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<p>1. Results of the Swachh Survekshan League 2020 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2) has been released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (the annual urban cleanliness survey conducted by MoHUA) was also launched. Parameters: waste water management and faecal sludge management have been given special attention among 12 indicators. <p>Results of the SS League 2020:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">Category</th> <th>Top Cities</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cities with population above 10 lakh</td> <td>Top Ranker (Q1) – Indore (Madhya Pradesh) Top Ranker (Q2) – Indore (Madhya Pradesh)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cities with population between 1-10 lakh</td> <td>Top Ranker (Q1) – Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) Top Ranker (Q2) – Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Top Cities	Cities with population above 10 lakh	Top Ranker (Q1) – Indore (Madhya Pradesh) Top Ranker (Q2) – Indore (Madhya Pradesh)	Cities with population between 1-10 lakh	Top Ranker (Q1) – Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) Top Ranker (Q2) – Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)	<p>Q.) Which city has topped in the Swachh Survekshan League 2020 in the category of population above 10 lakhs?</p> <p>[a] Chandigarh [b] Madras [c] Kolkata [d] Indore [e] Bhopal</p>
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<p>2. Wildlife Institute of India will use around 10,000 cameras to conduct the Asiatic Lion Census in May 2020 in 7 districts in Gujarat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asiatic lions (which is world's last independent population) are only found in Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary in Gujarat. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the Asiatic Lion Conservation Project to conserve Asiatic Lion for 2018-2021. 	<p>Q.) Which Indian state is the only abode of Asiatic Lion in the world?</p> <p>[a] Karnataka [b] Gujarat [c] Madhya Pradesh [d] Tamil Nadu [e] Assam</p>						
<p>3. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has established its first Silk Processing Plant in Surendra Nagar district of Gujarat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: to increase the production of Gujarat Patola sarees. 	<p>Q.) Where has Khadi and Village Industries Commission established its first Silk Processing Plant to promote Patola sarees?</p> <p>[a] Maharashtra [b] Gujarat [c] Assam</p>						



	<p>[d] Arunachal Pradesh [e] Bihar</p>
<p>4. 107th Indian Science Congress 2020 was held at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru on the theme of “Science and Technology: Rural Development”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the first time, farmers science congress was held. During ISC, PM Modi launched the Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) Portal to allow researchers to easily locate facilities needed for their research 	<p>Q.) Where was the 107th Indian Science Congress 2020 held?</p> <p>[a] Kollam [b] Chennai [c] Bengaluru [d] Delhi [e] Mumbai</p>
<p>5. First of its kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles has been established in the Bhagalpur forest division of Bihar.</p>	<p>Q.) Where has the first of its kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles been established?</p> <p>[a] Bihar [b] Meghalaya [c] Kerala [d] Uttarakhand [e] Arunachal Pradesh</p>
<p>6. Amit Shah has been appointed as the head of the Group of Ministers to examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016.</p>	<p>Q.) Who heads the Group of Ministers formed by government to examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016?</p> <p>[a] Amit Shah [b] Rajnath Singh [c] Raj Kumar Singh [d] Smriti Irani [e] Santosh Gangwar</p>
<p>7. ISRO announced to develop a Human Space Flight Infrastructure Centre (to be operational in 3 years) at Challakere (also known as the ‘Science City’), Karnataka for Rs 2700 crore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: to train humans for the Gaganyaan mission. Currently, Russia is providing the training to the 4 Indian air force officers for this mission at its Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre. 	<p>Q.) Recently, ISRO has announced to develop a Human Space Flight Infrastructure Centre (to be operational in 3 years) at ___ city (also known as the ‘Science City’), Karnataka for Rs 2700 crore?</p> <p>[a] Shivmogga [b] Challakere [c] Belgaum [d] Hubli</p>



<p>8. ISRO has signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) to set up an Optical telescope under ‘Project NETRA’ – NETwork for space object TRacking and Analysis – for tracking space objects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India launched the early warning system Netra to secure its satellites and other assets in space at a cost of Rs 400 crore in 2019 	<p>[e] Gulbarga</p> <p>Q.) What is the name of ISRO’s project launched in 2019 to track the space objects?</p> <p>[a] Takshila [b] Netra [c] Chakshu [d] Drishti [e] Vilochan</p>																					
<p>9. As per preliminary reports received from the States, the total area sown under Rabi crops stands at 571.84 lakh hectares (increased by 35.9 lakh hectare) as compared to 536.35 lakh hectare for corresponding period last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area sown so far and that sown during last year this time is as follows: (Area in lakh hectare) <table border="1" data-bbox="188 1077 783 1440"> <thead> <tr> <th>Crops</th> <th>Area Sown in 2019-20</th> <th>Area Sown in 2018-19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Wheat</td> <td>297.02</td> <td>270.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rice</td> <td>13.90</td> <td>11.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pulses</td> <td>140.13</td> <td>136.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coarse cereals</td> <td>46.66</td> <td>42.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oilseeds</td> <td>74.12</td> <td>74.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Crops</td> <td>571.84</td> <td>536.35</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Crops	Area Sown in 2019-20	Area Sown in 2018-19	Wheat	297.02	270.75	Rice	13.90	11.93	Pulses	140.13	136.83	Coarse cereals	46.66	42.12	Oilseeds	74.12	74.72	Total Crops	571.84	536.35	<p>Q.) As per preliminary reports received from the States, the total area sown under Rabi crops stands at ___ (increased by 35.9 lakh hectare) from last year?</p> <p>[a] 571.84 lakh hectares [b] 194.04 lakh hectares [c] 891.72 lakh hectares [d] 248.64 lakh hectares [e] 598.77 lakh hectares</p>
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<p>10. 3rd international symposium – Marine Ecosystems-Challenges and Opportunities (MECOS) – will be held in Kochi, Kerala.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Marine Biological association of India. Purpose: To review concerns of marine ecosystem and will form new strategies for sustainable utilisation of marine wealth 	<p>Q.) Where will the 3rd international symposium Marine Ecosystems-Challenges and Opportunities be held?</p> <p>[a] Kerala [b] Bihar [c] Uttar Pradesh [d] Madhya Pradesh [e] Maharashtra</p>																					
<p>11. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) released the first of its kind report on sugar intake of India.</p>	<p>Q.) Which city has the highest amount of sugar intake at 26.3 g/day as per the Indian Council of</p>																					



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint survey was conducted by ICMR, National Institute of Nutrition – Hyderabad and International Life Science Institute of India for this report. • Sugar intake in metro cities was 19.5 grams per day lower than the level recommended by ICMR of 30 gram per day. • Mumbai had the highest amount of sugar intake at 26.3 g/day followed by Ahmedabad at 25.9 g/day. • Women had high sugar intake of 20.2 g/day than men at 18.7 g/day. 	<p>Medical Research’s first report on sugar intake of India?</p> <p>[a] Chandigarh [b] Malappuram [c] Mumbai [d] Guwahati [e] Lucknow</p>
<p>12. 5th Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference – world’s largest platform for meeting of researchers of Drosophila flies – has been organized by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research held in Pune, Maharashtra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the first time, the conference is held in India. • Drosophila is the small fruit fly. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 5th Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference held?</p> <p>[a] Maharashtra [b] Arunachal Pradesh [c] Meghalaya [d] Himachal Pradesh [e] Tamil Nadu</p>
<p>13. By the end of 2020, ISRO will launch Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS), in low-earth orbits on a GSLV launcher, to set up a communication system between the space satellites of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advantages: The new system will help India to cover the entire Gaganyaan mission as well as other space missions. • First two satellites of IDRSS will be launched in 2020 and the second satellite will be launched in 2021. 	<p>Q.) ISRO will launch IDRSS in low-earth orbits on a GSLV launcher to set up a communication system between the space satellites of India. What is the full form of IDRSS?</p> <p>[a] Indian Data Remit Satellite System [b] Indian Data Relay Satellite System [c] Indian Data Rescind Satellite System [d] Indian Data Restore Satellite System [e] Indian Data Revoke Satellite System</p>
<p>14. India is helping Afghanistan to set up Aadhaar in the Islamic country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India and Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) organized a training program for Afghanistan Central Civil Registration Authority (ACCRA) 	<p>Q.) Which country is being helped by India for setting up Aadhaar?</p> <p>[a] Oman [b] Bahrain [c] Saudi Arabia [d] UAE [e] Afghanistan</p>



<p>15. Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has published the list of world's fastest-growing (urban) cities based on the data of United Nations Population Division (UNPD) and covered time period of 2015-20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 out of top 10 cities are in Kerala (Malappuram at the 1st spot, Kozhikode at 4th and Kollam at 10th). • Other Indian Cities – Thrissur (Kerala) is ranked at 13th spot, Surat (Gujarat) is ranked at 26th spot and Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu) is ranked at 30th spot. 	<p>Q.) Which city is at the top of the world's fastest-growing (urban) cities list of Economist Intelligence Unit?</p> <p>[a] Malappuram [b] Kozhikode [c] Thrissur [d] Tiruppur [e] Kollam</p>
<p>16. 5th Pulses Conclave 2020 (a biennial conference) will be hosted by the India Pulses and Grain Association in Lonavala, Maharashtra in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India is the largest producer (around 25% of global production) of pulses in the world. • India is also the largest consumer (27% of world pulses) of pulses. • India is also the largest importer of pulses (14% of pulses in the world). 	<p>Q.) Where was the 5th Pulses Conclave 2020 organized?</p> <p>[a] Delhi [b] Maharashtra [c] Telangana [d] Karnataka [e] Andhra Pradesh</p>
<p>17. Konkan Railways is constructing the world's highest railway bridge (at a height of 359 metres above the Chenab rivers' bed) in Kashmir to link the UT with rest of the India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bridge (expected to be completed by 2021) is a part of Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project. • The bridge forms a crucial link in the 111-km stretch between Katra and Banihal. 	<p>Q.) In which state will the world's highest railway bridge (at a height of 359 metres above the Chenab rivers' bed) be built?</p> <p>[a] Kashmir [b] Ladakh [c] Meghalaya [d] Uttarakhand [e] Tamil Nadu</p>
<p>18. NITI Aayog and International Energy Agency have released the first review of India's energy policies 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India had become an IEA-association country in 2017. <p>KEY Findings of the review: -</p>	<p>Q.) How much of the total installed capacity of India is in renewables, according to the first review of India's energy policies 2020 released by the NITI Aayog and International Energy Agency?</p> <p>[a] 23% [b] 33% [c] 43%</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23% of the total installed capacity of India is in renewables. India has the largest unified power grid operating in a single frequency. • India has reduced 15% of additional energy demand, oil and gas imports, and air pollution as well as 300 million tonnes of CO2 emissions between 2000 and 2018. • India's energy demand is likely to double by 2040 and electricity demand may triple. Share of variable renewables in India is above 15%. • India will overtake China in terms of crude oil demand growth by mid-2020 which will rise 4.4 million barrels per day (in 2017) to 6 million barrels per day in 2024. • India imports over 80% of its oil needs, of which 65% is from the Middle East through the Strait of Hormuz. 	<p>[d] 50%</p> <p>[e] 13%</p>
<p>19. 2nd edition of the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 for 36 states and UTs, based on 97 indicators, has been released to rank states/UTs on the progress of energy efficiency initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Performers: Karnataka, Haryana and Puducherry in Achievers category. (no state is in Frontrunner category) • Least Performers: Manipur, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir performed worst in Aspirants category. • The states have been divided into 4 categories: Frontrunner, Achiever, Contender, Aspirant. • Developers of this index: Bureau of Energy Efficiency in association with Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy. • In 2019 new indicators were included in this index which are Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) 2017, energy efficiency in MSME clusters, etc. 	<p>Q.) Which of the following is not a category of state in the State Energy Efficiency Index 2019?</p> <p>[a] Aspirant</p> <p>[b] Contender</p> <p>[c] Achiever</p> <p>[d] Frontrunner</p> <p>[e] Performer</p>



