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NEWS	QUESTIONS
1. 8th edition of HAND-IN-HAND joint training exercise between India and China will be held in Umroi, Meghalaya. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme for the exercise: counter-terrorism under United Nations mandate. 	Q.) Hand – in – Hand is the bilateral joint exercise between which two nations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] India and China [b] USA and South Korea [c] India and Afghanistan [d] Japan and South Korea [e] Sri Lanka and Australia
2. Under the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 (IMI-2.0), nationwide vaccination drive has begun across the country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccines for the 8 disease – diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles, meningitis and Hepatitis B – will be given under IMI 2.0. • IMI 2.0 aims to achieve 90% nationwide immunisation coverage by 2022 with a focus on 272 districts of 27 states and 652 blocks of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar among hard-to-reach and tribal populations. • Mission Indradhanush was launched in 2014. After it, Intensified Mission Indradhanush was launched in 2017. IMI 2.0 was launched in 2019. 	Q.) How many diseases are vaccinated in the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] 8 [b] 7 [c] 4 [d] 10 [e] 14
3. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) has launched the Operation Clean Art to curb illegal trade of mongoose hair across India.	Q.) Recently, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau has launched the Operation Clean Art to curb illegal trade of ____ hair across India? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] Peacock [b] Goat [c] Gypsy Horse



	<p>[d] Komondor Dog</p> <p>[e] Mongoose</p>
<p>4. Mumbai Central station (of Western Railways) has become the first station in India to receive the ‘Eat Right Station’ certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) with a 4-star rating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSSAI launched the ‘Eat Right India’ movement in 2018. 	<p>Q.) Which railway station has become the first station in India to receive the ‘Eat Right Station’ certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India with a 4-star rating?</p> <p>[a] Mumbai Central station</p> <p>[b] Nagpur Railway Station</p> <p>[c] Lucknow Charbagh Station</p> <p>[d] Cuttack Railway Station</p> <p>[e] Chennai Central Station</p>
<p>5. Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019 has been released by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which ranks a total of 152 countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parameters: 4 indicators – readiness for internet shopping, reliability of postal services & infrastructure, portion of the population using the internet and mobile-money-service provider. Top Ranker: Netherland (for 2nd consecutive year) Last Ranker: Niger India’s Rank: 73rd (up by 7 positions) with 57.0 score. Globally, 1.3 billion people aged 15 or above shopped online in 2017 (which is a 12% increase from 2016). 	<p>Q.) What is India’s rank in the Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019?</p> <p>[a] 73</p> <p>[b] 44</p> <p>[c] 32</p> <p>[d] 27</p> <p>[e] 101</p>
<p>6. India and Portugal have collaborated to set up India’s first National Maritime Heritage Museum at the ancient Indian site of Lothal in Gujarat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will display the heritage of Indian inland waterways and sea trade. 	<p>Q.) With which nation has India collaborated to set up India’s first National Maritime Heritage Museum at the ancient Indian site of Lothal in Gujarat?</p> <p>[a] Portugal</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Shipping is implementing the project through its Sagarmala programme (which was launched in 2015 to development the port infrastructure of India for transportation). 	<p>[b] Spain [c] Germany [d] Jordan [e] Britain</p>
<p>7. Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched “YuWaah- (Generation Unlimited India)” initiative in association with UNICEF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: To create hubs of education, skilling and employment for Indian youth aged 10-24 years. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the initiative launched by Ministry of Women and Child Development in association with UNICEF?</p> <p>[a] YuWaah [b] Kishor [c] Pratibha [d] Pratyaksh [e] Darpan</p>
<p>8. Euro Monitor International has released the “Top 100 city destination ranking” 2019 to rank a total of 100 most popular tourist destinations in the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topper – Hong Kong Indian City – Delhi is at 11th rank (and is expected to be at 8th position in the next rankings which will be for the year 2019). As per the report, the number of international tourists visiting Delhi has increased by 25% in 2019 as compared to 2018. 7 cities from India have been included in the list which makes India, the strongest tourist destination. A total of 43 Asian cities are present in this list. 	<p>Q.) Which Indian city has been ranked at the highest position (11th rank) in the Top 100 city destination ranking 2019?</p> <p>[a] Delhi [b] Mumbai [c] Chennai [d] Kolkata [e] Bangalore</p>



	CITY	COUNTRY
1	Hong Kong	Hong Kong, China
2	Bangkok	Thailand
3	London	United Kingdom
4	Macau	Macau, China
5	Singapore	Singapore
6	Paris	France
7	Dubai	United Arab Emirates
8	New York City	US
9	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
10	Istanbul	Turkey
11	Delhi	India

9. Phase 4 of the UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme has been launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Phase-4 will focus on Hilly states, North East Region, Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir and Islands to increase civil aviation in these areas.
 - Under the new phase, funding for the large aircrafts has been increased by 25%, operation of helicopter and sea planes have also been added.
 - Ministry aims to operationalize 1000 routes and more than 100 airports in the next five years.

UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) scheme	
Launched	2016
Ministry	Civil Aviation Ministry
Purpose	to develop the regional aviation market

10. India and Russia conducted the 11th edition of joint tri-services military exercise – Indra XI – at Pune and Goa.
- Earlier, Indra was held between the navies of the two nations.

Q.) When was UDAN scheme launched?

- [a] 2016
- [b] 2014
- [c] 2011
- [d] 2015
- [e] 2017

Q.) With which country does India conduct Indra joint tri-services military exercise?

- [a] Russia
- [b] Japan
- [c] Australia
- [d] Sri Lanka
- [e] USA





- Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) database was used for this ranking.

Rank	Police Station	State
1	Aberdeen	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
2	Balasinor	Gujarat
3	Ajk Burhanpur	Madhya Pradesh

- [c] Aberdeen, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- [d] Manesar, Haryana
- [e] Kalu, Rajasthan

15. ISRO has announced to launch the RISAT-2BR1 (2nd satellite in the RISAT series) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on December 11, 2019.
- First RISAT (Radar imaging reconnaissance satellites) was RISAT-2B satellite, launched in 2019.
 - Purpose: to boost India's surveillance of Earth for military purposes.
 - RISAR-2BRI will be launched through PSLV-C48 which will simultaneously carry 9 other foreign satellites.

- Q.) Recently, ISRO has announced to launch the RISAT-2BR1 (2nd satellite in the RISAT series) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The full of form of RISAT is Radar imaging ___ satellites?
- [a] Reconnaissance
 - [b] Reimaging
 - [c] Reassurance
 - [d] Refractions
 - [e] Reconnoitre

16. India Skills Report 2019 has been jointly developed by CII, AICTE, UN Development Programme and Association of Indian University (AIU) along with scholars.
- Parameters: The report ranks 28 states and 9 UTs on two basis – availability of employment opportunities and employability of citizens.

- Q.) Which state has topped in the highest employable talent category in the India Skills Report 2019?
- [a] Maharashtra
 - [b] Tamil Nadu
 - [c] Uttar Pradesh
 - [d] Telangana
 - [e] Andhra Pradesh

Category	Highest Performer
State wise (highest employable talent)	1. Maharashtra 2. Tamil Nadu 3. Uttar Pradesh
City wise (most employable cities)	1. Mumbai 2. Hyderabad 3. Pune
Top Profession (highest employable category)	MBA with employability score of 54%
Gender wise (employability scores)	Male – 46% Female – 47% Overall – 46%



<p>17. Human Development Report (Index) 2019 has been released by UN Development Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title of the Report: Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st century. Top Ranker: Norway (0.954) Bottom Ranker: Niger (score 0.377) India's Rank: 129 (up from 130 in 2018) with a score of 0.647. Total: 189 Dimensions – 3 dimensions are used to ascertain the rankings which are long and healthy life, knowledge and standard of living. 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the Human Development Index 2019?</p> <p>[a] 155 [b] 73 [c] 66 [d] 129 [e] 102</p>
<p>18. 6th edition of Asian Dendrochronology Conference is being held, for the first time, in India at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, UP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dendrochronology is the study of tree rings that hold a wealth of information about not only a tree's past but also that of the ecosystem in which it lives. 	<p>Q.) Which country hosted the 6th Asian Dendrochronology Conference?</p> <p>[a] Japan [b] India [c] Maldives [d] Sri Lanka [e] Singapore</p>
<p>19. 20th GeoSmart India conference 2019 was organized in Hyderabad, Telangana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: "Ignite – Innovate – Integrate" National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was awarded with the 'Leadership in Rejuvenation and Protection of Fresh Water Systems in India' at the conference. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of 20th GeoSmart India conference 2019?</p> <p>[a] G-Revolution! [b] Towards Geospatially enabled Economy [c] Geo-Budget - Enabling Sustainable Growth [d] Ignite – Innovate – Integrate [e] Meet SDG Goals!</p>
<p>20. WHO and UNICEF released a report which mentions that India has the world's 2nd highest number of unvaccinated children against measles.</p>	<p>Q.) Which of the following statement(s) is/are not correct about the recently released data on measles by WHO and UNICEF?</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018, 2.3 million children were not vaccinated in 2018 (2.9 million in 2017). • Nigeria has topped the list with 2.4 million unvaccinated children (4 million in 2017). • The study was published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). • Globally, there were at least 140,000 cases of measles. • Five countries—the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Liberia, Madagascar, Somalia and Ukraine—accounted for almost half of all measles cases in 2018 	<p>[a] India has the world’s 2nd highest number of unvaccinated children against measles</p> <p>[b] The study was published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report</p> <p>[c] Nigeria has topped the list with 2.4 million unvaccinated children (4 million in 2017)</p> <p>[d] Five countries—the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Liberia, Madagascar, Somalia and Ukraine—accounted for almost half of all measles cases in 2018</p> <p>[e] India is the world’s fastest country in tackling the measles through government intervention</p>
<p>21. 17th BioAsia 2020 will be organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industries in Hyderabad by the Telangana govt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Today for Tomorrow • Partner country for BioAsia: Switzerland 	<p>Q.) Where was the 17th BioAsia 2020 organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industries?</p> <p>[a] Andhra Pradesh</p> <p>[b] Tamil Nadu</p> <p>[c] Telangana</p> <p>[d] Uttar Pradesh</p> <p>[e] Meghalaya</p>
<p>22. For the first time in India, Pashu Kisan credit cards have been distributed to 101 animal farmers by the Haryana government to farmers of Bhiwani district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: to promote animal husbandry and agribusiness. • Haryana govt has also set a target to issue 10 lakh Pashu Kisan Credit cards by March 2021. 	<p>Q.) Which state has launched the Pashu Kisan credit cards for the first time in India?</p> <p>[a] Punjab</p> <p>[b] Haryana</p> <p>[c] Meghalaya</p> <p>[d] Mizoram</p> <p>[e] Assam</p>



