UAE
- (d) France

**Answer: Iran**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Naval Force of Iran has started a three-day exercise in the Sea of Oman named 'Zolfaghar-99', in the strategic Strait of Hormuz.*

*The Navy is expected to test-fire surface-to-surface and shore-to-sea cruise missiles and rocket-launching systems fitted on warships, submarines, aircraft and drones. The exercise also aims to devise defensive strategies to safeguard the country's territorial regions.*

**Question 103:** India has agreed on a 5-point plan with which neighbouring country, to resolve border issues?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) China
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Bangladesh

**Answer: China**

**Answer Explanation:** *India and China have recently agreed on five points regarding the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).*

*On the side lines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meet in Moscow, the External affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi had strategic talks which focussed on Disengagement of troops and easing of tensions.*

**Question 104:** Which Indian city is to play host to the Asia's largest aero show, Aero India-21?

- (a) Gurgaon
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Vishakhapatnam
- (d) Kolkata

**Answer: Bengaluru**

**Answer Explanation:** *Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the website of Aero India 2021, which is claimed to be the largest aero show of Asia.*

*The 13th edition of show is scheduled to be held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru*

*from February 3 to February 7 next year. The newly launched website will host and stream all online services related to the event.*

**Question 105:** The Conclave on “School Education in 21st Century” has been organised under which initiative of the Education Ministry?

- (a) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
- (b) Shiksha Parv
- (c) GOAL
- (d) STRIDE

**Answer: Shiksha Parv**

**Answer Explanation:** *Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a Conclave on “School Education in 21st Century” today through video conference.*

*This video conference was held on the background of National Education Policy 2020, as a part of the Shiksha Parv initiative. The Prime Minister also announced that School students will have new curriculum framework by 2022.*

**Question 106:** Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of National School of Drama (NSD)?

- (a) Paresh Rawal
- (b) Prakash Raj
- (c) Nasiruddin Shah
- (d) Shriram Lagoo

**Answer: Paresh Rawal**

**Answer Explanation:** *Noted film actor and theatre artist Paresh Rawal has been appointed chairperson of National School of Drama (NSD).*

*The former BJP Member of Parliament, will succeed the present Chairman Arjun Deo Charan. Paresh Rawal, has been awarded with Padma Shri in 2014. The NSD is India’s premier institute for theatre students and is located at Delhi.*

**Question 107:** Which organisation has paused the trials of COVID-19 vaccine candidate in India?

- (a) Serum Institute of India
- (b) Ranbaxy India
- (c) Cipla India
- (d) Sun Pharma

**Answer: Serum Institute of India**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Pune based SII -Serum Institute of India has paused the clinical trial of COVID vaccine candidate. The vaccine is being developed by Oxford University’s Jenner Institute and Astra Zeneca.*

*Serum Institute has stopped the trial after a notice from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). The trials of COVID vaccine were stopped globally after one of the recipients in U.K. showed adverse symptoms.*

**Question 108:** A fish brood bank at Sitamarhi (Bihar) is to be established with financial assistance under which scheme?

- (a) PM KISAN Yojana
- (b) PM Matsya Sampada Yojana
- (c) PM Garib Kalyan Yojana
- (d) PM Jan Jeevan Mission

**Answer: PM Matsya Sampada Yojana**

**Answer Explanation:** A fish brood bank is set to be established at Sitamarhi (Bihar) and aquatic disease referral laboratory is proposed to set up at Kishanganj (Bihar) as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

*These facilities will enhance production of fish by ensuring timely availability of quality and affordable fish seed.*

**Question 109:** Where is the headquarters of National Fertilizers Limited located?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Noida
- (d) Kolkata

**Answer: Noida**

**Answer Explanation:** The National Fertilizers Limited is a Mini Ratna PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. It is head quartered at Noida.

*Recently, it is in news because, it has surpassed its productions targets by producing 16.11 Lakh MT of urea in first 5 months of 2020-21. This figure is 13% higher compared to the production made by the company during the same period of previous year.*

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**Question 110:** “Ranking of States on Support to Start-up Ecosystems” is released by which Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of MSME
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (d) Ministry of Electronics and IT

**Answer: Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Results of the 2nd edition of “Ranking of States on Support to Start-up Ecosystems – 2019” was released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The ranking exercise has been carried out by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The ranking frame work has 7 broad reform areas, consisting of 30 action points. In this ranking exercise, 22 States and 3 Union Territories participated.*

**Question 111:** Who represented India in the virtual Meeting of Labour and Employment Ministers of G-20 nations?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Santosh Gangwar
- (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (d) Jitendra Singh

**Answer: Santosh Gangwar**

**Answer Explanation:** *Union Labour and employment minister Santosh Gangwar represented India in the virtual Meeting of Labour and Employment Ministers of G-20 nations. The G20 meet focussed on the G20 Youth Roadmap 2025 and discussed measures to curb the impact of Covid-19 on the Labour market. The meet also identified indicators relating to youth for the first time.*