<p>20. Global Investors Meet named as ASCEND 2020 has been organized in Kochi, Kerala.</p>	<p>Q.) Where has the Global Investors Meet – ASCEND 2020 been organized?</p> <p>[a] Gujarat [b] Rajasthan [c] Assam [d] Bihar [e] Kerala</p>
<p>21. Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation (GAIC) has announced to import water-soluble fertilizers from China in addition to the 300 tonnes that the agency has so far imported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “AGRO” is the brand name of these new fertilizers 	<p>Q.) From which country will the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation (GAIC) import water-soluble fertilizers in addition to the 300 tonnes that the agency has so far imported?</p> <p>[a] China [b] Russia [c] Indonesia [d] Malaysia [e] Thailand</p>
<p>22. Ministry of Steel, in association with Confederation of India Industries, will launch “Purvodaya” steel hub to accelerate the development of eastern states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: to create 2.5 million jobs in the region along with developing logistics and infrastructure. • The hub will ensure the fulfilment of India’s steel policy target of 300 MT by 2030-31. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the steel hub launched by Ministry of Steel, in association with Confederation of India Industries, to accelerate the development of eastern states?</p> <p>[a] Vindhaya [b] Purvodaya [c] Samagra [d] Sampurna [e] Ispaat</p>
<p>23. “Cyber AASHVAST” – India’s first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit – has been established in Gandhinagar, Gujarat to curb cybercrime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also, the Video Integration and State Wide Advance Security project called VISWAS and Project NETRANG were also launched in Gujarat. • Under the project NETRANG, command and control rooms in 33 districts will be established of Gujarat. 	<p>Q.) Where has the India’s first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit “Cyber AASHVAST” been established?</p> <p>[a] Gujarat [b] Sikkim [c] Tripura [d] Delhi [e] Uttar Pradesh</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AASHVAST also considers cyber bullying (online harassment of someone) as a crime. 	
<p>24. India will host the 5th Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi between January 14-16, 2020 on the theme of “Navigating the Alpha Century”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizers: Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Observer Research Foundation (ORF) • Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference in New Delhi since 2016 by MEA and ORF to discuss the geo-economic and geopolitical issues of Asia with an aim to integrate the region. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of the 5th Raisina Dialogue 2020?</p> <p>[a] Navigating the Alpha Century [b] Asia: Regional and Global Connectivity [c] New Geometrics Fluid Partnerships Uncertain Outcomes [d] Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms [e] None of the Above</p>
<p>25. Ministry for Women and Child Development has launched the Yashaswini scheme for Women entrepreneurship to provide interest free loans of up to Rs 5 lakhs for 5 years to women self-help groups by Goa govt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart from this, Swasthya Sakhi project and breast cancer screening initiative were also launched in Goa. 	<p>Q.) In which state has the Ministry for Women and Child Development launched the Yashaswini scheme for providing interest free loans of up to Rs 5 lakhs to Women entrepreneurs?</p> <p>[a] Chhattisgarh [b] Odisha [c] Goa [d] Andhra Pradesh [e] Maharashtra</p>
<p>26. Statue of Unity has entered in the list of 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the first time, India is hosting the SCO Heads of Govt meet 	<p>Q.) Which monument has been added into the list of 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization?</p> <p>[a] Taj Mahal [b] Statue of Unity [c] Konark Sun Temple [d] Gateway of Sun Temple [e] Ajanta Caves</p>
<p>27. ISRO has launched GSAT-30 satellite on Ariane-5 launch vehicle from Ariane Launch Complex from French Guiana (a French territory located in South America).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSAT-30 is a communication satellite which will replace INSAT-4A (launched in 2005). 	<p>Q.) Which of the following communication satellite will be replaced by GSAT-30?</p> <p>[a] INSAT-3 [b] INSAT-C [c] INSAT-4A [d] INSAT-2B</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSAT - Indian National Satellite System was launched for telecommunications, meteorology, broadcasting and search and rescue operations mainly for communication purposes. 	<p>[e] INSAT-2A</p>
<p>28. 6th Island Development Agency (IDA) meeting, chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah, was held in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus of the meeting: “Green Development in the Islands to reach new heights” Shah reviewed the “Holistic Development of Islands” programme taken up by the IDA to improve growth of the Islands. Currently, it is being implemented in 4 islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and 5 islands of Lakshadweep Islands. In Phase II, 12 more islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and 5 Islands of Lakshadweep islands will be developed for tourism. 	<p>Q.) How many new ports from Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands have been chosen for the Phase 2 of the “Holistic Development of Islands” programme respectively?</p> <p>[a] 12 and 5 [b] 14 and 7 [c] 6 and 9 [d] 10 and 4 [e] 7 and 11</p>
<p>29. 19th annual joint exercise ‘Sahyog-Kaijin’ of coast guards of India and Japan will be held in Chennai.</p>	<p>Q.) What is the name of the bilateral exercise conducted by the coast guards of India and Japan?</p> <p>[a] Surya Kiran [b] Sahyog-Kaijin [c] Thar Shakti [d] Dharma Guardian [e] Prabal Dostyk</p>
<p>30. Central govt has set up an 11-member panel, headed by K Rajeswara Rao (additional secretary of the Ministry of Mines), to consider the revision of royalty rates for minerals (other than coal, lignite, sand for stowing and minor minerals).</p>	<p>Q.) Who heads the panel formed by govt to consider the revision of royalty rates for minerals?</p> <p>[a] K Rajeswara Rao [b] Vishwanath Kirmarkar [c] Vishal Goyal [d] Atanu Chakrobarty [e] Krishan Maheshwari</p>
<p>31. IIT-Madras has developed the “Integrated Road Accident Database” (IRAD) to govt authorities in</p>	<p>Q.) Which institute has developed the “Integrated Road Accident Database” to help govt authorities in</p>



<p>proper monitoring and accurate analysis of road accidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank has provided the financial support of ₹258 crore for developing IRAD. National Informatics Centre (NIC) is implementing it in 6 states with highest road fatalities – Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh – on a trial basis. 	<p>proper monitoring and accurate analysis of road accidents?</p> <p>[a] IIT-Hyderabad [b] IIT-Madras [c] IIT-Bangalore [d] IIT-Delhi [e] IIT-Mysore</p>
<p>32. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released the National Draft Policy on rare diseases 2020 which proposes to create a one-time fund of Rs 15 lakhs under Ayushman Bharat to treat rare diseases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the policy, certain medical institutes will be certified as Centre of Excellence for rare diseases. Funding for certain diseases such as Hurler Syndrome, Gaucher’s disease, Wolman disease can be increased from Rs 10 lakhs to Rs 1 crore per year through donations. 	<p>Q.) The National Draft Policy on rare diseases 2020 proposes to create a one-time fund of ____ under Ayushman Bharat to treat rare diseases?</p> <p>[a] Rs 15 lakhs [b] Rs 30 lakhs [c] Rs 25 lakhs [d] Rs 5 lakhs [e] Rs 10 lakhs</p>
<p>33. First-ever International Heritage Symposium and Exhibition (IHSE) has been launched in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: IIT-Delhi and sponsored by Department of Science and Technology and Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology. Books launched on the theme of ‘Digital Heritage’: “Digital Hampi: preserving Indian Cultural Heritage” and “Heritage Preservation: A Computational Approach”. 	<p>Q.) Where has the First-ever International Heritage Symposium and Exhibition been launched?</p> <p>[a] New Delhi [b] Maharashtra [c] Gujarat [d] Karnataka [e] Andhra Pradesh</p>
<p>34. 6th edition of the Women, Business and the Law 2020 has been released by World Bank which ranks a total of 190 countries based on the laws and regulations that restrict women’s economic opportunities.</p>	<p>Q.) What is India’s rank on the Women, Business and the Law 2020 index of the World Bank?</p> <p>[a] 117 [b] 102 [c] 113 [d] 180 [e] 79</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parameters: Total 8 indicators were used, that are, Mobility, Workplace, Pay, Marriage, Parenthood, Entrepreneurship, Assets, and Pension. Top Scorer: 8 countries scored a perfect 100, that are, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, and Sweden. India's Rank: 117th with a score of 74.4 (Benin and Gambia also have the same scores). Bottom Rank: West Bank and Gaza with a score of 26.3. Global average was 75.2 which is a slight increase from 73.9 in the previous index released in 2017. 	OR Q.) How many countries have scored a perfect 100 in the Women, Business and the Law 2020 index of the World Bank? [a] 8 [b] 9 [c] 10 [d] 7 [e] 5
35. First Session of India-Norway Dialogue on Trade & Investment (DTI) was convened in New Delhi. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Terms of Reference for holding the DTI was signed by India and Norway in 2019. 	Q.) When was the Terms of Reference for holding the First Session of India-Norway Dialogue on Trade & Investment signed by India and Norway? [a] 2019 [b] 2018 [c] 2017 [d] 2015 [e] 2020
36. Arunachal Pradesh has become the first state in India which signed an MoU with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to start 'red listing' of orchids in association with IUCN at the state level.	Q.) Which has become the first state in India which signed an MoU with the International Union for Conservation of Nature to start 'red listing' of orchids? [a] Odisha [b] Kerala [c] Arunachal Pradesh [d] Meghalaya [e] Tripura
37. 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 was organized in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and UP Government. 	Q.) Where is the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 being held? [a] Lucknow [b] Delhi [c] Mangalore



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: “Fit Youth, Fit India” 	<p>[d] Mumbai [e] Kolkata</p>
<p>38. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched India’s first e-commerce housing platform named as ‘HousingForAll.com’ to bring transparency in the sector by allowing home buyers in identifying genuine properties and offer only certified projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) has developed this portal. ‘Real Estate Sentiment Index Q4 2019’ was also launched by Knight Frank–FICCI–NAREDCO which shows that the sentiment stood at 53 (which means pessimism). 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the India’s first e-commerce housing platform launched by Ministry of Housing to help home buyers in identifying genuine properties and offer only certified projects?</p> <p>[a] QuickBuy.com [b] HousingForAll.com [c] ApnaGhar.com [d] GetHouse.com [e] SapnokaGhar.com</p>
<p>39. Two villages of Muzaffarnagar (in UP), Bahadurpur and Khedi Viran will be developed as first ‘Model Sports Villages of India’ (Adarsh Khel Gram) to promote sports culture in the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative is a part of the ‘Adarsh Khel Gram’ program of Institute of Management Technology – Ghaziabad (IMT) in association with NGO named as ‘Sports: A Way of Life’. 	<p>Q.) Two villages – Bahadurpur and Khedi Viran will be developed as first ‘Model Sports Villages of India’. Where are these two villages located?</p> <p>[a] Uttar Pradesh [b] Telangana [c] Gujarat [d] Rajasthan [e] Punjab</p>
<p>40. Chhattisgarh has launched ‘Rojgar Sangi’ - an employment-oriented mobile app - developed by State Skill Development Authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: to provide employment to the skilled youth. 	<p>Q.) Which state has launched the ‘Rojgar Sangi’ to provide employment to the skilled youth?</p> <p>[a] Gujarat [b] Chhattisgarh [c] Kerala [d] Madhya Pradesh [e] Arunachal Pradesh</p>
<p>41. India has renamed its National TB Control Programme to National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India aims to eliminate TB by 2025 while WHO will eliminate the disease by 2030. 	<p>Q.) National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme aims to eliminate TB by __?</p> <p>[a] 2030 [b] 2023 [c] 2025 [d] 2022</p>



<p>42. Supreme Court has formed a committee, headed by Niranjan Bhat, to frame a law on mediation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will recommend a code of conduct for the mediators (who are the legal experts). • CJI SA Bobde has suggested to introduced degree and diploma courses in mediation in national law universities. • Mediation and Project Conciliation Committee (MCPC), headed by Justice RF Nariman, will organise a National Conference on Mediation in Chandigarh in February. 	<p>[e] 2021</p> <p>Q.) Who heads the committee formed by Supreme Court to frame a law on mediation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation?</p> <p>[a] Sourav Kumar Singh [b] Niranjan Bhat [c] Neeraj Mishra [d] Bharat Kumar [e] Anurag Bakshi</p>
<p>43. Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the rankings of the water departments of Central and state governments based on their efficiency targets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top state: Gujarat at 1st position (from 7th in 2018) • Bottom state or worst performer: Delhi at 35th position (from 41st in 2018) • Most Improved: Tamil Nadu at 13th position (from 33rd) and Rajasthan was the best water management status. • Parameters: real-time data acquisition, analytical work, procurement, data digitization, trainings, updating MIS and analytical work. • Among the 7 Central departments reviewed, Survey of India was the best performer. 	<p>Q.) Which state has topped the rankings of the water departments of Central and state governments based on their efficiency targets?</p> <p>[a] Gujarat [b] Maharashtra [c] Delhi [d] Madhya Pradesh [e] Kerala</p>
<p>44. First Krishi Manthan 2020 – the largest food, agri-business and rural development summit of Asia – was organized by the IIM-Ahmedabad in Ahmedabad, Gujarat</p>	<p>Q.) Which of the following institute has organized the First Krishi Manthan 2020 – the largest food, agri-business and rural development summit of Asia?</p> <p>[a] IIM-Lucknow [b] IIM-Rohtak</p>