<p>23. Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed between India and Japan to form an ‘India-Japan Steel Dialogue’ to strengthen cooperation in steel sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High grade steel manufacturing will also be promoted in India as part of this MoC. • An MoU signed between India and Japan Coal Energy Center for power supply has also been approved by the cabinet. 	<p>Q.) With which country has India signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to form a Steel Dialogue to strengthen cooperation in steel sector?</p> <p>[a] Japan [b] Russia [c] USA [d] England [e] Germany</p>
<p>24. “International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming systems” for BIMSTEC countries has been organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: to improve tropical small holder farming system that are resilient to climate change. • The summit is an outcome of the 4th BIMSTEC summit held at Kathmandu, Nepal in August 2019. 	<p>Q.) Where was the “International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming systems” for BIMSTEC countries organized?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Bangladesh [c] Myanmar [d] Sri Lanka [e] Thailand</p>
<p>25. India will host 36th International Geological Congress in New Delhi in 2020 to discuss the future policy in the field of geosciences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: ‘Geosciences: The Basic Science for Sustainable Development’. • Organizer: Ministry of Mines. • Financers of the event: Ministry of Earth Sciences, Indian National Science Academy and National Science Academies of Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. • Geological Survey of India is the nodal agency of the event. 	<p>Q.) Which country will host the 36th International Geological Congress?</p> <p>[a] Japan [b] USA [c] India [d] Canada [e] Netherlands</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The conference is held in every 4 years. India is the only Asian country which is hosting this event for the 2nd time. Earlier, it was held in 1964. 	
<p>26. Ministry of External Affairs hosted organized the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue and 11th Delhi Dialogue (Delhi Dialogue XI) in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme of Indian Ocean Dialogue: “Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography” Theme of Delhi Dialogue XI: “Advancing Partnership in Indo-Pacific” Organizers: Indian Council for World Affairs organized 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue and Research and Information System for developing Countries organized the Delhi Dialogue XI. The Indo-Pacific policy of India has been expanded to include Gulf states (Arabian Sea) and Africa (western Indian Ocean). 	<p>Q.) What was the theme of the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue?</p> <p>[a] Strengthening Maritime Cooperation for a Peaceful, Stable, and Prosperous Indian Ocean</p> <p>[b] IORA: Uniting the Peoples of Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Middle East through enhanced cooperation for Peace, Stability and Sustainable Development</p> <p>[c] Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography</p> <p>[d] Trade and Investment Facilitation through Disaster Resilient Infrastructure</p> <p>[e] Indo-Pacific – Heading towards a new era</p>
<p>27. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and NABARD have signed an MoU for conducting research to promote sustainable agriculture and climate resilient farming systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also, the ICAR aims to provide the financial support to the young agri-entrepreneurs with the help of NABARD. 	<p>Q.) With which institution has NABARD signed an MoU for conducting research to promote sustainable agriculture and climate resilient farming systems?</p> <p>[a] Central Arid Zone Research Institute</p> <p>[b] Central Agricultural Research Institute</p> <p>[c] Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute</p> <p>[d] Indian Council of Agricultural Research</p> <p>[e] Indian Institute of Soil Science</p>
<p>28. Confederation of Indian Industry has also organized the “Steeling India 2019: Driving metal intensity in</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the brand ambassador of ISAPTI IRADA campaign of Minister for Steel and Petroleum & Natural Gas?</p>





31. National Informatics Centre has developed the Government Instant Messaging System (GIMS) – a communication system for govt employees for inter and intra organization communication.

- It is in the testing stage

Q.) Recently, National Informatics Centre has developed the GIMS – a communication system for govt employees for inter and intra organization communication. What is the full form of GIMS?

- [a] Guiding Immediate Mailing System
- [b] Government Instant Messaging System
- [c] Governing Instant Memo System
- [d] Goal Intensive Missive System
- [e] Government Intel Messaging System

32. Minister for Communications, Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched the National Broadband Mission.

Objectives of the mission are:

- **Broadband access to all villages by 2022 and improve quality of mobile & internet services**
- Incremental **30 lakhs route km** of Optical Fiber Cable will be laid and tower density will be increased from **0.42 to 1.0 tower** per thousand of population by 2024
- Develop a **Broadband Readiness Index (BRI)** to measure the availability of digital communications infrastructure and conducive policy ecosystem within a State/UT.
- Create a **digital fiber map** of the Digital Communications network and infrastructure, including Optical Fiber Cables and Towers, across the country
- Investment from stakeholders of **USD 100 billion** including **Rs 70,000 crore** from **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)**

Q.) Which of the following statement is not true about the National Broadband Mission?

- [a] Broadband access to all villages by 2022 and improve quality of mobile & internet services
- [b] Develop a Broadband Readiness Index (BRI) to measure the availability of digital communications infrastructure and conducive policy ecosystem within a State/UT
- [c] Create a digital fiber map of the Digital Communications network and infrastructure, including Optical Fiber Cables and Towers, across the country
- [d] Incremental 30 lakhs route km of Optical Fiber Cable will be laid and tower density will be increased from 0.42 to 1.0 tower per thousand of population by 2024
- [e] It will be come under the BharatNet Project.



33. President Ram Nath Kovind has approved the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019.

- It amalgamates Shipbreaking Code (revised), 2013 and provisions of the Hong Kong Convention for Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009.
- It aims to ensure environment friendly recycling of ships and also to meet 10% of India secondary steel needs.
- It has set a target of increasing India's market share to 60% in the global ship market from the present 30%.
- It also aims to increase the contribution of the recycling ships' to \$2.2 billion in GDP against the present \$1.3 billion.
- Gujarat's Alang (world's largest shipyard) is ready to meet the target.

About Hong Kong Convention:

Hong Kong Convention was developed by International Maritime Organization, ILO and Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

34. 3rd phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been launched which will focus on connecting rural areas with the Gramin Agricultural Markets by consolidating 1.25 lakh km roads for the period of 2019-20 to 2024-25.

- The cost will be shared in 60:40 ratio between centre and state. In north-eastern states and Himalayan region, the ratio is 90:10.
- This scheme was launched in 2000.

Q.) The Recycling of Ships Act, 2019 has set a target of increasing India's market share to ___ in the global ship market from the present 30%?

- [a] 40%
- [b] 80%
- [c] 60%
- [d] 50%
- [e] 70%

Q.) 3rd phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana has been launched which will focus on connecting rural areas with the Gramin Agricultural Markets by consolidating _____ km roads for the period of 2019-20 to 2024-25?

- [a] 1.25 lakh
- [b] 3.72 lakh
- [c] 3 lakh
- [d] 2.55 lakh
- [e] 2.30 lakh



35. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched the ‘Jalsathi’ programme under the 5T initiative to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all households in the state.

- Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO) and women federations in Bhubaneswar signed an MoU for implementation of this programme.
- Odisha Cabinet has also approved an agricultural policy named as “SAMRIDHI” for 2020.
- SAMRIDHI stands for Science & Technology, Adaptation, Market, Resource, Infrastructure, Diversification, Human Resource and Institutions.

Q.) Which state has launched the ‘Jalsathi’ programme to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all households in the state?

- [a] Madhya Pradesh
- [b] Bihar
- [c] Uttar Pradesh
- [d] West Bengal
- [e] Odisha

36. CJI Sharad Arvind Bobde has created a 2-Judge Committee including Justice Subhash Reddy and Justice MR Shah to ensure speedy disposal of rape cases.

- As per National Crime Records Bureau data of 2017, Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of crimes against women while Madhya Pradesh witnessed the highest number of rape cases.

Q.) Who among the following is not a member of the 2-Judge Committee formed by CJI Sharad Arvind Bobde to ensure speedy disposal of rape cases?

- [a] Justice NV Ramana
- [b] Justice MR Shah
- [c] Justice Subhash Reddy
- [d] Only A
- [e] Both A and B

37. According to the US National Science Foundation (NSF) data, China has published the highest number of science and engineering articles in 2018, followed by USA and India at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

- Globally, the number of scientific papers published worldwide increased from over 17.5 lakh in 2008 to more than 25.5 lakh in 2018.

Q.) Which country has published the highest number of science and engineering articles in 2018, according to US National Science Foundation (NSF) data?