**Question 112:** What is the name of the social activist and Arya Samaj Leader who has passed away recently?

- (a) Swami Agnivesh
- (b) Narendra Kumar Swain
- (c) Govind Swarup
- (d) Kesavananda Bharati

**Answer: Swami Agnivesh**

**Answer Explanation:** *Veteran Social activist and former Haryana MLA Swami Agnivesh has recently passed away in Delhi, after he was suffering from liver cirrhosis. Swami Agnivesh was considered as a revolutionary leader of Arya Samaj and had led a campaign against bonded labour and female foeticide. He was also an advocate for the dialogue between religions.*

**Question 113:** Which Indian state has partnered with SIDBI to provide support to MSMEs in the state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: Rajasthan**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to develop the MSME ecosystem in the state.*

*This is the initiative of the Department of Industries, Rajasthan to provide financial and technical support to MSMEs in the state. The state has also amended the MSME Act to promote industries and exempt businesses from permissions and inspections for three years.*

**Question 114:** The Prime Minister has inaugurated 1.75 lakh houses built under PMAY (G) and released 'Griha Pravesham' plaque in which state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh**

**Answer Explanation:** *Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated 1.75 lakh houses built under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin in over 12000 villages in Madhya Pradesh.*

*The Prime Minister also released the 'Griha Pravesham' plaque to mark the occasion. The 1.75 lakh houses are a part of the total of 18 lakh houses constructed across the country under the scheme. The work has also been completed in 35 to 40 days, instead of the usual time of 125 days.*

**Question 115:** Which city plays host to the Conference on Afghan peace negotiations?

- (a) Kabul
- (b) Islamabad
- (c) Doha
- (d) Muscat

**Answer: Doha**

**Answer Explanation:** *Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar virtually addressed the inaugural session of the intra-Afghan talks, being held in Doha.*

*Earlier this week, the Minister had visited Iran and discussed the Chabahar port project and the situation in Afghanistan. The Defence Minister also met his counterpart in Iran. India had earlier attended the signing of the US-Taliban pact on February 29.*

**Question 116:** As per a recent study, which Vitamin supplement could decrease Covid-19 admission rate in ICU?

- (a) Vitamin B12
- (b) Vitamin D
- (c) Vitamin C



(d) Vitamin B6

**Answer: Vitamin D**

**Answer Explanation:** A new study published in the Journal of Steroid Biochemistry and Molecular Biology has found that Vitamin D supplements can decrease the rate of ICU admissions due to Covid-19.

The vitamin is found to be stimulating immune responses against various diseases including the novel coronavirus. The study was conducted on 76 patients who tested positive for Covid-19 in Spain. The patients who received the supplement were discharged without complications.

**Question 117:** Which development institution is to finance the 200-MW solar power project in Raghnesda Solar Park, Gujarat?

- (a) ADB
- (b) AIIB
- (c) BRICS Bank
- (d) World Bank

**Answer: ADB**

**Answer Explanation:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and France's ENGIE group have signed a long-term loan of up to Rs 466 crore to set up a 200-MW solar power project in Gujarat.

The project that is to be developed in the Raghnesda Solar Park, is expected to be commissioned in the first half of 2021. Electro Solaire Private Limited (ESPL), a special purpose vehicle owned by the ENGIE group, will implement the project.

**Question 118:** Which regulator in India is set to revamp its IT infrastructure network and communication systems?

- (a) RBI
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SEBI
- (d) IRDAI

**Answer: SEBI**

**Answer Explanation:** Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed to revamp its IT infrastructure network and communication systems.

Also, SEBI has proposed to have a centralised control over its network. In this regard, SEBI has shortlisted 8 companies which includes Bharti Airtel, Wipro, TCS, HP, IBM, NTT India, Orange Business Services India Technology and Sify Technologies.

**Question 119:** The Centre has released 6th instalment of Revenue Deficit grant, as per the recommendation of which body?

- (a) Finance Commission
- (b) RBI
- (c) SEBI
- (d) GST Council

**Answer: Finance Commission**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Government of India has released a sum of Rs.6,195 crore to 14 states as Revenue Deficit Grant. This is as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission.*

*Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal are the 14 states to receive the grant from centre.*

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**Question 120:** Which body has issued guidelines to Banks regarding the appointment of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)?

- (a) Finance Ministry
- (b) SEBI
- (c) CVC
- (d) RBI

**Answer: RBI**

**Answer Explanation:** *The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines regarding Compliance Functions in Banks and Role of Chief Compliance Officer (CCO).*

*The guidelines direct that all banks should have a board approved Compliance Policy and Appointment of CCO. The CCO shall be a senior executive of the bank, preferably in the rank of a General Manager.*