	<p>[c] IIM-Ahmedabad [d] IIM-Nagpur [e] IIM-Bangalore</p>
<p>45. Ministry for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has organized the 1st National consultative workshop on Strengthening Agri-Logistics in e-National Agriculture Market (e-Nam) in New Delhi.</p>	<p>Q.) Where has Ministry for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare organized the 1st National consultative workshop on Strengthening Agri-Logistics? [a] Delhi [b] Mumbai [c] Kolkata [d] Chennai [e] Guwahati</p>
<p>46. Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched a lease agricultural land policy and thus became the first state in India to have such a policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per its provisions, a farmer can lease out land for farming, agriculture, horticulture, herbs, off-season vegetables, dairy purpose and solar energy to an individual, firm or NGO for a period of 30 years. 	<p>Q.) Which state has launched a lease agricultural land policy and thus became the first state in India to have such a policy? [a] Uttar Pradesh [b] Madhya Pradesh [c] Uttarakhand [d] Maharashtra [e] Gujarat</p>
<p>47. UAE has been declared as a “reciprocating territory” under the Section 44A of Civil Procedure Code (CPC), 1908 by the Ministry of Law and Justice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implication: It will help in enforcing the orders of UAE’s superior courts in India and vice-versa. Section 44A of Civil Procedure Code, 1908: It provides the provisions for executing verdicts of foreign courts in India and vice versa. 	<p>Q.) Which country has been declared as a “reciprocating territory” under the Section 44A of Civil Procedure Code, 1908 by the Ministry of Law and Justice? [a] Saudi Arabia [b] UAE [c] Bahrain [d] Australia [e] New Zealand</p>
<p>48. Parliament had cleared the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (Merger of Union Territories) Bill, 2019 to merge these two UTs into one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill will come into effect on 26 January 2020. 	<p>Q.) Which is the proposed capital of the merged UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu? [a] Dadar [b] Daman [c] Silvassa</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The merged UT will be named as “Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu” with a common capital “Daman”. After the merger, the total number of UTs in India will be 8. 	<p>[d] Nagan Haveli [e] Diu</p>
<p>49. ISRO has formed a two-member panel to study the technologies needed for Gaganyaan mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apart from this, a half-humanoid named Vyom Mitra will go into space in the first test flight of Gaganyaan in 2020 and 2021. Vyom Mitra has been developed by the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit, Thiruvananthapuram. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the half-humanoid developed by ISRO for conducting the test flight of Gaganyaan?</p> <p>[a] Abeer Mitra [b] Daksha Mitra [c] Akhira Mitra [d] Vyom Mitra [e] Geetika Mitra</p>
<p>50. Greenpeace India has released its report for 2018 which ranks Jharia (Jharkhand) as the most polluted Indian city in 2018 followed by Dhanbad (Jharkhand) at the second position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunglei (Mizoram) is the least polluted city. Out of the total 287 cities assessed, 231 were severely polluted. Six of the top-10 polluted cities are in Uttar Pradesh: Noida, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Allahabad, Moradabad and Firozabad. Delhi has been ranked at 10th most polluted city (down from 8th position in 2017). 	<p>Q.) Which city is the most polluted Indian city in 2018, according to the Greenpeace India report?</p> <p>[a] Jharia [b] Dhanbad [c] Kurnool [d] Lunglei [e] Kochi</p>
<p>51. Minister of External Affairs, S. Jaishankar, has inaugurated the first ever Mahatma Gandhi convention centre in Africa in the state of Niger to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the first ever convention centre built by India in Africa. 	<p>Q.) In which country has India opened the first ever Mahatma Gandhi convention centre of Africa?</p> <p>[a] Kenya [b] Niger [c] Albania [d] Congo [e] Benin</p>



52. Uttar Pradesh has launched ‘Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana’ for farmers of the state who die or become handicapped while working on the field.
- Under the scheme, an assistance of Rs 5 lakh will be given to the farmers’ family. Farmers aged between 18 to 70 years are eligible for this scheme.
 - The amount will be adjustable for those who are already taking the benefits of PM Jeevan Bima Yojana, PM Suraksha Bima Yojana or any other schemes.

- Q.) Which state has launched the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana for farmers of the state who die or become handicapped while working on the field?
- [a] Uttar Pradesh
 [b] Telangana
 [c] Odisha
 [d] Chhattisgarh
 [e] Assam

53. World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative 2020 has ranked a total of 97 countries based on 10 indicators for promoting breastfeeding.
- Top ranker – Sri Lanka (scored 91/100) got green code
 - Bottom ranker – Libya (scored 19/100) got red code
 - India’s rank – 78th (scored 45/100) got yellow code
 - The countries were given 4 colour codes (red, yellow, blue and green), in ascending order, based on their performance.

- Q.) Which country has been ranked at the 1st position in the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative 2020?
- [a] Sri Lanka
 [b] Nepal
 [c] New Zealand
 [d] Japan
 [e] India

About World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative 2020:

- Launched: 2004
- Developed by: Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India in New Delhi
- Members till now: 120 countries
- Assessing countries: once in every 3-5 year

Global breastfeeding target:

- Currently, the rate of breastfeeding is 41% of 0-6 months infants worldwide.
- World Health Assembly (executive arm of WHO) has set a target achieving 50% breastfeeding by 2025.

54. Department of Biotechnology (under Ministry of Science and Technology) has organized the “Visualizing the Future: New Skylines” – an International Summit on Women in STEM – in New Delhi.
- Aim: to increase the women’s participation in STEM – science, technology, engineering and math – segment

- Q.) Where has the Department of Biotechnology organized the “Visualizing the Future: New Skylines” – an International Summit on Women in STEM?
- [a] New Delhi
 [b] Mumbai
 [c] Kolkata



	<p>[d] Guwahati [e] Chennai</p>
<p>55. Government has formed a three high-level steering committees to dispose of immovable enemy properties vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property for India under the Enemy Property Act, 1968.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First committee – It is a Group of Ministers, headed by Amit Shah, to monitor the disposal of more than 9,400 enemy properties in India. • Second committee – It is an Inter-Ministerial Group, jointly headed by Ajay Bhalla (Union Home Secretary) and Tuhin Kanta Pandey (secretary of DIPAM). • Third committee – It is a Core Group of Secretaries on Asset Monetisation (CGAM), headed by Rajiv Gauba (Cabinet Secretary). <p>What is Enemy Property?</p> <p>⇒ The property which is left by those who have taken Pakistani or Chinese citizenship.</p> <p>⇒ Highest number of Pakistani Enemy Property is in Uttar Pradesh.</p> <p>⇒ Highest number of Chinese Enemy Property is in Meghalaya.</p>	<p>Q.) Who among the following heads the Inter-Ministerial Group set by government to dispose of the enemy properties?</p> <p>[a] Ajay Bhalla [b] Tuhin Kanta Pandey [c] Rajiv Gauba [d] Both A and B [e] Both B and C</p>
<p>56. India and Russia organized the first edition of the Ganga-Volga Dialogue (Track 1.5) in New Delhi on the theme of Connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The platform acts as a good platform for discussing various issues for developing civilizations of both the countries. • Volga is the river of Russia. 	<p>Q.) In association with which country has India organized the Ganga-Volga Dialogue in New Delhi?</p> <p>[a] Russia [b] Indonesia [c] Philippines [d] Sri Lanka [e] Japan</p>
<p>57. Ministry for Road Transport and Highways has launched ‘GATI’ – an online web portal –to monitor the ongoing projects worth Rs 3 Lakh Crore.</p>	<p>Q.) What is the name of the online web portal launched by Ministry for Road Transport and Highways to monitor the ongoing projects?</p> <p>[a] Darshana</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The portal has been developed on the lines of 'PRAGATI' portal and is accessible to NHAI's contractors etc. Portal Developer: National Highways Authority of India. 	<p>[b] Gaman [c] Disha [d] Gati [e] Aashavast</p>
<p>58. India has signed an MoU with Tunisia for setting up an 'India- Tunisia centre for innovation in information and communication technologies' in Tunis, capital of Tunisia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th India-Africa Summit 2020 will be held in India in September 2020 (3rd summit was in 2015). 	<p>Q.) With which country has India signed an MoU to set up a centre for innovation in information and communication technologies?</p> <p>[a] Gambia [b] Zambia [c] Tunisia [d] Sierra Leone [e] Senegal</p>
<p>59. India's first Super Fab Lab was established in Kerala by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA) and Kerala Startup Mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the only laboratory that is established outside USA. A Fab Lab is a laboratory that offers digital fabrication. 	<p>Q.) Where is India's first Super Fab Lab established?</p> <p>[a] Kerala [b] Gujarat [c] Maharashtra [d] Tamil Nadu [e] Odisha</p>
<p>60. France has been chosen as the guest of honour at New Delhi World Book Fair 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India is the guest of honour for 2020 Livre Paris (Paris Book Fair). Romain Rolland Book Prize 2020 (given to the writers for translating French work into any Indian language including English) was conferred upon Dipa Chaudhuri and Puneet Gupta for translating Asterix series. 	<p>Q.) Which country has been chosen as the guest of honour at New Delhi World Book Fair 2022?</p> <p>[a] France [b] Australia [c] United Kingdom [d] New Zealand [e] USA</p>
<p>61. 3rd Global Potato Conclave 2020 will be jointly organized by Indian Potato Association, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, and International Potato Centre in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.</p>	<p>Q.) Where is the 3rd Global Potato Conclave 2020 being organized?</p> <p>[a] Maharashtra [b] Gujarat [c] Andhra Pradesh [d] Haryana</p>



• The conclave will be conducted on 10 themes out of which 8 themes are based on basic and applied research and two themes will emphasize potato trade, value chain management and policy issues.

[e] Punjab

62. India's first underwater Metro, being developed under Hooghly river in West Bengal, will be completed by 2022 at cost of USD 2.8 million.

Q.) Where will India's first underwater Metro be established?

- [a] West Bengal
- [b] Maharashtra
- [c] Madhya Pradesh
- [d] Assam
- [e] Gujarat

63. ISRO has launched Bhuvan Panchayat web portal's version 3.0 to help in the development of Gram Panchayats and to help the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in its village development processes.

Q.) What is the name of the web portal launched by ISRO to help in the development of Gram Panchayats and to help the Ministry of Panchayati Raj in its village development processes?

- For the first time, a thematic data base (on a 1:10,00 scale) is available with integrated high resolution satellite data for planning.
- Bhuvan 1.0 was launched in 2009.

- [a] Srishti Panchayat Version 3.0
- [b] Bhuvan Panchayat Version 3.0
- [c] Prithvi Panchayat Version 3.0
- [d] Jagat Panchayat Version 3.0
- [e] Dhara Panchayat Version 3.0

64. 10 more wetlands in India have been recognized as "Ramsar" wetland sites. Now, the total number of Ramsar wetlands in India is 37.

- Ramsar Convention (1971): It is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

Q.) Which state has recently got its first as "Ramsar" wetland site at Nandur Madhameshwar?

- [a] Rajasthan
- [b] Maharashtra
- [c] Gujarat
- [d] Tamil Nadu
- [e] Kerala

OR

Q.) How many Ramsar Wetlands sites are present in India?

- [a] 40
- [b] 37
- [c] 10
- [d] 13

State	New Ramsar Wetland Sites	Total number of Ramsar sites
Maharashtra (got its first site)	Nandur Madhameshwar	1
Punjab	Keshopur, Miani and Beas Conservation Reserve at Nangal town	6
Uttar Pradesh	Nawabganj, Parvati Agra, Saman, Samaspur, Sandi and Sarsai Nawar areas	7



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ABHISHEKAIR 1 SEBI
RAJENDRAN SAIR 8 RBI
ADITYAAIR 10 RBI
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	<p>[e] 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Q.) When was the Ramsar Convention for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands signed?</p> <p>[a] 1971 [b] 1989 [c] 1978 [d] 1967 [e] 1958</p>
<p>65. Indian Navy has launched the Operation Vanilla in the Southern Indian Ocean to help the people of Madagascar who are affected by Cyclone Diane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INS Airavat has been deployed to provide the relief work. 	<p>Q.) Recently, Indian Navy has launched the Operation Vanilla in the Southern Indian Ocean to help the people of __ who are affected by Cyclone Diane?</p> <p>[a] Madagascar [b] Seychelles [c] Comoros [d] Fiji [e] Mauritius</p>
<p>66. India's onion production will increase by over 7% at 13 lakh hectares in 2019-20 crop year from 12.2 lakh hectares in 2018-19, according to the first advance estimates of horticulture production in 2019-20 (June-July) released by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall horticulture production is estimated to be higher by around 1% in FY20 as compared with 2018-19. Overall fruits production will be lower by over 2.2% compared to 2018-19. The vegetable production will be higher mainly due to increased production of tomato, onion and potato (TOP). 	<p>Q.) According to the first advance estimates of horticulture production in 2019-20 released by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, onion production is expected to rise by ___?</p> <p>[a] 7% [b] 9% [c] 5% [d] 10% [e] 15%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Q.) According to the first advance estimates of horticulture production in 2019-20 released by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, total production of horticulture crops is expected to be ___ million tonnes?</p>



- Potato production will increase from 50 MT in 2018-19 to nearly 52 MT in 2019-20.
- Tomato production is estimated to increase marginally from 19 MT in 2018-19 to 19.3 MT in current year.