- [a] China
- [b] USA
- [c] India
- [d] Russia
- [e] Japan

Rank	Country	% share in the global publications in scientific articles	% of growth rate (from 2008-2018)



1	China	20.67	7.81
2	USA	16.54	0.71
3	India	5.31	10.73

<p>38. Afghanistan has become the world's first nation to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IP is an official standards book prescribing the standards for drugs manufactured and marketed in India. Standards are provided by Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission in IP. IP is published by Department of Commerce and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. 	<p>Q.) Which is world's first nation to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia?</p> <p>[a] Malaysia [b] Kazakhstan [c] Vietnam [d] Afghanistan [e] Hong Kong</p>
<p>39. Department of fisheries, NABARD and Tamil Nadu have signed 1st tripartite Memorandum of Agreement to implement Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund (FIDF).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs 7522 crores has been set aside for this fund to develop the infrastructure of fisheries sector and to increase exports from this region. 	<p>Q.) Department of fisheries, NABARD and _____ have signed 1st tripartite Memorandum of Agreement to implement Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund?</p> <p>[a] Tamil Nadu [b] Kerala [c] Karnataka [d] West Bengal [e] Tripura</p>
<p>40. Central Government has launched a central sector scheme- Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) to recharge of ground water sources and revive surface water bodies by involving people at the local level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme was introduced by the govt in 2018 and world bank had also approved it in the same year. Total outlay of the scheme is Rs 6,000 Crore. It is proposed to be implemented over a period of five years 2020-21- 2024-25 with World Bank assistance. It is implemented under the 'Ministry of Jal Shakti'. 	<p>Q.) What is the total budget of Atal Bhujal Yojana?</p> <p>[a] Rs 6000 crore [b] Rs 10000 crore [c] Rs 8000 crore [d] Rs 5000 crore [e] Rs 4000 crore</p>



Features of the scheme: -

States covered: It is implemented in selected over-exploited and ground water stressed areas in seven States (Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh). It will cover 78 districts, 193 blocks and nearly 8,350-gram panchayats across the mentioned states.

Atal Bhujal Yojana will be implemented through **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**.

These states represent about **25%** of the total number of over-exploited, critical and semi-critical blocks in terms of ground water in India.

Fund management: 50% of the cost of the scheme will be borne by the Government, while the other 50% will be funded by the World Bank in the form of a loan.

41. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and the Centre for Good Governance have released the “Good Governance Index 2019” which ranks the states and UTs on the basis of 10 sectors (which are sub-divided into 50 indicators).

- The index divides states and UTs in 3 categories – ‘big states’, ‘north-eastern & hilly’ areas and ‘UTs’.
- The index was released on ‘Good Governance Day’ on December 25 on the birth anniversary of the 10th PM of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It was established in 2014.
- Parameters – total 10 parameters were used.

OVERALL RANKING	
Big States	Top Ranker – Tamil Nadu
	Bottom – Jharkhand
North-east and Hilly areas	Top Ranker – Himachal Pradesh
	Bottom Ranker – Arunachal Pradesh
UTs	Top Ranker – Puducherry

Q.) Which state has topped in the “big states” category in the good governance index 2019?

- [a] Jharkhand
- [b] Madhya Pradesh
- [c] Tamil Nadu
- [d] Kerala
- [e] Karnataka



Bottom Ranker – Lakshdweep

42. India's 1st transgender university will be established in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh.

Q.) Where will the India's 1st transgender university be established?

- [a] Madhya Pradesh
- [b] Uttar Pradesh
- [c] Tamil Nadu
- [d] Kerala
- [e] Delhi

43. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) has formed a Standing Committee On Economic Statistics (SCES) of 28 members, headed by Pronab Sen, to develop methodologies for conducting surveys on industry, services sector and employment.

Q.) Who heads the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics?

- 4 standing committees – on Labour Force Statistics, on Services Sector, on Industrial Statistics and on Services Sector and Unincorporated Sector Enterprises – will be subsumed under this committee.

- [a] Pronab Sen
- [b] Raghuram Rajan
- [c] Gita Gopinath
- [d] Anirban Nag
- [e] Uday Kotak

44. NITI Aayog has launched the 2nd edition of SDG India Index along with the Dashboard of 2019-20.

Q.) Which state has topped in the SDG India Index 2019?

- India's composite score on SDGs has improved from 57 in 2018 to 60 in 2019.
- The maximum improvements have been made in Goals 6, 7 and 9.
- Top Ranker – Kerala (states) and Chandigarh (UT) with 70 score each
- Bottom Ranker – Bihar (state) and Ladakh (UT) with 50 and 59 scores respectively
- Most Improved – Uttar Pradesh (moved up to 23rd rank from 29th), Orissa (ranked 15th from 23rd), and Sikkim (ranked 7th from 15th rank).

- [a] Tamil Nadu
- [b] Kerala
- [c] Bihar
- [d] Uttar Pradesh
- [e] Chhattisgarh



- Parameters: 100 indicators taken from MoSPI's National Indicator Framework (the framework consists of 306 indicators).
- Developers: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), United Nations in India and Global Green Growth Institute.

45. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has released the 16th edition of the biennial "India State of Forest Report" (ISFR) 2019.
- Published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), the report was started in 1987, to assess the forest and tree resources of India.
 - Total forest and tree cover of the country is 80.73 million hectare in 2019 which is 24.56% of the total geographical area of the country.
 - Increased in forest and tree cover:

Total increase	Forest cover	Tree cover
5,188 sq. km	3,976 sq km	1,212 sq. km

- Largest forest cover:

Largest forest cover in India - 2019		
Rank	Area wise	Percent wise (of total geographical area)
1	Madhya Pradesh	Mizoram (85.41%)
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh (79.63%)
3	Chhattisgarh	Meghalaya (76.33%)
4	Odisha	Manipur (75.46%)
5	Maharashtra	Nagaland (75.31%)
Top three states showing increase in forest area		
1	Karnataka	(1,025 sq km)
2	Andhra Pradesh	(990 sq km)
3	Kerala	(823 sq km)

46. India and Oman signed a Maritime Transport Agreement to expand India's reach in the western Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf and east Africa.

Q.) Which state has the largest forest cover in India (area-wise), as per the India State of Forest Report 2019?

- [a] Madhya Pradesh
- [b] Arunachal Pradesh
- [c] Chhattisgarh
- [d] Odisha
- [e] Maharashtra

Q.) With which nation has India signed the Maritime Transport Agreement to expand its



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the India's first pact with any Gulf country. Both nations signed an agreement to develop Little India (a tourism complex) in Duqm (town in Oman) worth \$748 million. 	<p>reach in the western Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf and east Africa?</p> <p>[a] Saudi Arabia [b] UAE [c] Oman [d] Bahrain [e] Kuwait</p>
<p>47. 11th edition of the "National Street Food Festival" (NSFF) is being organized by National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) and FSSAI in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme of the festival: 'Healthier Diets'. Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Harsh Vardhan, launched 'Network for Scientific Co-operation for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition' (NetSCoFAN) – a network of research and academic institutions which are working in the field of food and nutrition. FSSAI also organised the 2nd 'National Eat Right Mela' here. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of the National Street Food Festival?</p> <p>[a] Eating Healthy [b] Healthier Diets [c] Stay Healthy [d] Food for life [e] Food Security</p>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Saudi Arabia is the first country from Arab world to hold G20 presidency for 2020. Saudi Arabia will host 15th edition of G20 summit in 2020 in Riyadh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: "Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for All" Focus of the 2020 summit: empowering people, safeguarding the planet, and shaping new frontiers. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of the 15th edition of G20 summit in 2020 to be held in Riyadh?</p> <p>[a] Global Economy [b] Trade, Investment and Innovation [c] Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for All [d] Environment and Energy</p>



	[e] Women's empowerment, Development and Health										
<p>2. Roger Federer (tennis player from Switzerland) has become the 1st living person in Switzerland who has been honoured by engraving his image on the Swiss coin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federer has won 20 grand slam tournaments in his career. 	<p>Q.) Who has become the 1st living person in Switzerland to be honoured by engraving his image on the Swiss coin?</p> <p>[a] Shania Twain [b] Roger Federer [c] Martina Hingis [d] Stanislas Wawrinka [e] Patty Schnyder</p>										
<p>3. 15th edition of “Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2020” has been released by Germanwatch on the sidelines of COP 25 of UN Climate Change Summit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title of the report: Who Suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-Related Loss Events in 2018 and 1999 to 2018. Total Countries: 181 Parameters: impacts of climate change Top Ranker with highest climate risk: Japan (5.50 score) Bottom Ranker with lowest climate risk: Qatar India’s rank: 5th (score 18.17) with over 1,000 casualties in 2018 caused by disasters. <table border="1" data-bbox="135 1599 874 1868"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">India on the Germanwatch’s Global Climate Risk Index 2020</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Criteria</th> <th>Rank</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Most vulnerable country to climate change</td> <td>5th (14th in 2017)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highest number of fatalities</td> <td>1st</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Monetary losses due to climate change</td> <td>2nd</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	India on the Germanwatch’s Global Climate Risk Index 2020		Criteria	Rank	Most vulnerable country to climate change	5 th (14 th in 2017)	Highest number of fatalities	1 st	Monetary losses due to climate change	2 nd	<p>Q.) What is India’s rank in the Global Climate Risk Index 2020 released by Germanwatch?</p> <p>[a] 5 [b] 1 [c] 10 [d] 8 [e] 23</p>
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<p>4. 70th edition of the NATO Summit 2019 was held in London, United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Q.) Where was the 70th edition of NATO summit held?</p> <p>[a] USA</p>										