Total Horticulture	2017-18	2018-19 (Final)	2019-20 (1 st Advanced Estimate)
Area (Million Hectare)	25.24	25.43	25.61
Production (Million Tonne)	310.67	310.74	313.35

- [a] 313.35
- [b] 299.95
- [c] 287.05
- [d] 563.35
- [e] 407.57

OR

Q.) According to the first advance estimates of horticulture production in 2019-20 released by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, potato production is expected to be ___?

- [a] 52 MT
- [b] 41 MT
- [c] 75 MT
- [d] 40 MT
- [e] 60 MT

67. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) organized its annual event – 20th World Sustainable Summit 2020 – in New Delhi.
- Theme: ‘Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count’
 - Purpose: The summit provides a platform to focus on 2030 sustainable development goals

Q.) Where was the 20th World Sustainable Summit 2020 organized?

- [a] New Delhi
- [b] Bangalore
- [c] Mumbai
- [d] Chennai
- [e] Chandigarh

68. NITI Aayog has released its monthly delta rankings of 115 aspirational districts, based on six parameters, for December 2019.
- Six Parameters - Health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure.
 - Aspirational districts programme was launched in 2018 to transform 115 districts identified from 28 states.

Q.) Which district has topped in the NITI Aayog’s monthly delta rankings of 115 aspirational districts for December 2019?

- [a] Belangir, Odisha
- [b] Sahibganj, Jharkhand
- [c] Hailakandi, Assam
- [d] Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh
- [e] YSR, Andhra Pradesh

Rank	District	State
1	Chandauli	Uttar Pradesh
2	Belangir	Odisha



3	YSR	Andhra Pradesh	
4	Sahibganj	Jharkhand	
5	Hailakandi	Assam	
<p>69. According to a survey named as TRANSPARENCY IN BUDGETARY PROCESS Report 2.0 by Transparency International India, Assam is the top state in terms of best practices followed in budget formulation, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Odisha respectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Parameters of the survey – public disclosure, budgetary process, post budget fiscal management and efforts to make budget more transparent and citizen friendly. Meghalaya, Manipur and Punjab were at the lowest ranks. According to the survey, state budgets in India have never received such importance as claimed by Union Budget which resulted in a lack of inclusiveness and transparency. 			<p>Q.) Which is the top Indian state in terms of best practices followed in budget formulation, according to a survey by Transparency International?</p> <p>[a] Assam [b] Gujarat [c] Maharashtra [d] Punjab [e] West Bengal</p>
<p>70. World’s largest meditation centre and the global headquarters of the Heartfulness Institute have been opened in Hyderabad, Telangana to mark the 75th anniversary of the Heartfulness Institute.</p>			<p>Q.) Where will the World’s largest meditation centre be opened?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Hungary [c] Austria [d] Taiwan [e] Bulgaria</p>
<p>71. India’s first and biggest ‘walk-through’ aviary has been established in Byculla Zoo (aka Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Udyan and Zoo) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‘Miyawaki’ method (developed in Japan by botanist and plant ecologist Akira Miyawaki) was also inaugurated at Bhakti Park in Wadala, Maharashtra. The technique aims to grow the maximum trees in minimum area to increase biodiversity. 			<p>Q.) Where has the India’s first and biggest ‘walk-through’ aviary been established?</p> <p>[a] Telangana [b] Andhra Pradesh [c] Odisha [d] Maharashtra [e] West Bengal</p>



<p>72. India and Bangladesh will conduct their joint military exercise called “SAMPRITI-IX” at Umroi, Meghalaya</p>	<p>Q.) With which country does India conduct SAMPRITI military exercise?</p> <p>[a] Sri Lanka [b] Philippines [c] USA [d] Malaysia [e] Bangladesh</p>
<p>73. For the first time, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) will showcase a tableau on Startup India in this Republic Day Parade 2020 at Rajpath in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme of the tableau – Startups: Reach for the Sky • Purpose – to showcase the support given by government to promote startups 	<p>Q.) What is theme of the tableau on Startup India to be carried out during Republic Day Parade 2020?</p> <p>[a] Startups: Reach for the Sky [b] Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India [c] India Opportunity- Investing in tomorrow together [d] Women First, Prosperity for All [e] Startups now: The world's hottest market</p>

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Six Countries – Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden have recently joined INSTEX – Barter Mechanism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges’ (INSTEX) is a payment mechanism being setup by the European Union. • It was established by France, Germany and the United Kingdom. • Purpose: to allow European countries to maintain trade with Iran (products or services in exchange of oil) in spite of US sanctions on Iran. 	<p>Q.) Which countries have started Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX) to counter USA’s sanctions impact on Iran?</p> <p>[a] France, Germany and the United Kingdom [b] Italy, France and Spain [c] Britain, France and Poland [d] Russia, UK and Germany [e] Spain, Belgium and France</p>
<p>2. Palau is the world’s first country which banned sunscreen that affect coral reefs, sea life and other wildlife species</p>	<p>Q.) Which is the world’s first country which banned sunscreen that affect coral reefs, sea life and other wildlife species?</p> <p>[a] New Zealand [b] Palau [c] Papua New Guinea [d] Sri Lanka [e] Costa Rica</p>
<p>3. Iran organized the Tehran Dialogue Forum (23rd Persian Gulf International Conference) where India supported the Hormuz Peace Initiative in Tehran to stabilize the Strait of Hormuz amidst US-Iran tensions and to discuss the rising tension in Persian Gulf region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strait of Hormuz is one of world’s busiest shipping lanes. • Trade partners of Iran namely China, Oman, India and Afghanistan attended the initiative. • Iran had proposed the coalition for “Hormuz Peace Endeavor” (HOPE) at the UN General Assembly in September 2019. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 23rd Persian Gulf International Conference organized?</p> <p>[a] Iran [b] Iraq [c] Oman [d] Saudi Arabia [e] Egypt</p>



<p>4. World Future Energy Summit will be held at Abu Dhabi, UAE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Innovation Exchange (CLIX) was launched during the 2018 Summit. Since then, it is being held on the side lines of the summit. CLIX is a platform where countries exchange their ideas on common global problems comprising future of space, food, energy and mobility. 	<p>Q.) Where was the World Future Energy Summit held?</p> <p>[a] Turkey [b] UAE [c] Qatar [d] Lebanon [e] Cyprus</p>
<p>5. 25th edition of the biennial Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) 2020 was held in Ottawa, Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla represented India. Next edition of CSPOC will be held in Australia in 2022 and Uganda in 2024. Meanwhile, the additional CSPOC Standing Committee meetings will be held in Guernsey in 2021 and Trinidad and Tobago in 2023 	<p>Q.) Where was the 25th edition of the biennial Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth 2020 held?</p> <p>[a] Canada [b] New Zealand [c] USA [d] Britain [e] India</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Q.) Where will the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth be held in 2024?</p> <p>[a] Tanzania [b] Albania [c] Papua New Guinea [d] Uganda [e] Kenya</p>
<p>6. International Labour Organization (ILO) has released its annual report titled as “World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2020”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings of the report:- 	<p>Q.) What is the rate of unemployment in the world in 2019 according to the International Labour Organization’s annual report?</p> <p>[a] 5.4% [b] 6.1% [c] 2.1% [d] 4.9% [e] 3.2%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>



Global Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Parameter	Wage Conditions	Workforce Participation Rate
<p>In 2019- 5.4% or 188 million people</p> <p>In 2020 - 5.4% (same as 2019)</p> <p>In 2021 - 5.5%</p>	<p>The report not only include the unemployed people but also the under-employed and those lacking access to the labour market</p>	<p>About 470 million people in total have insufficient paid work in 2019</p>	<p>Female - 47% (27% below than males) in 2019</p>
<p>Gradual decline of the unemployment rate between 2009 and 2018 has now ended</p>	<p>A total of 22% (or 267 million) of people aged 15-24 were neither in employment, education nor in training</p>	<p>Over 630 million workers worldwide still live in extreme or moderate poverty with earning less than US\$3.20 per day</p>	<p>Male - 74% in 2019</p>

Q.) What is the rate of female workforce participation in 2019, according to the International Labour Organization's annual report?

- [a] 51%
- [b] 40%
- [c] 33%
- [d] 20%
- [e] 47%

7. Economist Intelligence Unit has released the Democracy Index 2019.

- India's is ranked at 51st position (down by 10 places) with a score of 6.90 against the 7.23 score in 2018.
- Reason for drop – an erosion of civil liberties in India.
- Total countries – 165 independent states and two territories.
- Top 5 countries – Norway (9.87 score), Iceland, Sweden, New Zealand and Finland respectively.
- Bottom 5 countries – Chad, Syria, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and North Korea (at 167th position with 1.08 score) respectively.
- According to the Democracy Index 2019 released by Economist Intelligence Unit, India is a flawed democracy.

Q.) What is India's rank in the Democracy Index 2019 released by Economist Intelligence Unit?

- [a] 51
- [b] 49
- [c] 60
- [d] 102
- [e] 73

OR

Q.) According to the Democracy Index 2019 released by Economist Intelligence Unit, India is a ____ democracy?

- [a] Hybrid
- [b] Authoritarian
- [c] Flawed
- [d] Full
- [e] Functional

8. Guyana has been chosen as the Chair of G77 for the year 2020 (the year of 75th anniversary of UN).

- Guyana has taken over the chairmanship from Palestine.

About G77:

- Founded – 1964
- Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland

Q.) Which country has been chosen as the Chair of G77 for the year 2020?

- [a] Morocco
- [b] Kenya
- [c] Guyana
- [d] Ghana
- [e] Tanzania



<p>9. Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 has been released by INSEAD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title of the report: Global Talent in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Total countries – 132 Top Country – Switzerland (81.26 score) followed by US and Singapore Bottom Country – Yemen (12.36 score) India's rank – 72 (40.42 score), up from 80th position in 2019 index Parameters – 6 metrics were used namely enable, attract, grow, retain, vocational skills and global knowledge skills. Comparison with BRICS peers – Brazil (80th), Russia (48th), China (42nd), South Africa (70th). 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020 released by INSEAD?</p> <p>[a] 72 [b] 80 [c] 91 [d] 63 [e] 102</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Q.) How many parameters have been used in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2020?</p> <p>[a] 7 [b] 6 [c] 5 [d] 4 [e] 10</p>
<p>10. Transparency International has released the Corruption Perception Index 2019 (CPI) which ranks India at the 80th position (score of 41) among 180 countries and territories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top ranker – Denmark and New Zealand (87 score) Bottom ranker – Somalia (9 score) India is sharing 80th rank with China, Benin, Ghana and Morocco 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the Corruption Perception Index 2019 released by Transparency International?</p> <p>[a] 80 [b] 76 [c] 101 [d] 153 [e] 41</p>
<p>11. Bangladesh has become the first country in South Asia and 119th country in the world to launch an e-passport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malaysia is the world's first country to launch an e-passport in 1998 	<p>Q.) Which is the first country in South Asia and 119th country in the world to launch an e-passport?</p> <p>[a] Bangladesh [b] Sri Lanka [c] Bhutan [d] Pakistan [e] Afghanistan</p>



12. Switzerland has produced the World's smallest gold coin of 2.96 millimeter which features Albert Einstein.

Q.) Which country has developed the World's smallest gold coin of 2.96 millimeter which features Albert Einstein?

- [a] Spain
- [b] Germany
- [c] Poland
- [d] Switzerland
- [e] Finland

13. World's tallest mural (286-foot-tall), made by Italian artist Giuseppe Percivati, has been unveiled in Karachi, Pakistan.

- It is called Rising Blue.

Q.) Where has the World's tallest mural (286-foot-tall) been unveiled?

- [a] Afghanistan
- [b] Egypt
- [c] Oman
- [d] Pakistan
- [e] Saudi Arabia

14. "Solar Orbiter" – a spacecraft jointly developed by NASA and European Space Agency (ESA) – will be launched from Cape Canaveral (USA) to take first ever pictures of Sun's north and south poles.

- The mission has a lifetime of 7 years.
- It is the 2nd major mission to the inner solar system after Parker Solar Probe (launched in 2018).
- Solar Orbiter is built by Airbus Defense and Space.

Q.) "Solar Orbiter" – a spacecraft to take first ever pictures of Sun's north and south poles – is the result of NASA and _____ collaboration?

- [a] RFSA – Russian Federation Space Agency
- [b] JAXA – Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- [c] ESA – European Space Agency
- [d] CNSA – China National Space Administration
- [e] ISRO – Indian Space Research Organisation

15. NTPC Ltd has announced to become the project management consultant for the 300 MW solar power project in Togo (West African Country).