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The summit was chaired by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. All the leaders decided to spend 2% or more of their GDP on defence. <p>About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): Member countries- 29 (American and European) Established- 1949 Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium</p>	<p>[b] Canada [c] Mexico [d] Italy [e] United Kingdom</p>
<p>5. Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium 2019 is held in Hawaii, USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: 'A Collaborative Approach to Regional Security'. Objective: To enhance cooperation among air defence force of participating countries. USA is the host and 20 countries from Indo-Pacific region participated in it. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium 2019?</p> <p>[a] A Collaborative Approach to Regional Security [b] Indian Ocean and Maritime Security [c] Pacific Region: Boosting Economy [d] Prioritize Economic Exclusive Zones in the Pacific [e] Countering Disturbances in the Pacific</p>
<p>6. COP 25 of UN Climate Change Summit was held in Madrid, Spain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COP 26 of UN Climate Change Summit will be held in Glasgow, UK. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has announced to set up a "Green Window" to provide low risk financing to renewable energy projects. The window will work in association with the private sector. The corpus of the window will be \$100 million (\$20 million by IREDA and \$80 million by other agencies). 	<p>Q.) What is the corpus of the Green Window announced by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency?</p> <p>[a] \$80 million [b] \$90 million [c] \$60 million [d] \$100 million [e] \$40 million</p>



- 73 countries joined Climate Ambition Alliance (which was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit 2019 in New York).
- Led by Chile in 2019, the alliance will achieve net zero emissions target by 2050 through nationally determined contributions by member nations.
- Chile-Madrid Time for Action declaration was passed to improve the current pledges made by countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- This was the longest climate COP meeting ever in 25 years.

7. Climate Change Performance Index 2020 has been released at COP 25 of UN Climate Change Summit held in Madrid, Spain.
- Total: 57 evaluated countries and the EU
 - Top Country (with lowest climate change): Sweden at 4th position
 - Bottom Country (with highest climate change): USA at 61st position
 - India's rank: 9th
 - Parameters: 14 indicators within the four categories "GHG Emissions", "Renewable Energy" and "Energy Use", and "Climate Policy".

Q.) What is India's rank in the Climate Change Performance Index 2020?

- [a] 9th
- [b] 13th
- [c] 23rd
- [d] 53rd
- [e] 66th



Rank	Country	Score
1.	-	-
2.	-	-
3.	-	-
4.	Sweden	75.77
5.	Denmark	71.14
6.	Morocco	70.63
7.	United Kingdom	69.80
8.	Lithuania	66.22
9.	India	66.02
10.	Finland	63.25
59.	Chinese Taipei	23.33
60.	Saudi Arabia	22.03
61.	United States	18.60

8. According to a report published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, arms sales has increased by 4.6% throughout the world in 2018.
- In terms of production, USA was the top manufacturer of defence goods with a 59% market share with a turnover of \$246 billion.
 - Russia (8.6%), UK (8.4%) and France (5.5%) were the other top 3 countries respectively.
 - Globally, turnover of 100 biggest arms manufacturers accounted for \$420 billion.
 - Overall, India ranked at 10th position. Weapons sales of top three Indian companies has declined by 6.9% from 2017 to stand at \$5.9 billion in 2018.

Top 3 companies (all from USA)	
Rank	Company
1	Lockheed Martin
2	Boeing
3	Northrop Grumman
Indian Companies	
38	Hindustan Aeronautics limited
56	Indian Ordnance Factories
62	Northrop Grumman

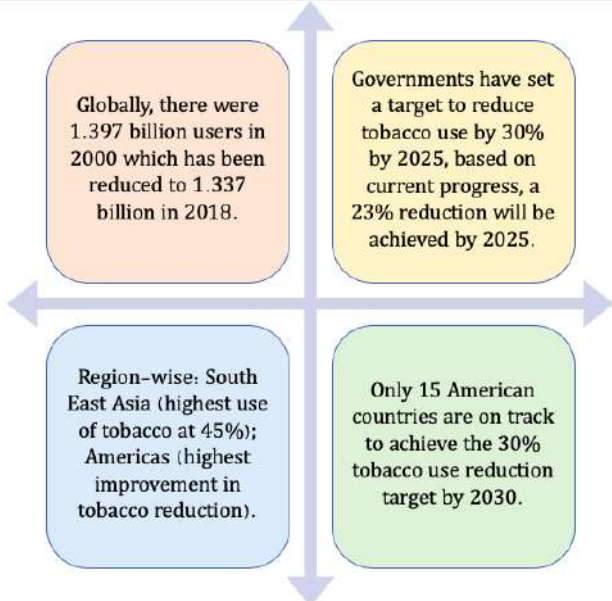
- Q.) Which country is the top manufacturer of defence goods with a 59% market share with a turnover of \$246 billion, according to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute?
- [a] USA
 - [b] Russia
 - [c] Japan
 - [d] India
 - [e] Syria



<p>9. European Union (EU) has become the first multilateral bloc to declare climate emergency.</p>	<p>Q.) Which has become the first multilateral bloc to declare climate emergency?</p> <p>[a] European Union [b] African Union [c] Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation [d] BRICS [e] SAARC</p>
<p>10. Bougainville (largest island of the Solomon Islands' Archipelago) has become independent from Papua New Guinea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The island has world's largest copper deposits and Halia is the most widely spoken language in the country. • The new country need diplomatic recognition from United Nations and also North America and South America's assent on Montevideo Convention. • Montevideo Convention is a treaty, signed in 1933, that defines rights and duties of statehood and prohibits the use of military force to gain sovereignty. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the new country which has become independent from Papua New Guinea?</p> <p>[a] Surtsey [b] Bougainville [c] Honshu [d] Krakatoa [e] Malaita</p>
<p>11. Poland has exited the 2050 Climate Neutrality Agreement of the European Union because the nation was demanding more funds to support economic transition and also insisted to extend the deadline to 2070.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Neutrality Plan is an important commitment under Paris Agreement 2015. • The plan has a corpus of 100 billion Euro to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. • It is also called European Green Deal or Europe's man on the moon moment. 	<p>Q.) Which country has exited the 2050 Climate Neutrality Agreement of the European Union because the nation was demanding more funds to support economic transition?</p> <p>[a] Bulgaria [b] Croatia [c] Poland [d] Denmark [e] Belgium</p>



<p>12. World’s 1st liquid hydrogen transport ship named as ‘Suiso frontier’ has been launched by the Japanese company - Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. It will be completed by 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ship is capable of carrying liquid hydrogen at minus 253° C from south coast of Australia to Kobe (Japan). 	<p>Q.) Which country has launched the World’s 1st liquid hydrogen transport ship named as ‘Suiso frontier’?</p> <p>[a] Japan [b] Russia [c] China [d] USA [e] Germany</p>
<p>13. World Economic Forum has released the Global Gender Gap Report 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: 153 Parameters: Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment. Top Ranker: Iceland Bottom Ranker: Yemen India’s Rank: 112th 	<p>Q.) What is India’s overall rank in the Global Gender Gap Report 2020 released by World Economic Forum?</p> <p>[a] 149 [b] 112 [c] 150 [d] 18 [e] 141</p>
<p>14. World’s first Global Refugee Forum has been organized in Geneva, Switzerland by UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The forum focuses on 6 areas: Education, Solutions, Energy and Infrastructure, Protection Capacity, Jobs and Livelihoods and Arrangements for burden and responsibility-sharing. In 2018, the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), aiming to strengthen the rehabilitation of refugees, was signed. 	<p>Q.) Where was World’s first Global Refugee Forum held?</p> <p>[a] Switzerland [b] Germany [c] Netherlands [d] Denmark [e] Russia</p>
<p>15. World Health Organization has released Global Tobacco use trends 2000-2025 third edition report which mentions that the number of tobacco users has declined by 60 million between 2000 and 2018.</p>	<p>Q.) According to WHO’s Global Tobacco use trends 2000-2025 report, governments have decided to reduce the tobacco consumption by __ per cent by 2025?</p>



- [a] 40
- [b] 30
- [c] 25
- [d] 20
- [e] 35

16. India-EU (European Union) Summit 2020 will take place in Brussels, Belgium.

Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement between India and EU

BTIA (signed in 2007) is a free trade agreement between India and the EU which could not be implemented because of dissensions.

Q.) Where will the India-EU Summit 2020 be held?

- [a] Germany
- [b] United Kingdom
- [c] Sweden
- [d] Belgium
- [e] Spain

17. Russia is the world's first country to create hypersonic nuclear capable missile equipped with the 'Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle'.

- Avangard will first be mounted on Soviet-built RS-18B intercontinental ballistic missiles, code-named SS-19 by NATO.

Q.) Which nation has created world's first hypersonic nuclear capable missile?

- [a] Russia
- [b] China
- [c] Brazil
- [d] USA
- [e] Canada

18. China has launched its largest carrier rocket - Long March-5 rocket (also known as CZ-5) from Wenchang Space Launch Center in Hainan Province.

Q.) Long March-5 rocket is the largest carrier rocket of which country?