- Now, Togo has become the first nation in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to get the services of NTPC.

Q.) Which country has become the first nation in the International Solar Alliance to get the services of NTPC as the project management consultant for the 300 MW solar power project?

- [a] Morocco
- [b] Somalia
- [c] Togo
- [d] Djibouti
- [e] Eritrea

Togo Currency	Togo Capital	Togo President
West African CFA franc	Lome	Faure Gnassingbé

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	<p>Q.) What is the capital of Togo?</p> <p>[a] Luanda [b] Porto-Novo [c] Gaborone [d] Lome [e] Praia</p>
<p>16. World Economic Forum has released the “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative” report for the first time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total countries: 82 • Top rank: Denmark (with 85.2 score) • Bottom rank: Côte d'Ivoire (with 34.5 score) • India’s rank: 76th (with 42.7 score) • Parameters: 5 key dimensions distributed over 10 pillars: Health, Education, (access, quality and equity, lifelong learning), Technology, Work (opportunities, wages, conditions), Protection and Institutions (social protection and inclusive institutions). 	<p>Q.) What is India’s rank in the World Economic Forum’s the Global Social Mobility Report 2020?</p> <p>[a] 67 [b] 76 [c] 53 [d] 102 [e] 49</p>


BANKING AND ECONOMY

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. The Atanu Chakrobarty (Economic Affairs Secretary) led panel on National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) has submitted its recommendations to Ministry of Finance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The total plan is worth ₹102 lakh crore, in line with India's aim to invest \$1 trillion in infrastructure sector by 2024-25 to make India- a \$5 trillion economy. Funding: Central and state governments would have an equal share of 39% each in the NIP. And, the private sector would have 22% share which the government expects to increase to 30% by 2025. 	<p>Q.) Who heads the panel on National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP)?</p> <p>[a] Atanu Chakrobarty [b] Rajiv Gauba [c] Ajay Bhushan Pandey [d] Chitranjan Patel [e] Mayank Srivastava</p>
<p>2. RBI has launched "MANI" (Mobile Aided Note Identifier) app to help visually impaired people to identify currency notes accurately</p>	<p>Q.) What is the name of the app launched by RBI to help visually impaired people to identify currency notes accurately?</p> <p>[a] Mani [b] Karma [c] Vilocan [d] Nayan [e] Mudra</p>
<p>3. Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd (based in Uttar Pradesh) has become the first co-op bank in India to convert into a small finance bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RBI has granted licence to Shivalik Mercantile bank under Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Apart from these requirements, SFBs are required to extend 75% of their loans under priority sector lending (PSL) to specific sectors. Additionally, 50% of the SFB loan portfolio should constitute loans and advances up to ₹25 lakh. 	<p>Q.) Which has become the first co-op bank in India to convert into a small finance bank?</p> <p>[a] Ahmedabad Mercantile Co-Op Bank [b] Rajkot Nagrik Sahakari Bank [c] Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank [d] Vasavi Coop Urban Bank [e] Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank</p>
<p>4. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has directed all the health and general</p>	<p>Q.) Which of the following is India's first standardised health insurance products (or a life insurance policy)?</p>



<p>insurance companies to offer “Arogya Sanjeevani” life insurance policy w.e.f., April 1, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the first standardised health insurance products. The minimum sum insured in this scheme will be Rs 1 lakh and the maximum sum insured limit will be Rs 5 lakhs with a tenure of one year 	<p>[a] Arogya yashoda [b] Arogya sanjeevani [c] Arogya ammal [d] Arogya amrit [e] Arogya chetna</p>			
<p>5. 2nd National GST Conference of Central and State Commissioners, chaired by Ajay Bhushan Pandey (Revenue Secretary), has been organized to improve the efficiency of GST.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Finance has formed a committee to simplify GST under the chairmanship of the revenue secretary - Ajay Bhushan Pandey. 	<p>Q.) Who heads the committee formed by the Ministry of Finance to simplify GST?</p> <p>[a] Ajay Bhushan Pandey [b] K. M. Chandrasekhar [c] P. K. Sinha [d] Ajit Seth [e] Manish Gourang</p>			
<p>6. RBI has revised the Supervisory Action Framework for Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition: If the UCBs exceed the minimum thresholds (of asset quality, profitability and Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio) provided by the framework, then RBI would take stringent actions against the banks under the section 35A of Banking Regulation Act, 1949. RBI has mandated all UCBs (with deposits of Rs 100 crore and above) to form a Board of Management, in addition to the Board of Directors, which will primarily recommend action for NPA recovery among other things. <div data-bbox="129 1536 855 1899" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Asset Quality</p> <p>Net NPAs should not exceed 6% of the net advances of UCBs</p> <p>RBI can restrict the issue of fresh loans carrying risk-weights of more than 100%</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Profitability</p> <p>A UCB will be placed under this framework, if it incurs losses for two consecutive years Or the UCB has accumulated losses on its balance sheet.</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio (CRAR)</p> <p>UCBs have to maintain CRAR minimum at 9%.</p> <p>If it fails to do so, it can be put under the framework</p> </td> </tr> </table> </div>	<p>Asset Quality</p> <p>Net NPAs should not exceed 6% of the net advances of UCBs</p> <p>RBI can restrict the issue of fresh loans carrying risk-weights of more than 100%</p>	<p>Profitability</p> <p>A UCB will be placed under this framework, if it incurs losses for two consecutive years Or the UCB has accumulated losses on its balance sheet.</p>	<p>Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio (CRAR)</p> <p>UCBs have to maintain CRAR minimum at 9%.</p> <p>If it fails to do so, it can be put under the framework</p>	<p>Q.) As per the new Supervisory Action Framework for Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks, net NPAs of Urban Cooperative Banks should not exceed __ percent of the net advances of these banks?</p> <p>[a] 6% [b] 5% [c] 4% [d] 7% [e] 15%</p>
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7. SEBI had issued the circular in 2018 to split the posts of Chairman and Managing Director in listed companies to boost the corporate governance on the recommendations of Committee on Corporate Governance under the Chairmanship of Uday Kotak (constituted in 2017 by SEBI).
- SEBI has extended the deadline for separating the posts of Chairman and Managing Director or CEO for 500 listed companies by 2 years till April 2022 (earlier the deadline was 2020).

Role of Chairman After Split	Role of Managing Director After Split
A non-executive director should be made chairman. Chairman will preside over the board and deals with broader issues	An MD will be mainly in charge of the day-to-day operations.

8. According to the Directorate of Wheat Research, wheat production in the current crop year 2019-20 (from July to June) is expected to touch an all-time high of 105 million tonnes.
- Wheat acreage has increased 26.27% to 29.7 million hectare this year, leading to an increase in the production by 3% from the previous year's level.
 - The increase in acreage was largely in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh.



- Q.) What is the new deadline for companies to split the roles of Chairman and Managing Director for 500 listed company?
- [a] 2024
 - [b] 2023
 - [c] 2022
 - [d] 2025
 - [e] 2021

OR

- Q.) Who heads the committee which recommended SEBI to split Chairman and Managing Director's job in the listed companies to boost corporate governance?
- [a] Uday Kotak
 - [b] H R Khan
 - [c] U K Sinha
 - [d] Nandan Nilekani
 - [e] K Kasturirangan

- Q.) According to the Directorate of Wheat Research, wheat production in the current crop year 2019-20 (from July to June) is expected to touch an all-time high of ___?
- [a] 183 million tonnes
 - [b] 105 million tonnes
 - [c] 129 million tonnes
 - [d] 140 million tonnes
 - [e] 155 million tonnes



9. Ministry of Corporate Affairs has mandated the private companies with total outstanding debt of Rs 100 crore or more to submit a secretarial audit report to the government.

- Now, private companies with Rs 10 crore paid-up capital will have to maintain a company secretary (up from Rs 5 crore earlier).

Q.) Ministry of Corporate Affairs has mandated the private companies with total outstanding debt of ____ or more to submit a secretarial audit report to the government?

[a] Rs 200 crore
[b] Rs 70 crore
[c] Rs 100 crore
[d] Rs 300 crore
[e] Rs 50 crore

10. According to Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), India's sugar production has fallen sharply by 30.22% to 7.79 million tonne till December 2019 from 11.17 million tonne in the same period of the 2018-19 marketing year (October-September).

- Ex-mill sugar prices remained stable in the range of Rs 3,250-3,350 per quintal in north India and at Rs 3,100-3,250 per quintal in the south India.
- In the first estimate, ISMA had kept the sugar production lower at 26 million tonne in 2019-20 from 33.16 million tonne in 2018-19.

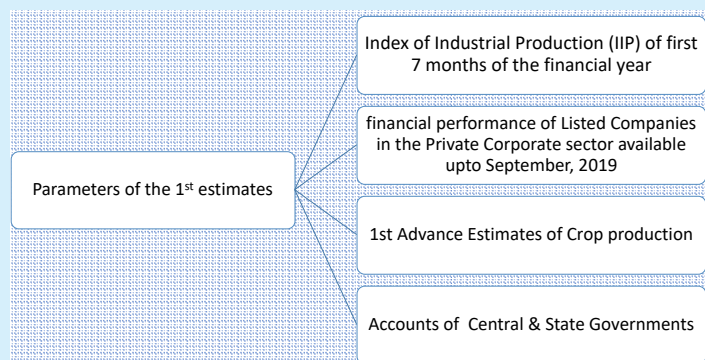
Q.) How much sugar will India produce in 2019-20, according to the first estimate of sugar production by the Indian Sugar Mills Association?

[a] 26 million tonne
[b] 10 million tonne
[c] 15 million tonne
[d] 30 million tonne
[e] 25 million tonne

11. National Statistical Office (NSO) has released the First Advance Estimates of National Income at both Constant (2011-12) and Current Prices for 2019-20 along with the corresponding estimates of expenditure components of GDP.

Q.) What is the real GDP growth rate for 2019-20 according to the First Advance Estimates of National Income released by National Statistical Office?

[a] 5%
[b] 4.9%
[c] 5.2%
[d] 6%
[e] 5.7%



GDP (at Constant Prices (2011-12))	GDP estimates 2019-20	GDP estimates 2018-19
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Real GDP	₹147.79 lakh crore	₹140.78 lakh crore									
Growth in Real GDP	5%	6.8%									
<p>12. SBI has launched a new scheme named Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee (RBBG) to protect home buyers (availing SBI Home Loan) by issuing guarantee about the completion of residential projects.</p> <p>Terms and Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> House price limit: up to Rs 2.50 crores in 7 cities initially Loan amount limit for builders: between Rs 50-400 crores. Refund: Entire principal amount will be refunded by SBI to home loan borrowers in case the builder fails to deliver the project within the deadline. Tagline of the scheme: “Sapna Aapka – Bharosa SBI Ka” MoU: SBI and Suntec k Realty Ltd have signed an MoU to boost the residential housing sector under the RBBG scheme 			<p>Q.) Which bank has launched the Residential Builder Finance with Buyer Guarantee to protect home buyers by issuing guarantee about the completion of residential projects?</p> <p>[a] HDFC Bank [b] Allahabad Bank [c] State Bank of India [d] Oriental Bank of Commerce [e] Bank of Baroda</p>								
<p>13. World Bank has released “January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges” report, which reduces the GDP growth rate of India for FY20 to 5%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India’s Growth Rate for FY21: 5.8% Reason: weak credit distribution by NBFCs in India. In South-Asian region, Bangladesh will be the fastest-growing nation at 7.2%. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>World GDP growth rate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>2.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>2.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reason</td> <td>due to a slower-than-expected recovery in trade and investment</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Year	World GDP growth rate	2019	2.4%	2020	2.5%	Reason	due to a slower-than-expected recovery in trade and investment	<p>Q.) What is the GDP growth for world for 2020 projected by World bank in its January 2020 Global Economic Prospects: Slow growth, policy challenges report?</p> <p>[a] 2.5% [b] 2.7% [c] 3% [d] 2.9% [e] 2.3%</p>
Year	World GDP growth rate										
2019	2.4%										
2020	2.5%										
Reason	due to a slower-than-expected recovery in trade and investment										



14. RBI and Financial Stability Development Council (FSDC) have formed a National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for the period of 2019-2024.

Key Recommendations of this report:

- Banking outlets to be made available to every village within a 5 km radius/500 households in hilly areas by March 2020.
- Create a digital architecture for customer by March 2024.
- Make India a cash less society by enhancing digital payments by March 2022.
- Financial Stability Development Council: The body constituted on the recommendations of the committee, headed by Raghuram Rajan, in 2008 by government.
- Chairperson of FSDC is the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Q.) Financial Stability Development Council was established on the recommendations of ____ committee?

- [a] Raghuram Rajan committee
- [b] HR Khan committee
- [c] Nandan Nilekani committee
- [d] Usha Thorat committee
- [e] Yashwant Thorat committee

15. India has put the import of refined palm oil from “free” to “restricted” category.

- Implication: It will impact Malaysia which used to export a large amount of refined palm oil in India. It is considered as India’s reply to Malaysia following the criticism of the India’s stand on J&K and Citizenship Amendment Act 2019.
- Government's has also reduced import duty on refined from 50% to 45% and on crude palm oil from 45% to 37.5% under ASEAN agreement and India-Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (MICECA) agreement.
- India’s is the world’s largest buyer of palm oil.
- Malaysia is the world’s largest producer of refined palm oil.
- Indonesia is the world’s largest producer of crude palm oil.

Q.) Which of the following product has been shifted from “free” to “restricted” category of imports by India?

- [a] Refined Palm Oil
- [b] Electronic goods
- [c] Semi-precious stones
- [d] Oil
- [e] Transport equipment

OR

Q.) Which is the world’s largest producer of crude palm oil?

- [a] Malaysia
- [b] Philippines
- [c] Indonesia
- [d] Myanmar
- [e] Vietnam



16. World Bank and Indian Government have signed a \$88 million loan agreement for the implementation of Assam inland water transport project.

- Purpose: the project aims to improve the passenger ferry infrastructure that run on rivers and inland water transport of Assam.
- Assam has the largest network of navigable waterways in India.

Q.) World Bank and Indian Government have signed a \$88 million loan agreement for the implementation of inland water transport project in which state?

[a] Kerala
[b] Assam
[c] Karnataka
[d] Madhya Pradesh
[e] Gujarat

17. ICICI bank has launched India’s largest API (application programming interface) Banking portal known as ‘ICICI Bank API Banking portal’ which includes 250 APIs.

- Benefit: It will improve productivity for business process for all types of firms.

Q.) Which bank has launched India’s largest API (application programming interface) Banking portal consisting of 250 APIs to improve the productivity for business process for all types of firms?

[a] ICICI Bank
[b] HDFC Bank
[c] Oriental Bank of Commerce
[d] Karnataka Bank
[e] Bank of Baroda

18. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has released the “Asia’s Journey to Prosperity: Policy, Market, and Technology over 50 Years” book which mentions that Asia’s contribution to the global economy has risen to 24% in 2018 as against the 4.1% in 1960.

- Poverty has been reduced from 68.1% in 1981 to 6.9% in 2015.
- Life Expectancy at birth has raised:

Gender	1960	2018
Male	44	70
Female	46	74

Q.) According to ADB’s “Asia’s Journey to Prosperity: Policy, Market, and Technology over 50 Years” book, Asia’s contribution to the global economy has risen to __ in 2018?

[a] 24%
[b] 31%
[c] 27%
[d] 15%
[e] 30%

19. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the Vajra Platform to make payments fast and secure.

Q.) What is the name of the platform launched by the National Payments Corporation of India to make payments fast and secure?



- Benefits: It is based on blockchain technology and it automates clearing and settlement of payments which drastically reduces the need for manual reconciliation.

- [a] Vajra
- [b] Suraksha
- [c] Asathir
- [d] Shakti
- [e] Santushta

20. World Gold Council has released the “World Gold Outlook 2020” report which assesses gold trade between 2010 and 2019.

Q.) What is India’s rank in buying gold in 2019, according to “World Gold Outlook 2020” report?

About the World	About India
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold trade has increased by 18.4% in terms of US dollars in 2019 as compared to 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India ranks at 6th in the world in buying gold in 2019 with 25.2 tonnes purchases in the first 10 months of 2019. • China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Poland bought more gold than India.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uzbekistan (16.6 tonnes) and Venezuela (30.3 tonnes) were among the large gold sellers in 2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the WGC, RBI currently holds 625.2 tonnes of gold (which is 6.6% of the India’s foreign exchange).

- [a] 4
- [b] 2
- [c] 10
- [d] 6
- [e] 5

21. United Nations has declined its GDP forecast for India from what is mentioned in the its World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020.

Q.) What is India’s GDP growth rate for FY20 according to the UN?

Year	GDP forecast Now	GDP forecast in WESP 2020
FY 20 (2019-20)	5%	5.7%
FY21 (2020-21)	5.8%-5.9%	6.6%
Per capita income rise in 2020	4%	4%

- As per China’s figures, the growth rate of China in 2019 was 6.1% (which is lowest in 29 years).
- According to the WESP, world GDP growth rate is 2.3% in 2019 and 2.5% in 2020.

- [a] 5.1%
- [b] 5%
- [c] 5.7%
- [d] 5.3%
- [e] 4.9%



India and World GDP forecasts as per WESP 2020: -

Growth of world output and gross domestic product

Annual percentage change						Change from WESP 2019	
	2017	2018	2019 ^a	2020 ^b	2021 ^b	2019	2020
World	3.2	3.0	2.3	2.5	2.7	-0.7	-0.5
Developed economies	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.7	-0.4	-0.4
India ^c	7.2	6.8	5.7	6.6	6.3	-1.9	-0.8
World trade ^d	5.7	3.9	0.3	2.3	3.2	-3.4	-1.6
World output growth with PPP weights ^e	3.8	3.6	2.9	3.2	3.4	-0.7	-0.5

22. International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its World Economic Outlook (WEO) Update 2020, has reduced India's GDP forecast for 2019 due to a sharper-than-expected slowdown in local demand and stress in the NBFCs.

Year	India's Growth Rate (New)	Year	World's Growth Rate
2019	4.8%	2019	2.9%
2020	5.8%	2020	3.3%
2021	6.5%	2021	3.4%

- China GDP growth rate for 2019 is 6.1% and for 2020 it is 6% growth.
- Title of WEO 2020: Tentative Stabilization, Sluggish Recovery?

Q.) What is India's GDP forecast for 2019, according to IMF's World Economic Outlook Update 2020?

- [a] 4.8%
- [b] 5%
- [c] 6.2%
- [d] 7.1%
- [e] 4.9%

23. National Insurance Company Ltd has approved its merger with Oriental Insurance Company Ltd and United India Insurance Company Ltd.

- The govt seeks the merger of four PSU general insurance companies including the New India Assurance Co.

National Insurance Company Ltd's CMD	Oriental Insurance Company Ltd's CMD	United India Insurance Company Ltd.'s CMD
Ms Tajinder Mukherjee	A. V. Girija Kumar	Girish Radhakrishnan

Q.) Which of the following company has been merged into the National Insurance Company Ltd?

- [a] Oriental Insurance Company Ltd
- [b] United India Insurance Company Ltd
- [c] ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- [d] Both A and B
- [e] Both B and C

24. According to the Global Investment Trend Monitor report released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India received \$49 billion FDI inflow in 2019 which is a 16% increase from the previous year.

- The majority of FDI inflow in India went into services industries, including IT.

Q.) How much FDI inflow has India received in 2019 according to the Global Investment Trend Monitor report of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development?

- [a] \$49 billion
- [b] \$15 billion
- [c] \$20 billion
- [d] \$35 billion



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global FDI remained flat in 2019 at \$1.39 trillion, a 1% decline from a revised \$1.41 trillion in 2018. • South Asia recorded a 10% increase in FDI to \$60 billion, majorly driven by India. • For developing economies, FDI flows remained unchanged at an estimated \$695 billion. • Cross-border Merger & Acquisition has been declined by 40% in 2019 to \$490 billion (lowest since 2014) with the deepest fall in the services sector which declined 56% to \$207 billion. • USA, China, Singapore, Brazil and UK are the top 5 host economies in 2018 and 2019. 	<p>[e] \$30 billion</p>
<p>25. National Startup Advisory Council has been set up to advise the Government on measures needed to nurture startups in India to generate large scale employment opportunities and drive sustainable economic growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, will be the Chairman of the National Startup Advisory Council. • The Council will also have non-official members, to be nominated by Central Government, for a term of 2 years. • Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will be the Convener of the Council. 	<p>Q.) Who will head the National Startup Advisory Council?</p> <p>[a] Amit Shah [b] Rajnath Singh [c] Smriti Irani [d] Piyush Goyal [e] Narendra Modi</p>
<p>26. Ind-Ra has projected India's GDP growth rate for FY21 (2020-21) to be at 5.5%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal deficit for FY20 is expected to be 3.6% of GDP (budgeted 3.3%) due to shortfall in the tax and non-tax revenue. • India's exports of goods and services will witness negative growth of 2% in FY20. • Retail and wholesale inflation to be at 3.9% and 1.3%, respectively, in FY21 (FY20: 4.4% and 1.4%). 	<p>Q.) What is the GDP growth rate of India for FY21, according to Ind-Ra?</p> <p>[a] 5.5% [b] 5.3% [c] 5.1% [d] 6.2% [e] 4.8%</p>





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30. According to the World Steel Association's data, India's crude steel production has increased by 1.8% to 111.2 million tonnes (MT) in 2019 against (109.3 MT in 2018).
- Global crude steel production increased by 3.4% at 1,869.9 MT in 2019.
 - Asia produced 1,341.6 MT (an increase of 5.7%) of crude steel in 2019.
 - In 2019, China's production rose by 8.3% was at 996.3 MT. China contributed 53.3% in the global crude steel production (up from 50.9% in 2018).

- Q.) According to the World Steel Association's data, India's crude steel production has increased by ___ per cent in 2019?
- [a] 1.8%
 - [b] 3.4%
 - [c] 2.7%
 - [d] 2.1%
 - [e] 6.1%

31. FICCI has reduced its GDP growth rate at 5% for FY20 in its "Economic Outlook Survey 2020".
- For 2020-21 - 5.5%
 - For last December quarter of FY20 - 4.7%

- Q.) What is the new GDP rate for FY20, according to FICCI?
- [a] 6%
 - [b] 5.3%
 - [c] 4.7%
 - [d] 5%
 - [e] 5.1%

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APPOINTMENTS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Suresh Chandra Sharma (AIIMS- Delhi professor) has been appointed as the first Chairman of National Medical Commission (NMC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NMC has been established in accordance with the National Medical Commission Bill 2019. Note: - NMC Bill has been covered in detail in the July Spotlight (National News section >> news number 196) 	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the first Chairman of National Medical Commission?</p> <p>[a] Sanjiv Mehta [b] Suresh Chandra Sharma [c] Kishore Gupta [d] Keshava Pandey [e] Anirudh Bhagat</p>
<p>2. Chandra Pal Singh Yadav (Rajya Sabha MP) has been reappointed as the Chairman as the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been reappointed as the Chairman as the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited?</p> <p>[a] Arnav Pal Singh Yadav [b] Dhruv Pal Singh Yadav [c] Shaurya Pal Singh Yadav [d] Krishna Pal Singh Yadav [e] Chandra Pal Singh Yadav</p>
<p>3. Mikhail Mishustin has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Russia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President: Vladimir Putin 	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Russia?</p> <p>[a] Viktor Abramov [b] Mikhail Mishustin [c] Murat Akhedzhak [d] Adam Amirilayev [e] Nikolay Antoshkin</p>
<p>4. Lt General Girish Kumar has been reappointed as the Surveyor General of India for 1 year in the Survey of India.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been reappointed as the Surveyor General of India for 1 year in the Survey of India?</p> <p>[a] Ishaan Dhar [b] Girish Kumar [c] Atharv Gandhi [d] Kabir Basu [e] Aarush Chopra</p>
<p>5. Sunil A. D'Souza has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Tata Global Beverages.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Tata Global Beverages?</p>



	<p>[a] Raghav Bhasin</p> <p>[b] Siddharth Chauhan</p> <p>[c] Sunil A. D'Souza</p> <p>[d] Advait Deshmukh</p> <p>[e] Shivansh Mallick</p>
6. Queen Elizabeth II has appointed Harish Salve as the Queen's Counsel for courts of England and Wales.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Queen's Counsel for courts of England and Wales?</p> <p>[a] Harish Salve</p> <p>[b] Ram Jethmalani</p> <p>[c] Fali Nariman</p> <p>[d] Gopal Subramaniam</p> <p>[e] Abhishek Manu Singhvi</p>
7. Arjun Munda (Minister of Tribal Affairs) has become the President of Archery Association of India (AAI) for 4 years.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the President of Archery Association of India?</p> <p>[a] Arjun Munda</p> <p>[b] Arun Vaish</p> <p>[c] Deepak Chaurasiya</p> <p>[d] Vivek Kapurthaliya</p> <p>[e] Pankaj Chapolia</p>
8. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty was appointed as the MD of State Bank of India.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the MD of State Bank of India?</p> <p>[a] A L Mittal</p> <p>[b] H C Tyagi</p> <p>[c] P C Tulsyaan</p> <p>[d] J P Sharma</p> <p>[e] Challa Sreenivasulu Setty</p>
9. Sanjiv Chadha has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda?</p> <p>[a] Sanjiv Chadha</p> <p>[b] Dinesh Pant</p> <p>[c] Mahabaleshwara M S</p> <p>[d] Sandeep Bakhshi</p> <p>[e] Chandra Shekhar Ghosh</p>