- [a] USA
- [b] India
- [c] Britain
- [d] China



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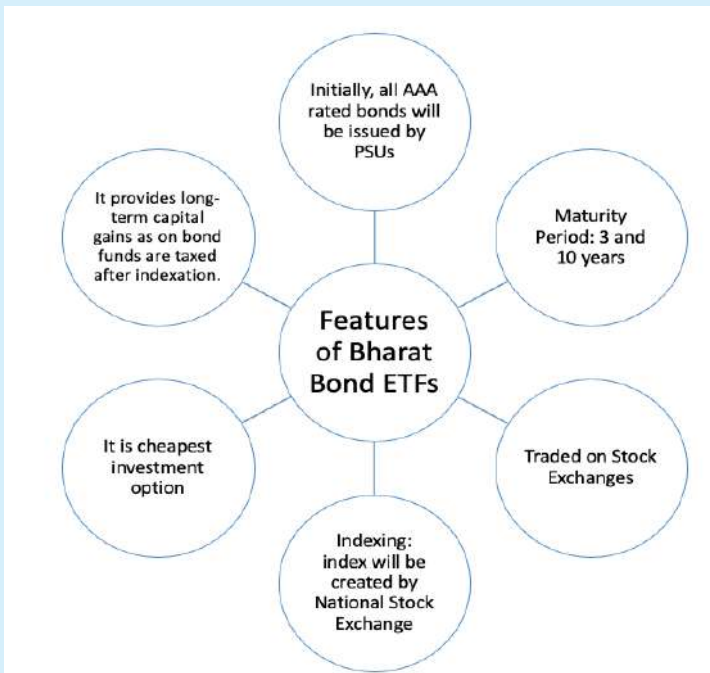
	[e] France
<p>19. Christina Koch (NASA astronaut) has become the first woman to stay the longest in space, for more than 300 days, on the longest single spaceflight by a woman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">For men, NASA astronaut Scott Kelly holds this record for staying 340 days in space in 2015-16.	<p>Q.) Who has become the first woman to stay the longest in space, for more than 300 days, on the longest single spaceflight by a woman?</p> <p>[a] Christina Koch [b] Jessica Watkins [c] Loral O'Hara [d] Jasmin Moghbeli [e] Kayla Barron</p>



BANKING AND ECONOMY

NEWS

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved to launch India’s 1st corporate bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) to be known as “Bharat Bond ETF” (also the ‘new fund offer’).
 - Purpose: To increase availability of funding for Central Public Sector Organizations by allowing retail investors to buy govt bonds even with a small amount of Rs 1,000.
 - ETFs are mutual funds listed and traded on stock exchanges like shares.



- It is launched and managed by Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC). An ETF is launched by an asset management company.
- Investments in the bonds of each of these companies can be done for up to a maximum of 15% of the corpus.

QUESTIONS

- Q.) Which of the following is not a feature of India’s 1st corporate bond Exchange Traded Fund – Bharat Bond ETF?
- India’s 1st corporate bond Exchange Traded Fund
 - It will increase availability of funding for Central Public Sector Organizations
 - It is the cheapest investment option available
 - It provides long term gains as bonds are taxable after indexation
 - A minimum of 8 companies are required in a debt ETF to be a part of the index

OR

- Q.) How many companies are a part of the Bharat Bond ETF index with 3 years’ maturity period?
- 14
 - 13
 - 10
 - 12
 - 11



The ETF has two components	
3 years maturity	10 years maturity
The index with 3 years maturity (till 2023) will have 13 AAA-rated central public sector enterprises	The index with 10 years maturity (till 2030) will have 12 AAA-rated central public sector enterprises

2. Taxation Laws (Amendment) bill, 2019 has been passed by Lok Sabha which amends both Income Tax Act, 1961 and Finance Act, 2019.

- The new bill provides an option to the domestic companies with an annual turnover of Rs 400 crore or above to pay corporate tax at 22% instead of the earlier 25% (in case of Rs 400 crore annual turnover) and 30% (in case of annual turnover above Rs 400 crore).
- Eligibility: A company is eligible to pay tax at 22% only if it is not taking benefits of tax deductions under Income tax Act or any other law.
- Companies that are incorporated after September 30, 2019 and scheduled to begin manufacturing before April 1, 2023 can pay corporate tax at 15%.

Q.) What is the new rate of corporate tax for domestic companies with an annual turnover of Rs 400 crore or above, as per the Taxation Laws (Amendment) bill, 2019?

[a] 22%
[b] 30%
[c] 35%
[d] 5%
[e] 40%

3. RBI has released guidelines for 'on tap' licensing of small finance banks in the private sector.

Minimum paid-up voting equity capital	• All SFBs need to have Rs.200 crore as its minimum paid up equity capital to be get the operational licence from RBI
Requirement for co-operative banks	• For Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks, which want to transform into SFBs, initial requirement of net worth shall be at Rs.100 crores which needs to be increased to Rs.200 crores within 5 years from date of commencement of business.
Status	• SFBs will be get the status of a scheduled bank immediately upon commencement of operations.

Q.) What is the minimum capital requirement for an entity to operate as a small finance bank as per new RBI's norms?

[a] Rs 100 crore
[b] Rs 300 crore
[c] Rs 400 crore
[d] Rs 200 crore
[e] Rs 500 crore



4. PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has released a report which analyses the benefits of India’s free trade agreements with ASEAN.
- India had signed an FTA in goods with ASEAN in 2009, known as the Asean–India Free Trade Agreement (AIFTA). In 2014, an FTA in services was also included.
 - As per the report, India’s total trade deficit with ASEAN increased from \$8 billion in 2009-10 to about \$22 billion in 2018-19. Overall, India failed to benefit from the FTA with ASEAN.
 - India's bilateral trade with ASEAN economies would double by 2025 to \$300 billion from the current level of \$142 billion (2018), according to this report.

India and ASEAN Bilateral Trade

Pre- AIFTA			
	2001	2009	CAGR* from 2001 - 2009
merchandise exports	\$ 3 billion	\$ 18 billion	22%
merchandise imports	\$ 4 billion	\$ 24 billion	22%
total merchandise trade	\$ 8 billion	\$ 42 billion	20%

Post AIFTA			
	2010	2018	CAGR from 2010 - 2018
merchandise exports	\$ 23 billion	\$ 36 billion	5%
merchandise imports	\$ 30 billion	\$ 57 billion	8%
total merchandise trade	\$ 53 billion	\$ 93 billion	7%

5. ‘Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme’ has been approved by Union Cabinet which allows public sector banks to purchase high-rated pooled assets from financially sound NBFCs and housing finance companies (HFCs).

Q.) What is the CAGR from 2010 – 2018 of the total merchandise trade between India and ASEAN in the post-AIFTA era, according to the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s report?

- [a] 7%
- [b] 10%
- [c] 3%
- [d] 15%
- [e] 25%

Q.) As per the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme of the govt for NBFCs, public sector banks will be given a guarantee of 10% of the fair value of assets or _____



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of guarantee by PSBs will be limited to 10% of the fair value of assets being purchased by banks or Rs 10,000 crore, whichever is lower. In the Budget 2019-20, govt has announced this scheme, under which, the central govt will provide a one-time partial guarantee of 6 months to the PSBs for purchasing assets of NBFCs and HFCs. 	<p>crore for purchasing the high-rated pooled assets of NBFCs?</p> <p>[a] Rs 20,000 crore [b] Rs 10,000 crore [c] Rs 40,000 crore [d] Rs 50,000 crore [e] Rs 35,000 crore</p>
<p>6. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved to increase the authorised capital and equity support (given by govt) to India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorised capital has been increased from Rs. 6,000 crores to Rs. 25,000 crores. The cabinet will provide additional equity support of Rs. 5,300 crores in FY20 and Rs. 10,000 crores in FY21. 	<p>Q.) What is the new authorized capital of India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited?</p> <p>[a] Rs 12,000 crore [b] Rs 10,000 crore [c] Rs 25,000 crore [d] Rs 15,000 crore [e] Rs 30,000 crore</p>
<p>7. During April-September 2019, USA has emerged as the 6th largest crude oil supplier to India and surpassed Kuwait by supplying 5.4 million tonnes oil.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iraq is the top supplier to India with 26 million tonnes of crude oil supply out of the total 111.4 million tonnes supply during April-September. Saudi Arabia is at 2nd, Nigeria at 3rd, UAE at 4th and Venezuela at 5th position. India is the 3rd largest consumer of oil. 	<p>Q.) Which country has become emerged as the 6th largest crude oil supplier to India and surpassed Kuwait by supplying 5.4 million tonnes oil?</p> <p>[a] USA [b] Saudi Arabia [c] Nigeria [d] UAE [e] Venezuela</p>
<p>8. State Bank of India has signed a loan agreement of \$277 million with KfW (a German company) for implementing energy-efficient housing program in India.</p>	<p>Q.) Which bank has signed a loan agreement of \$277 million with KfW (a German company) for implementing energy-efficient housing program in India?</p> <p>[a] Punjab National Bank</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KfW has also extended a technical assistance package of 1.5 million euros to SBI for this purpose. • KfW will also invest 10 million euros in India for encouraging builders to develop energy efficient housing projects. 	<p>[b] State Bank of India [c] HDFC Bank [d] Oriental Bank of Commerce [e] IDBI Bank</p>
<p>9. During the 38th meeting of GST council, tax rates on lotteries have been standardized, for the first time, at 28%. It will be effective from January 1, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council decided to exempt the upfront amount paid by entities in which the central/state government holds 20% stake on long-term lease of industrial or financial infrastructure plots. 	<p>Q.) What is the tax rate fixed by GST council on lottery tickets?</p> <p>[a] 18% [b] 20% [c] 13% [d] 5% [e] 28%</p>
<p>10. HDFC Bank has become India's 3rd company and 1st bank to cross market capitalization of \$100 billion after Reliance Industries Ltd (m-cap \$140.74 billion) and Tata Consultancy Services (m-cap \$114.60 billion).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actual market capitalization of HDFC Bank is \$99.5 billion. • HDFC Bank is now ranked at 110th on Bloomberg's list of most valuable companies in the world (the list currently includes 109 companies). 	<p>Q.) Which is the 1st bank to cross market capitalization of \$100 billion after Reliance Industries Ltd in India?</p> <p>[a] HDFC Bank [b] ICICI Bank [c] State Bank of India [d] Canara Bank [e] Axis Bank</p>
<p>11. RBI has announced to conduct simultaneous sale and purchase of government bonds under the Open Market Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is similar to "Operation Twist" of USA adopted in 2013. • Under the new development, RBI will buy bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore (interest rate 6.45%) with a maturity in 2029 and will issue bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore maturing in 2020. 	<p>Q.) RBI has announced to conduct simultaneous sale and purchase of government bonds under the Open Market Operations. The worth of the bonds is ____?</p> <p>[a] Rs 10,000 crore [b] Rs 45,000 crore [c] Rs 30,000 crore [d] Rs 60,000 crore</p>



- Purpose: It will reduce interest rates on long-term bonds, lower long-term yield and improve the liquidity position in the market.