<p>10. Lingam Venkata Prabhakar has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Canara Bank.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Canara Bank?</p> <p>[a] Lingam Venkata Prabhakar [b] Akash K Singh [c] Ashish Chandra [d] Deepak Goel [e] Ravi Bindal</p>
<p>11. Atanu Kumar Das has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Bank of India.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Bank of India?</p> <p>[a] V. G. Mathew [b] Vishwavir Ahuja [c] Romesh Sobti [d] Atanu Kumar Das [e] Rajendran Chinna</p>
<p>12. Punit Sood has been appointed as the Head of RBS India by the Royal Bank of Scotland</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Head of RBS India by the Royal Bank of Scotland?</p> <p>[a] Punit Sood [b] Garima Jalan [c] Nujarat Qureshi [d] Vishal Aggarwal [e] Akash Pant</p>
<p>13. Sunil Mehta (former MD and CEO of PNB) has been appointed as CEO of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for 3 years.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as CEO of the Indian Banks' Association?</p> <p>[a] Shyam Srinivasan [b] Sandeep Bakhshi [c] Dinesh Pant [d] Sunil Mehta [e] V. G. Mathew</p>
<p>14. Katerina Sakellaropoulou has become the first Woman President of Greece.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current President of Greece – Prokopis Pavlopoulos 	<p>Q.) Who has become the first Woman President of Greece?</p> <p>[a] Helen Vlachos [b] Katerina Sakellaropoulou [c] Zoe Konstantopoulou [d] Litsa Kouroupaki</p>



<p>15. Sunil Arora (India’s Chief Election Commissioner) has been appointed as the Chairman of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2020 during the 10th annual meeting of FEMBoSA held in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India has also renewed its MoU with Afghanistan for strengthening institutional capacity in the field of election management. <p>About FEMBoSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEMBoSA, established in 2012, is the election management body of SAARC countries. It has 8 members. 	<p>[e] Aleka Papariga</p> <p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia?</p> <p>[a] V.S. Seigell [b] Sunil Arora [c] Nasim Zaidi [d] G.V.G. Krishnamurthy [e] H.S.Brahma</p>
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IMPORTANT DAYS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. WHO has designated 2020 as International Year of Nurse and Midwife to commemorate the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale (founder of modern nursing).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WHO has announced to release the first ever State of the World’s Nursing report along with the State of the World’s Midwifery 2020 report during the 73rd session of its World Health Assembly. [venue or date of the Assembly have not been disclosed yet.] 	<p>Q.) Which year has been designated as International Year of Nurse and Midwife?</p> <p>[a] 2021 [b] 2020 [c] 2022 [d] 2023 [e] 2024</p>
<p>2. World Hindi Day is observed on January 10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the first time, the World Hindi Conference was held in 1975 in Nagpur to promote Hindi worldwide. 	<p>Q.) When is the World Hindi Day observed?</p> <p>[a] January 10 [b] January 28 [c] January 16 [d] January 23 [e] January 13</p>
<p>3. National Youth Day is observed on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (2020 is 157th birth anniversary) on January 12 every year.</p>	<p>Q.) National Youth Day is observed every year on January 12 to commemorate the birth anniversary of ____?</p> <p>[a] Swami Vivekananda</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme of the day: “Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building”. • 23rd edition of the National Youth Festival 2020 will be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh by the govt. The festival is being organized since 1995. • Organizers of the festival: Ministry of youth Affairs and UP State Government. • Theme of the festival: Fit Youth Fit India 	<p>[b] Adi Shankara [c] Sri Aurobindo [d] Nagarjuna [e] Ramanuja</p>
<p>4. "National Road Safety Week" is observed from 11 to 17 January 2020 across the country on the theme of "Bringing Change Through Youth".</p>	<p>Q.) Which of the following is the theme of the National Road Safety Week 2020? [a] Bringing Change Through Youth [b] Sadak Suraksha – Jeevan Raksha [c] Road Safety: A way to development [d] Drive Safe, Keep Others Safe [e] Don't haste: Prioritize Road Safety</p>
<p>5. Ministry of Women and Child Development has been celebrating the National Girl Child Day on January 24 since 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day of Girl Child is observed on October 11. • Madhya Pradesh celebrated the National Girl Child Day on 24 January on the theme of “Aware girl child: Able Madhya Pradesh" (Jagruk Balika-Samarth Madhya Pradesh) under the "Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao" scheme. • MP govt will also celebrate the National Girl Child Week from 24 to 30 January. • The scheme was launched in January 2015. 	<p>Q.) When is National Girl Child Day observed? [a] January 31 [b] January 14 [c] January 10 [d] January 12 [e] January 24</p>
<p>6. National Voters Day is observed on January 25 since 2011 to mark Election Commission of India's (ECI) foundation day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECI was established on 25 January 1950 under the Article 324 of the Constitution and the Representation of the People Act, 1951. • Theme – ‘Electoral Literacy for a Stronger Democracy.’ 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of the National Voters Day 2020? [a] Electoral Literacy for a Stronger Democracy [b] My Vote Matters [c] No Voter to be Left Behind [d] Inclusive and qualitative participation [e] Accessible elections</p>



<p>7. 2nd International Day of Education was observed on 24 January 2020 (started in 2018).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: ‘Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace’. 	<p>Q.) When is the International Day of Education observed?</p> <p>[a] January 24 [b] January 6 [c] January 11 [d] January 12 [e] January 31</p>
<p>8. For the first time, World Neglected Tropical Diseases day will be observed on January 30, 2020 to create awareness about the tropical diseases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day has been instituted by Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi, which also funded the launch. • According to WHO, NTD affect more than 149 countries, located particularly in Asia, Africa and America 	<p>Q.) When is the World Neglected Tropical Diseases day observed?</p> <p>[a] January 14 [b] January 21 [c] January 10 [d] January 30 [e] January 19</p>
<p>9. World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January every year. It was celebrated on January 26, 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: “Leprosy isn’t what you think” • In India, it is observed on January 30 to commemorate the death of Mahatma Gandhi. • Leprosy (also known as Hansen’s disease) is a skin disease causing discoloration and lumps on the skin. 	<p>Q.) When is the world leprosy day observed in India?</p> <p>[a] January 11 [b] January 20 [c] January 15 [d] January 30 [e] January 12</p>

AWARDS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Malavath Poorna (18 years) has become the first and youngest tribal woman in the world to climb 6 highest peaks of the 6 continents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt Vinson Massif (highest mountain peak) in Antarctica at 4,892 meters was her latest summit. 	<p>Q.) Who has become the first and youngest tribal woman in the world to climb 6 highest peaks of the 6 continents?</p> <p>[a] Malavath Poorna [b] Lynn Hill [c] Angela Eite [d] Jessica Pilz [e] Alex Martin</p>



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<p>2. Prince William Arthur Philip Louis has constituted a new prize – Earthshot Prize – to award the people working for solving the Earth’s greatest environmental problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The award will be annually conferred upon 5 people for the next 10 years. Purpose: to find at least 50 solutions to the world’s greatest problems by 2030. In 2020, the initiative will have a series of “Earthshot challenges” to find answers to climate issues. 	<p>Q.) Who has constituted a new prize – Earthshot Prize – to award the people working for solving the Earth’s greatest environmental problems?</p> <p>[a] Prince George Alexander Louis [b] Prince Henry Frederick [c] Prince Henry Charles Albert David [d] Prince William Arthur Philip Louis [e] Prince Andrew Albert Christian Edward</p>
<p>3. For a 4th time in a row, Cristiano Ronaldo (Portuguese footballer) has received the Best Men’s Player of the Year award at 11th Dubai Globe Soccer Awards 2019 held in Dubai, UAE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucy Bronze (England footballer) has been awarded with the best women’s player of the year. The award was given in 15 categories. 	<p>Q.) Who has won the Best Men’s Player of the Year award at 11th Dubai Globe Soccer Awards 2019?</p> <p>[a] Cristiano Ronaldo [b] Sadio Mané [c] Mohamed Salah [d] Robert Lewandowski [e] Raheem Sterling</p>
<p>4. ‘Asha and the Spirit Bird’ – debut novel of Jasbinder Bilan (UK resident) – has won the Costa Children’s Award 2019 (UK children’s book award).</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the author of the ‘Asha and the Spirit Bird’ book?</p> <p>[a] Jasbinder Bilan [b] Barun Roy [c] Durjoy Datta [d] Gnani Sankaran [e] Indira Dangi</p>
<p>5. First edition of Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence has been given during the 10th anniversary of Muppavarapu Foundation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awardees – Dr. Gutta Muniratnam and Dr. MS Swaminathan (Agricultural Scientist) have won the National Award for Excellence in Social Service. Swaminathan is also known as “Father of Green Revolution” in India. 	<p>Q.) Who has won the First edition of Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu National Award for Excellence in social service?</p> <p>[a] Gutta Muniratnam [b] Subash Palekar [c] MS Swaminathan [d] Both A and B [e] Both A and C</p>
<p>6. Ministry of Jal Shakti has organised the Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainability workshop in New Delhi where</p>	<p>Q.) How many districts have won the Swachhata Darpan Awards given by Ministry of Jal Shakti</p>



the Swachhata awards to the best performing districts were distributed.

- Recently, Sindoda Panchayat of Indore was declared as the first plastic-free area in the Madhya Pradesh.

Category	Winners
Swachhata Darpan Awards	(10 districts)
Award for plastic waste management (4 districts)	Dibrugarh (Assam), Sirmaur (Himachal Pradesh), Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Puri (Odisha)

during Open Defecation Free sustainability workshop?

- [a] 5
- [b] 10
- [c] 8
- [d] 4
- [e] 7

7. Vasdev Mohi (Sindhi writer) will be given Saraswati Samman for 2019, given by the Krishna Kumar (KK) Birla Foundation, for his short stories collection- 'Chequebook'.
- KK Birla Foundation also gives Vyas Samman (for Hindi works) and Bihari Puraskar (for Hindi/Rajasthani works by Rajasthani writers).

Q.) Who has won the Saraswati Samman for 2019, given by the KK Birla Foundation, for his short stories collection- 'Chequebook'?

- [a] Ashok Vajpayi
- [b] Vasdev Mohi
- [c] Gopaldas Neeraj
- [d] Mohan Rana
- [e] Kumar Vishwas

8. 17th Crossword Book Awards winners:

Category	Winner	Books
Biography	Krishna Trilok	Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of AR Rahman
Popular Fiction Award	Twinkle Khanna	Pyjamas Are Forgiving
Popular Children's book award	Sudha Murthy	The Upside-Down King: Unusual Tales About Rama and Krishna
Non-fiction award	Shanta Gokhale	One Foot on the Ground: A Life Told Through the Body
Fiction award	Madhuri Vijay	The Far Field
Children's book award	Richa Jha and Sumanta Dey	Machher Jhol: Fish Curry
Indian language translation	Jayasree Kalathil (translator)	Diary of a Malayali Madman

Q.) Who is the author of Notes of a Dream: The Authorized Biography of AR Rahman?

- [a] Krishna Trilok
- [b] Sudha Murthy
- [c] Shanta Gokhale
- [d] Richa Jha
- [e] Jayasree Kalathil

OR

Q.) Who has won Popular Children's award at the 17th Crossword Book Awards?

- [a] Sudha Murthy
- [b] Shanta Gokhale
- [c] Amitav Ghosh
- [d] Satyajit Ray
- [e] Subash Dey



<p>Popular business and management award</p>	<p>and N Prabhakaran Anju Sharma</p>	<p>Corporate Monk</p>	
<p>9. The Order of Australia honour (highest civilian honour of Australia) has been conferred upon Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (founder and chairperson of Biocon) for her contributions towards advancing Australia and India's relationship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is the 4th Indian citizen to be awarded Australia's highest civilian honour 			<p>Q.) Which Indian has recently received the Order of Australia honour?</p> <p>[a] Lok Nayak Mittal [b] Indra Nooyi [c] Lakshmi Mittal [d] Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw [e] Aditya Birla</p>
<p>10. UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) has given a special recognition to Kerala as an "Emerging Global Destination" in the Accessible Destination Awards 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reason: for implementing the Kerala Tourism's Barrier-Free Tourism Project in Thissur, Kerala. Kerala is the only state in India to win this honour. • UNWTO Secretary-General (Zurab Pololikashvili) presented the award to Kerala Tourism Director P Bala Kiran in Madrid, Spain during the FITUR Trade Fair (second-biggest global gathering of tourism professionals). 			<p>Q.) Which state has been given a special recognition to Kerala as an "Emerging Global Destination" in the Accessible Destination Awards 2019?</p> <p>[a] Kerala [b] Madhya Pradesh [c] Maharashtra [d] Meghalaya [e] Mizoram</p>
<p>11. Sanjana Kapoor has won the French honour of 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for her contribution to theatre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is the daughter of Shashi Kapoor (Bollywood Actor) and Jennifer Kendal. 			<p>Q.) Who has won the French honour of 'Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for his/her contribution to theatre?</p> <p>[a] Sanjana Kapoor [b] Naseeruddin Shah [c] Dilip Kumar [d] Rekha [e] Hema Malini</p>
<p>12. Environmental economist Pavan Sukhdev (from India) and Conservation biologist Gretchen C. Daily (from USA)</p>			<p>Q.) Who among the following has won the 2020 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement?</p> <p>[a] Pavan Sukhdev</p>



have been awarded with the 2020 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement.