[e] Rs 70,000 crore

OR

Q.) RBI has announced to conduct simultaneous sale and purchase of government bonds under the Open Market Operations on the lines of the Operation Twist. Which country has conducted the Operation Twist?

[a] USA

[b] Australia

[c] Britain

[d] New Zealand

[e] France

12. RBI has released the 20th Financial Stability Report 2019, which mentions that the gross NPA ratio of all scheduled commercial banks is expected to increase to 9.9% by September 2020 from 9.3% in September 2019.

- Reason: macroeconomic changes, modest growth in new NPAs and declining credit growth rate.

Q.) As per RBI's 20th Financial Stability Report 2019, the gross NPA ratio of all scheduled commercial banks is expected to increase to ____ by September 2020?

[a] 9.9%

[b] 9.1%

[c] 9.3%

[d] 9.5%

[e] 9.2%

Category of Bank	September 2019 estimates	September 2020 estimates
Public Sector Bank	12.7%	13.2%
Private Sector Bank	3.9%	4.2%
Foreign Bank	3.9%	4.2%

- As per the report, banks reported fraud of worth Rs 1.13 lakh crore from the 4,412 fraud cases during the H1 of 2019-20.
- 97.3% of the frauds reported in the first half of FY20 by value occurred in previous financial years



<p>13. RBI has appointed Jammu & Kashmir Bank as the “Union Territory Lead Bank Convenor” (UTLBC) of UT of J&K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Bank of India (SBI) has been appointed as the lead banking convenor – State Lead Bank Convenor – of Ladakh UT. 	<p>Q.) Which bank has been appointed as the “Union Territory Lead Bank Convenor” of Ladakh?</p> <p>[a] State Bank of India [b] Bank of India [c] Bank of Baroda [d] Oriental Bank of Commerce [e] HDFC Bank</p>
<p>14. RBI has mandated large cooperative banks to disclose all of their aggregate exposures of up to Rs 5 crores and above to Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC - maintained by RBI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In its bi-monthly policy of December, RBI has announced to bring Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (with a total assets of Rs 500 crore and above) under CRILC reporting framework. 	<p>Q.) RBI has mandated large cooperative banks to disclose all of their aggregate exposures of up to ____ and above to Central Repository of Information on Large Credits?</p> <p>[a] Rs 6 crores [b] Rs 10 crores [c] Rs 5 crores [d] Rs 4 crores [e] Rs 2 crores</p>
<p>15. Ministry of Finance has launched an online auction platform – “eBkray” to increase the transparency in auctioning of assets seized by banks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The portal is linked with Indian Banks Auctions Mortgaged Properties Information (IBAPI) portal. IBAPI portal is an initiative of Indian Banks Association under the Ministry of Finance. According to Ministry of Finance’s data, gross NPAs of public sector banks have declined from ₹8.96 lakh crore in March 2018 to ₹7.27 lakh crore in September 2019. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the online auction platform launched by Ministry of Finance to increase the transparency in auctioning of assets seized by banks?</p> <p>[a] eNilami [b] eKreta [c] eVijaya [d] eBkray [e] eVikreta</p>
<p>16. UK based Centre for Economics and Business Research has released its 11th annual report titled</p>	<p>Q.) What will be the position of Indian economy by 2034, according to ‘World</p>



‘World Economic League Table 2020’ which tracks the GDP growth of 193 countries in the next 15 years.

- India’s target of \$5 trillion economy can be achieved by 2026 and not by 2024.
- India will overtake Japan as 3rd largest economy by 2034 and Germany as the 4th largest economy by 2026.
- As per the report, the trend rate of growth for India will be 5.5% annually from 2019-24 and 6.1% annually from 2024-29 and 6.1% annually from 2029-34.
- India’s population is forecasted to rise to 1,574.5 million in 2034 implying growth at an annual average rate of 0.9% till then.

World Economic League Table

1.1 League Table by 2034 ranking

Ranking out of 193	2004	2009	2014	2019	2020	2024	2029	2034
China	6	3	2	2	2	2	2	1
United States	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
India	12	11	10	5	5	5	4	3
Japan	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4
Germany	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
United Kingdom	4	6	5	6	6	6	6	6
France	5	5	6	7	7	7	7	7
Canada	9	10	11	10	10	9	8	8

Economic League Table 2020’ report released by Centre for Economics and Business Research?

- [a] 3
- [b] 4
- [c] 5
- [d] 2
- [e] 6

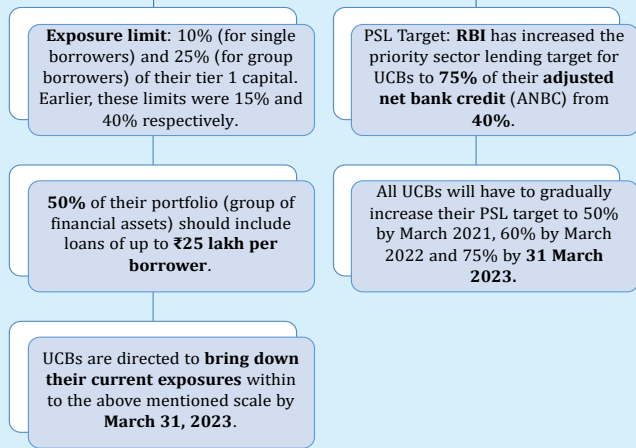
17. RBI has announced limits on exposures of primary (urban) co-operative banks (UCBs) to single/group borrowers and revised the priority sector lending targets for them.

Q.) What is the new exposure limit for individual borrower set by RBI for primary (urban) co-operative banks?

- [a] 10%
- [b] 15%
- [c] 20%
- [d] 25%
- [e] 30%



Changes



18. RBI has introduced a new Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) with a monthly rechargeable limit of Rs 10,000.

- The card can be used by consumers for daily purchases of household goods and services.
- Furthermore, RBI has fixed an annual limit of Rs 1.2 lakh that can be recharged on these accounts.

Q.) RBI has introduced a new Prepaid Payment Instrument with a monthly rechargeable limit of ____ to allow consumers for daily purchases of household goods and services?

[a] Rs 30,000
[b] Rs 25,000
[c] Rs 15,000
[d] Rs 10,000
[e] Rs 20,000

APPOINTMENTS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Masatsugu Asakawa has been elected as the 10th President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) till 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current President of ADB Mr Takehiko Nakao has resigned. Headquarters of ADB: Manila, Philippines 	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the 10th President of Asian Development Bank?</p> <p>[a] Haruhiko Kuroda [b] Tadao Chino [c] Kimimasa Tarumizu [d] Mitsuo Sato [e] Masatsugu Asakawa</p>



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<p>2. Sebastian Kurz (Chancellor of Austria) is the youngest leader of the world at the age of 33.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanna Marin (aged 34) has become the world's second youngest prime minister as well as the first youngest PM of Finland. 	<p>Q.) Who has become the world's youngest leader of a country at the age of 33?</p> <p>[a] Michelle Jean [b] Sebastian Kurz [c] Irina Bokova [d] Sanna Marin [e] Julia Gillard</p>
<p>3. Sundar Pichai, current CEO of Google has been appointed as the CEO of Alphabet Inc.</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the CEO of Alphabet Inc?</p> <p>[a] Satya Nadella [b] Sundar Pichai [c] Shantanu Narayen [d] Indra Nooyi [e] Ajaypal Singh Banga</p>
<p>4. Rajendran Chinna Veerappan has been re-appointed as the MD and CEO of Catholic Syrian Bank.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Catholic Syrian Bank?</p> <p>[a] Rajendran Chinna Veerappan [b] P. S. Jayakumar [c] Padmaja Chunduru [d] Mrutyunjay Mahapatra [e] Atul Kumar Goel</p>
<p>5. Ripu Daman Bevli (Plogger) has been appointed as the Plogging Ambassador of India by Minister of State for Sports Kiren Rijju.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plogging Ambassador Mission was also launched by the minister to nominate Ploggers from cities, towns or districts as Plogging Ambassadors of their region. Plog run, a part of Fit India Movement, is a way of picking up garbage while jogging. First plog run started on October 2, 2019. 	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Plogging Ambassador of India?</p> <p>[a] Ripu Daman Bevli [b] Tajindar Singh Pal [c] P T Usha [d] Hima Das [e] Virat Kohli</p>
<p>6. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi has been appointed as the Chairman of National Stock Exchange.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Stock Exchange?</p>



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	<p>[a] N V Ramana</p> <p>[b] DY Chandrchud</p> <p>[c] Girish Chandra Chaturvedi</p> <p>[d] Rohinton Nariman</p> <p>[e] Abdul Nazir</p>
7. Rohit Sharma has become the first Indian and world's first non-footballer brand ambassador of La Liga (Spanish men's football league).	<p>Q.) Who has become the first Indian and world's first non-footballer brand ambassador of La Liga?</p> <p>[a] Rohit Sharma</p> <p>[b] P V Sindhu</p> <p>[c] Rahul Dravid</p> <p>[d] Sachin Tendulkar</p> <p>[e] Lakshay Sen</p>
8. Lt General Manoj Mukund Naravane has been appointed as the next chief of the Indian army.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the next chief of the Indian army?</p> <p>[a] Ashok Kumar</p> <p>[b] Krishnaswamy Natrajan</p> <p>[c] Manoj Mukund Naravane</p> <p>[d] Rajendra Singh</p> <p>[e] Dilbag Singh</p>
9. Sridhar Patra has been appointed as the new CMD of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO).	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the new CMD of National Aluminium Company Limited?</p> <p>[a] Sridhar Patra</p> <p>[b] Neeraj Anand</p> <p>[c] Manish Agarwal</p> <p>[d] Keshav Dholakia</p> <p>[e] Neerav Pandey</p>
10. Sethuraman Panchanathan (Indo-American computer scientist) has been appointed as the director of National Science Foundation (NSF) of America.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the director of National Science Foundation of America?</p> <p>[a] Sethuraman Panchanathan</p>



	<p>[b] Adarsh Khatri</p> <p>[c] Ajaipal Acharya:</p> <p>[d] Bhaskar Laghari</p> <p>[e] Chittranjan Bakshi</p>
<p>11. Dr Sangita Reddy has been appointed as the President of FICCI for 2019-20.</p>	<p>Q.) Who among the following has been appointed as the President of FICCI?</p> <p>[a] Sangita Reddy</p> <p>[b] Sanjiv Mehta</p> <p>[c] Uday Shankar</p> <p>[d] Usha Kamarkar</p> <p>[e] Mehul Krishna</p>
<p>12. Dr. Monisha Ghosh (Indo-American) has been appointed as the first woman Chief Technology Officer at the Federal Communications Commission of USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman of the FCC: Ajit Pai (Indo-American) 	<p>Q.) Who has become the first woman Chief Technology Officer at the Federal Communications Commission of USA?</p> <p>[a] Anamika Sen</p> <p>[b] Sumitra Kumar</p> <p>[c] Monisha Ghosh</p> <p>[d] Prakshita Ghosh</p> <p>[e] Priyal Sen</p>
<p>13. Niranjan Hiranandani has been appointed as the President of ASSOCHAM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSOCHAM stands for Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India. 	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the President of ASSOCHAM?</p> <p>[a] Manish Bakshi</p> <p>[b] Manav Verma</p> <p>[c] Niranjan Hiranandani</p> <p>[d] Suraj Banerjee</p> <p>[e] Ashish Bhatt</p>
<p>14. Former Indian Army chief General Bipin Rawat has been appointed as the first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India till 2022.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the first Chief of Defense Staff?</p> <p>[a] Bipin Rawat</p> <p>[b] Karambir Singh</p> <p>[c] Sunil Lanba</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The post has been created by govt on the recommendations of Kargil Review Committee (formed in 1999) which is led by K. Subrahmanyam. 	<p>[d] Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria [e] Manoj Mukund Naravane</p>
<p>15. David Calhoun (Chairman of Boeing) has been appointed as the CEO of Boeing.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the CEO of Boeing?</p> <p>[a] David Calhoun [b] Karl Smtih [c] Kevin Holder [d] Dennis Muilenburg [e] Path Adams</p>
<p>16. Harjeet Kaur Joshi is the first woman to be appointed as the Chairperson and Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI).</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the first woman to be appointed as the Chairperson and Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India?</p> <p>[a] Agila Reddy [b] Barkha Chaudhary [c] Harjeet Kaur Joshi [d] Manjeet Kataria [e] Kamla Deshpande</p>


IMPORTANT DAYS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. World AIDS day is observed on December 1 by UN. AIDS full form is Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: "Communities make the difference". • National AIDS Control Organization of India organized an awareness event in New Delhi on the theme of 'Communities make Difference'. • India aims to end AIDS as a public threat by 2030 through its National Strategic Plan (NSP) for 7 years i.e., 2017 – 2024. 	<p>Q.) When is World AIDS Day observed?</p> <p>[a] December 1 [b] December 5 [c] December 11 [d] December 13 [e] December 9</p>
<p>2. International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed on December 3 by UN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: 'Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda'. • 'National Awards for Outstanding Work Done towards Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2019' have been conferred by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to celebrate this day. • The award is given in 14 categories. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019?</p> <p>[a] Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda [b] Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality [c] Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all [d] Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want [e] Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities</p>
<p>3. World Soil Day is observed on December 5 by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of UN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme (Campaign): "Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future". 	<p>Q.) What is theme of World Soil Day 2019?</p> <p>[a] Be the Solution to Soil Pollution [b] Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground [c] Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life [d] Healthy soils for a healthy life</p>



<p>4. National Energy Conservation Week is observed from December 14-20 all over India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart from this, National Energy Conservation Day is observed on December 14 by Bureau of Energy Efficiency. • National Energy Conservation Awards were also given in 56 sub-sectors across industry and institutions. • India's energy demand would double to approx. 1500 million tons between 2013 and 2030. 	<p>[e] Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future</p> <p>Q.) In which month is the National Energy Conservation Week observed?</p> <p>[a] December [b] November [c] January [d] February [e] August</p>
<p>5. International Human Rights Day is observed on December 10 by UN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: 'Youth Standing up for Human Rights' 	<p>Q.) When is International Human Rights Day observed?</p> <p>[a] December 10 [b] December 19 [c] December 13 [d] December 14 [e] December 21</p>
<p>6. International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed on December 12 by UN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: "Keep the promise" • A high level meeting on universal health coverage was also organized during the UN General Assembly 2019 meeting in New York. • Theme of the meeting was "Universal Health Coverage: Moving together to build a healthier world." 	<p>Q.) When is the International Universal Health Coverage Day observed?</p> <p>[a] February 12 [b] December 12 [c] January 12 [d] March 12 [e] May 12</p>
<p>7. National Consumer Rights Day is observed on December 24th every year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Alternate consumer grievance/dispute redressal. 	<p>Q.) When is the National Consumer Rights Day observed?</p> <p>[a] December 24 [b] March 15</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Consumer Rights Day is observed on March 15. 	<p>[c] June 19 [d] May 13 [e] April 2</p>
<p>8. National Mathematics Day is observed on December 22 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan (mathematician, born in 1887).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In September, SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2019 was given to Adam Harper by Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) University. Royal Society of England has published ‘Ramanujan’s Legacy: The work of SASTRA prize winners’ paper. 	<p>Q.) Who has been awarded with the SASTRA Ramanujan prize for 2019?</p> <p>[a] David Harper [b] Steve Cooper [c] Adam Harper [d] Jessica Collins [e] Peter Slain</p>

AWARDS

NEWS	QUESTIONS								
<p>1. Lionel Messi (Argentinian Football player) has won his 6th Ballon d’Or awards (meaning Golden Ball) for the 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now, he has the highest number of Ballon d’Or awards so far. The annual football award is given by France Football (French weekly magazine). <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Categories</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Winners</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Women’s Ballon d’Or award</td> <td>Megan Rapinoe (USA)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yashin Trophy (1st edition) for best goalkeeper</td> <td>Alisson Becker (Brazil)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kopa Trophy (best player under the age of 21)</td> <td>Matthijs de Ligt (Dutch)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Categories	Winners	Women’s Ballon d’Or award	Megan Rapinoe (USA)	Yashin Trophy (1 st edition) for best goalkeeper	Alisson Becker (Brazil)	Kopa Trophy (best player under the age of 21)	Matthijs de Ligt (Dutch)	<p>Q.) Who has been awarded with the men’s Ballon d’Or awards 2019?</p> <p>[a] Lionel Messi [b] Cristiano Ronaldo [c] Luka Modric [d] Kylian Mbappe [e] Mohammed Salah</p>
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<p>2. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has awarded Uttar Pradesh with the National award for Excellence for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities.</p>	<p>Q.) Which state has won the National award for Excellence for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities for implementing the</p>								



- Uttar Pradesh has also received the award for implementing the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (launched in 2015).

Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment?

- [a] Telangana
- [b] Andhra Pradesh
- [c] Maharashtra
- [d] Uttar Pradesh
- [e] Tamil Nadu

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has presented the 1st ever VATAVARAN – 2019 Short Film Awards during the green festival to documentaries and films on Environment.

Q.) Which country has given the 1st ever VATAVARAN – 2019 Short Film Awards to documentaries and films on Environment?

- The awards are termed as Asia’s biggest green film festival, is focusing on the theme “Celebrating Himalayas”.

- [a] India
- [b] Russia
- [c] Bangladesh
- [d] Sri Lanka
- [e] Australia

Category	Movie
School Students	Clean and Green (directed by Toon Club, Ecole Mondiale World School)
Amateur and College students (2 nd prize)	One Life (Director: Nishant Kumar Nishu)
Professionals	Now, Your Home? (Director: Prasad Pandurang Mahekar)

- Greta Thunberg (Swedish climate activist) has been chosen as the ‘Time magazine’s 2019 person of the year’.