- The award is often described as the ‘Nobel Prize for the Environment’ and is administered by University of Southern California.
- The award recognizes two individuals for pioneering conservation of natural capital.

- [b] Greta Thunberg
- [c] Gretchen C. Daily
- [d] Both A and C
- [e] Both B and C

13. Rani Rampal (Indian hockey women’s team captain) has become the first-ever hockey player to win the World Games Athlete of the Year Award 2019 by International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Q.) Who has won the World Games Athlete of the Year Award 2019 by International Hockey Federation?

- [a] Lucas Vila
- [b] Eli Matheson
- [c] Connor Grimes
- [d] Rani Rampal
- [e] Mark Pearson

14. Dr. Partap Chauhan has won the Ayurveda Ratan Award 2020 during the Ayurveda Day Celebration at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium.

- Reason: for his lifelong dedication towards the furtherance of Ayurveda worldwide.
- Ayurveda Day was first celebrated at the European Parliament on November 21, 2018.
- National Ayurveda Day is observed on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) every year.

Q.) Who has won the Ayurveda Ratan Award 2020 during the Ayurveda Day Celebration at the European Parliament?

- [a] Sukhwinder Singh Gabbar
- [b] Ken Pereira
- [c] Adam Froese
- [d] Partap Chauhan
- [e] Jiwa Mohan

15. ICC has announced its awards for Men for 2019:-

Category	Winners
ICC Men’s Cricketer of the Year (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy)	Ben Stokes (England)
Umpire of the year	Richard Illingworth (England)
T20I Performance of the Year	Deepak Chahar
ICC Men’s Emerging Cricketer	Marnus Labuschagne (Australia)
Associate Cricketer of the Year	Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)

Q.) Who has won the ICC Men’s Cricketer of the Year (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy)?

- [a] Ben Stokes
- [b] Virat Kohli
- [c] Steve Smith
- [d] Deepak Chahar
- [e] Pat Cummins



Spirit of Cricket Award	Virat Kohli (India)	
ICC ODI Cricketer of the Year	Rohit Sharma (India)	
ICC Test Cricketer of the Year	Pat Cummins (Australia)	

SPORTS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. MS Dhoni has been named as captain of ODI and T20I team of the decade of ESPNCricinfo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virat Kohli has been named as the leader in Tests team of the decade. Mithali Raj (skipper) and Jhulan Goswami (fast bowler) have been included in the ODI and T20I teams of the decade while Meg Lanning (Australia) was named as the captain of the side. 	<p>Q.) Who has been named as the captain of ODI and T20I team of the decade of ESPNCricinfo?</p> <p>[a] Virat Kohli [b] Pat Cummins [c] Ben Stokes [d] MS Dhoni [e] Steve Smith</p>
<p>2. First edition of 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) will be hosted by Odisha at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University (KIIT) in Bhubaneswar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Authority of India, Association of Indian Universities, Indian Olympic Association and National Sports Federation are jointly hosting the event. One-state-one-sport plan was also announced where each state will adopt and nourish a particular sport of its choice and potential. 	<p>Q.) Where will the First edition of 2020 Khelo India University Games be played?</p> <p>[a] Odisha [b] Madhya Pradesh [c] Maharashtra [d] Gujarat [e] Uttar Pradesh</p>
<p>3. 3rd Khelo India Youth Games 2020 was organized in Guwahati, Assam by the Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports and Assam government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mascots: Jaya (Black buck) and Vijay (Tiger) Winner: Maharashtra with a total 256 medals Runner Up: Haryana with 200 medals 	<p>Q.) Which state has won the 3rd Khelo India Youth Games 2020?</p> <p>[a] Maharashtra [b] Haryana [c] Gujarat [d] Odisha [e] Andhra Pradesh</p>



<p>4. Magesh Chandran Panchanathan has won the 95th Hastings International Chess Congress held at Hastings in England.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has won the 95th Hastings International Chess Congress?</p> <p>[a] Levon Aronian [b] Fabiano Caruana [c] Magnus Carlsen [d] Magesh Chandran Panchanathan [e] Ding Liren</p>								
<p>5. FIFA ranking for the whole year 2019: -</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="135 719 815 882"> <tr> <td>Men's Team</td> <td>Belgium</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Team</td> <td>USA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indian Men's Team</td> <td>108</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indian Women's Team</td> <td>57</td> </tr> </table>	Men's Team	Belgium	Women's Team	USA	Indian Men's Team	108	Indian Women's Team	57	<p>Q.) What Indian women's rank in the FIFA rankings 2019?</p> <p>[a] 57 [b] 66 [c] 87 [d] 91 [e] 40</p>
Men's Team	Belgium								
Women's Team	USA								
Indian Men's Team	108								
Indian Women's Team	57								
<p>6. Kylian Mbappe (worth €265 million) has topped the list of most valuable football players in the world released by the International Centre for Sports Studies (CIES - based in Switzerland) Football Observatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raheem Sterling (worth €223.7 million) is 2nd and Mohammed Salah (worth €175.1 million) is 3rd in the list. • Lionel Messi is at the 8th position with €125.5 million. 	<p>Q.) Who has topped the list of most valuable football players in the world released by the International Centre for Sports Studies Football Observatory?</p> <p>[a] Mohammed Salah [b] Cristiano Ronaldo [c] Kylian Mbappe [d] Raheem Sterling [e] Lionel Messi</p>								
<p>7. Fouaad Mirza (equestrian) has become the first Indian in 20 years to qualify for the Olympics 2020 to be held in Tokyo, Japan. after 2 decades. (Equestrian means horse riding).</p>	<p>Q.) Who has become the first Indian equestrian in 20 years to qualify for the Olympics 2020?</p> <p>[a] Somdev Devvarman [b] Fouaad Mirza [c] P. R. Sreejesh [d] Vijay Amritraj [e] Arjun Kadhe</p>								
<p>8. India is the top shooting country in the world with 21 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze in 2019 as per International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).</p>	<p>Q.) Which is the top shooting country in the world with 21 gold, 6 silver, and 3 bronze in 2019 as per International Shooting Sport Federation?</p>								



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also, India ranks at the top position in all the Rifle-pistol World Cups in 2019. China is at the second position with 11 gold, 15 silver and 18 bronze. USA is at the third position with 6 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] India [b] USA [c] Russia [d] China [e] Australia
<p>9. India has won 7 medals (including 4 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze) in the UWW Rome Ranking Series in Italy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold winners: Bajrang Punia, Ravi Kumar Dahiya, Vinesh Phogat and Gurpreet Singh 	<p>Q.) How many medals have been won by India at the UWW Rome Ranking Series?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] 7 [b] 8 [c] 5 [d] 2 [e] 10
<p>10. Australia will host the 11th edition of the Indoor Cricket World Cup 2020 for men and women in Melbourne city in October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Indoor Cricket Federation regulates the Indoor Cricket World Cup. 	<p>Q.) Which country will host the 11th edition of the Indoor Cricket World Cup 2020 for men and women?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] Australia [b] West Indies [c] Brazil [d] India [e] Sri Lanka
<p>11. New Zealand will host the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2021 in 6 cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final match of the world cup will be played in Hagley Oval stadium in Christchurch. 	<p>Q.) Which country will host the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2021?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] New Zealand [b] England [c] Australia [d] West Indies [e] Sri Lanka
<p>12. Fabiano Caruana (American-Italian chess Grandmaster) has won the Tata Steel Masters chess tournament held in The Netherlands.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has won the Tata Steel Masters chess tournament held in The Netherlands?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] Ding Liren [b] Levon Aronian [c] Wesley So [d] Fabiano Caruana



	[e] Vishwanath Anand
<p>13. 71st International Boxing Tournament “Strandja” 2020 was held in Sofia (capital of Bulgaria).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner – Ukraine (Total medals - 10; Gold - 4) India was ranked 9th with 3 medals (1 Silver won by Mohammed Hussamuddin and 2 Bronze won by Sonia Lather and Shiva Thapa). 	<p>Q.) Which country has topped the medal tally at the 71st International Boxing Tournament “Strandja” 2020?</p> <p>[a] Ukraine [b] Argentina [c] India [d] Canada [e] Japan</p>
<p>14. India will host the Barca Academy Cup - Asia Pacific (football), consecutively for a 2nd time, in Gurgaon, Haryana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seven countries – India, Australia, Turkey, China, Singapore, Japan and Spain – will participate in Cup which is organized by Barca Academy. 	<p>Q.) India is going to host the Barca Academy Cup - Asia Pacific 2020 for a second consecutive time. With which sport is Barca Academy Cup related to?</p> <p>[a] Football [b] Rugby [c] Basketball [d] Badminton [e] Hockey</p>

MISCELLANEOUS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Amit Shah has released a book ‘Karmayoddha Granth’ on the life of PM Narendra Modi.</p>	<p>Q.) Amit Shah has released a book ‘Karmayoddha Granth’ on the life of ___?</p> <p>[a] Atal Bihari Vajpayee [b] Narendra Modi [c] PV Narsimham Rao [d] Lala Lajpat Rai [e] Chandra Sekhat Azad</p>
<p>2. “New India: Selected Writings 2014-19” book is a compilation of selected writing of Late Arun Jaitley which is being compiled by Juggernaut Books publishing house (to be released in February 2020)</p>	<p>Q.) “New India: Selected Writings 2014-19” book is a compilation of selected writing of which minister?</p> <p>[a] Arun Jaitley [b] Piyush Goyal [c] Sushma Swaraj</p>



	<p>[d] Manohar Parrikar [e] Ajit Doval</p>
<p>3. 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn' book has been authored by Samir Saran and Akhil Deo. It was released by External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The book presents the details of China in 21st century. 	<p>Q.) Who is the author of 'PAX SINICA: Implications for the Indian Dawn' book?</p> <p>[a] Samir Saran [b] Akhil Deo [c] kavya Sen [d] Both A and B [e] Both B and C</p>
<p>4. W.V. Raman (cricketer) has authored a book "The Winning Sixer".</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of "The Winning Sixer"?</p> <p>[a] Samhita Arni [b] Vimla Patil [c] Arya Gopi [d] W.V. Raman [e] Partha Sarathi Gupta</p>
<p>5. Xenobots – world's first living and self-healing robots have been created by the University of Vermont and Tufts University by using the stem cells of frogs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is named after <i>Xenopus laevis</i> (African clawed frog) from which the stem cells was taken. Benefits: Xenobots can be used to clean the radioactive waste, collect microplastics in the oceans, carry medicine inside human bodies, or even travel into our arteries to remove plaque. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the world's first living and self-healing robots that have been created by the University of Vermont and Tufts University by using the stem cells of frogs?</p> <p>[a] Xenobots [b] Robonaut [c] Pioneer [d] RASSOR [e] Dextre</p>
<p>6. "The Story of Yoga: From India to the Contemporary World" book has been written by Alistair Shearer (Scottish cultural historian).</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of "The Story of Yoga: From India to the Contemporary World" book?</p> <p>[a] Isabel Allende [b] Quim Llenas [c] Ian McEwan [d] Alistair Shearer [e] Haruki Murakami</p>
<p>7. 'Relentless' autobiography of Yashwant Sinha (former finance minister) has been released.</p>	<p>Q.) What is the name of the autobiography of Yashwant Sinha (former finance minister)?</p> <p>[a] Why I Am An Atheist</p>



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	<p>[b] Relentless</p> <p>[c] Autobiography of a Yogi</p> <p>[d] How I Became a Hindu</p> <p>[e] My Country My Life</p>
<p>8. “Aaj ke Shivaji: Narendra Modi” book has been written by BJP leader Jay Bhagwan Goyal.</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of “Aaj ke Shivaji: Narendra Modi” book?</p> <p>[a] Jay Bhagwan Goyal</p> <p>[b] Meenakshi Lekhi</p> <p>[c] Bina Agarwal</p> <p>[d] Rashid Jahan</p> <p>[e] Devaki Jain</p>



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