Q.) Who has been designated as the ‘Time magazine’s 2019 person of the year’?

Category	Awardees
Entertainer of the Year	Melissa Viviane Jefferson (Lizzo) – singer
Businessperson of the Year	Bob Iger (Robert Allen)– chairman of Disney
Athlete of the Year	USA women’s soccer team
Guardians of the Year	The Public Servants of USA

- [a] Melissa Viviane Jefferson
- [b] Bob Iger
- [c] Greta Thunberg
- [d] Robert Allen
- [e] Michael Johnson

- Odisha has won the ‘World Habitat Award’ for its Jaga Mission (also called Odisha Livable Habitat

Q.) Which Indian state has won the ‘World Habitat Award’ for its Jaga Mission by the World Habitat and UN-Habitat?



Mission – OLHM) by the World Habitat and UN-Habitat.

- Jaga Mission (started in 2018) aims to transform the slums into liveable habitats. The mission has also received the India Geospatial Excellence Award.
- Karnataka has also won a gold prize for its ‘Restoration of Dignity and Human Rights of Indigenous Tribal Community’ project.
- The project (launched in 2000) is executed by ActionAid India, Koraga Federation and Samagra Grameena Ashrama.

- [a] Odisha
- [b] Maharashtra
- [c] Kerala
- [d] Mizoram
- [e] Arunachal Pradesh

6. 26th Annual Crystal Awards 2020 has been presented by World Economic Forum to honour the contributions of exceptional artists to the society.

Q.) Which Indian actor has won the 26th Annual Crystal Awards 2020 for raising awareness about mental health?

Winners

Deepika Padukone — for raising awareness about mental health	Theaster Gates (USA) — for creating sustainable communities
Jin Xing (China) — for her leadership in forming inclusive cultural norms	Lynette Wallworth (Australia) – for her leadership in creating inclusive narratives

- [a] Deepika Padukone
- [b] Irfan Khan
- [c] Amitabh Bachchan
- [d] Arjun Rampal
- [e] Shahrukh Khan

7. 16th edition of the Forbes’ “World’s 100 Most Powerful Women List 2019” has been released.

Q.) Who has topped the Forbes’ “World’s 100 Most Powerful Women List 2019”?

- Parameters: 6 categories – business, technology, finance, media & entertainment, politics, and philanthropy were used in this ranking.
- Rank 1 – Angela Dorothea Merkel (Chancellor of Germany)
- Indian – Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance Minister of India) at 34th rank
- Rank 100 – Greta Thunberg

- [a] Christine Lagarde
- [b] Angela Dorothea Merkel
- [c] Mary Barra
- [d] Ursula von der Leyen
- [e] Greta Thunberg

8. Women’s Tennis Association (WTA) Player Awards 2019 have been announced:

Q.) Who has won the Player of the year given by the Women’s Tennis Association?



Category	Player	
Player of the year	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	[a] Ashleigh Barty
Newcomer of the year	Bianca Vanessa Andreescu (Canada)	[b] Bianca Vanessa Andreescu
Most Improved Player of the year	Sofia Anna Kenin (USA)	[c] Kristina Mladenovic
Doubles Team of the Year	Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)	[d] Sofia Kenin
Comeback player of the year	Belinda Bencic (Switzerland)	[e] Serena Williams
9. Ben Stokes has won the “Sports Personality of the Year” award given by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).		Q.) Who has won the “Sports Personality of the Year” award given by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)? [a] Ben Stokes [b] Virat Kohli [c] Pat Cummins [d] Roger Federer [e] Bianca Andreescu
10. Malala Yousafzai has been named as “the most famous teenager in the world” by UN in its ‘Decade in Review’ report.		Q.) Who has been named as the most famous teenager in the world by UN in its ‘Decade in Review’ report? [a] Greta Thunberg [b] Malala Yousafzai [c] Jamie Margolin [d] Yara Shahidi [e] Isra Hirsi
11. Dr Santosh Gajanan Honavar has become the first Indian Ophthalmologist (eye’s doctor) to win the Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO).		Q.) Who has become the first Indian Ophthalmologist (eye’s doctor) to win the Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 of the American Academy of Ophthalmology? [a] Santosh Gajanan Honavar [b] Vihaan Mangal [c] Arjun Kohli [d] Krishna Jha



[e] Arun Malhotra

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<p>3. India has topped the medal tally with 312 medals (174 gold) at the 13th edition of the South Asian Games (SAG) held in Nepal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Mascot of the SAG: Krishnasar (a blackbuck antelope). 7 South Asian Nations: Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka participated in SAG. 	<p>Q.) Which country has won the highest medals at the 13th South Asian Games?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Nepal [c] Sri Lanka [d] Pakistan [e] Maldives</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>																												



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Q.) What is the name of the official mascot of 13th South Asian Games?

- [a] Krishnasar
[b] Felines
[c] Meghadoot
[d] Musteloidea
[e] Hyenas

4. International Tennis Federation has awarded 11 people in its annual awards for 2019:

Category	Winner
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)
Women's Singles	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
Men Doubles	Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (Colombia)
Women Doubles	Timea Babos (Hungary) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)

- Q.) Who has won the Player of the year in Men's singles award given by International Tennis Federation?
- [a] Roger Federer
[b] Rafael Nadal
[c] Dominic Thiem
[d] Andre Agassi
[e] Novak Djokovic

5. For the 1st time, Liverpool has won the 16th FIFA Club World Cup 2019 title in Doha, Qatar.

- Q.) Which football club has won the 16th FIFA Club World Cup 2019?
- [a] Barcelona
[b] Manchester
[c] Liverpool
[d] Ajax
[e] Milan

6. Koneru Humpy has become FIDE Women's World Rapid Champion 2019 held in Moscow, Russia.

- Magnus Carlsen (Norwegian) won Men's World Rapid Championship 2019 title.
- Humpy is the second Indian to win gold in this current format after Vishwanathan Anand.

- Q.) Who has won the FIDE Women's World Rapid Champion 2019 in women's category?
- [a] Koneru Humpy
[b] Harika Dronavalli
[c] Tania Sachdeva
[d] Padmini Rout
[e] Eesha Karaveda



7. '5 Wisden Cricketers of The Decade List' has named 5 cricketers – Virat Kohli, Steve Smith (Australian), Dale Steyn (South African), AB de Villiers (South African) and Ellyse Perry (Australian).
- Kohli has also been named as the captain of Wisden's Test team of the decade.
 - MS Dhoni has been named as the captain of Wisden's ODI team of the decade.
 - Also, Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah are the only two Indians to be included in the Wisden's T20I team of the decade.



Q.) Which Indian cricketer has been placed in the '5 Wisden Cricketers of The Decade List'?

- [a] MS Dhoni
- [b] Rohit Sharma
- [c] Jasprit Bumrah
- [d] Virat Kohli
- [e] Rishabh Pant


MISCELLANEOUS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
1. 'The Legacy of Militancy in Punjab: Long Road to Normalcy' book has been written by Inderjit Singh Jaijee and Dona Suri.	Q.) Who is the writer of 'The Legacy of Militancy in Punjab: Long Road to Normalcy'? [a] Inderjit Singh Jaijee [b] Dona Suri [c] Vikram Seth [d] Both A and B [e] Both B and C
2. 'The Vault of Vishnu' book has been written by Ashwin Sanghi.	Q.) Who is the writer of 'The Vault of Vishnu' book? [a] Ashwin Sanghi [b] Arundhati Roy [c] Mahmoud Darwish [d] Nilima Ibrahim [e] Nouman Ali Khan
3. Viswanathan Anand's autobiography 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life' has been launched. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been co-authored by Susan Ninan. 	Q.) Who is the co-author of Vishwanath Anand's autobiography 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life' book? [a] Susan Ninan [b] Khushwant Singh [c] Ruskin Bond [d] Vikram Seth [e] Arundhati Roy
4. 'Turbulence and Triumph: The Modi Years' book is authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan.	Q.) Who among the following is the writer of 'Turbulence and Triumph: The Modi Years'? [a] Rahul Agarwal [b] Bharathi S Pradhan



	<p>[c] Arundhati Sen</p> <p>[d] Both A and B</p> <p>[e] Both B and C</p>
<p>5. “Politics of Opportunism” book is authored by RNP Singh.</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of “Politics of Opportunism” book?</p> <p>[a] Vikram Chandra</p> <p>[b] Ramananda Chatterjee</p> <p>[c] Shoma Chaudhury</p> <p>[d] RNP Singh</p> <p>[e] Preeti Choudhry</p>
<p>6. Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has released “The Renaissance Man-The Many Facets of Arun Jaitley” book on 28th December 2019 on 67th birth anniversary of Jaitley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The book has been compiled by Deepa Venkat and Muppavarapu Harshavardhan (children of Naidu). 	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of “The Renaissance Man-The Many Facets of Arun Jaitley”?</p> <p>[a] Deepa Venkat</p> <p>[b] Muppavarapu Harshavardhan</p> <p>[c] Prabhu Chawla</p> <p>[d] Both A and B</p> <p>[e] Both B and C</p>
<p>7. Ramachandran Guha has written “Gandhi: The Years that Changed the World 1914-1948”.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has written “Gandhi: The Years that Changed the World 1914-1948”?</p> <p>[a] Ramachandran Guha</p> <p>[b] Javed Anand</p> <p>[c] Gaurav Arya</p> <p>[d] Shiv Aroor</p> <p>[e] Neeraj Badhwar</p>



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