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<p>1. Hyderabad has been designated as the UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy and Mumbai has been designated as Creative City of Films on the World Cities Day (Oct 31).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chennai and Varanasi are UNESCO cities of music while Jaipur is the City of Crafts and Folk Arts. In 2019, total 66 cities have been designated as UNESCO Creative Cities by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay. UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) covers 7 creative fields: crafts and folk arts, media arts, film, design, gastronomy, literature and music. 	<p>Q.) Which city has been recently designated as the UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy?</p> <p>[a] Cincinnati [b] Ho Chi Minh City [c] Hyderabad [d] Louisville [e] Lyon</p>
<p>2. 3rd edition of the Global Ayurveda Summit was held in Kochi, Kerala on the theme of ‘Mainstreaming Ayurveda through Startup, Innovation and Branding’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer: Confederation of Indian Industry. Chairman of Global Ayurveda Summit 2019 – S Sajikumar 	<p>Q.) Where was the 3rd edition of the Global Ayurveda Summit held?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Brazil [c] Japan [d] Russia [e] South Africa</p>
<p>3. India (Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare) and Germany (Julia Klockner, German Minister of Food & Agriculture) have signed a joined declaration of intent for developing agriculture market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further, India’s focus has been shifted from production centric to farmer centric, and increase exports to \$60 million by 2022 to double farmers' income. 	<p>Q.) With which country has India signed a joined declaration of intent for developing agriculture market?</p> <p>[a] Germany [b] Uzbekistan [c] Poland [d] USA [e] New Zealand</p>





- Region Wise: Arab Region witnessed the killings of 149 journalists which is the highest number followed by Latin America and Caribbean with 127 killings and Asia-Pacific with 120 killings.

Nation Wise:

- **Highest** — Syrian Arab Republic country witnessed highest killing of 54 journalists
- **India** — is ranked at 7th position with killing of 22 journalists among the top 10 countries. India is preceded by Brazil which witnessed 23 killings.
- **Lowest** — total 19 countries had the lowest number of killing at 1.
- **Judicial Action:** 88% of cases of killings of journalists remain unresolved worldwide.

6. Committee to Protect Journalists has released the Global Impunity index 2019 which highlights the countries where journalists are killed and the offenders go free (Impunity refers to exemption from an injurious punishment).
- Top Ranker — Somalia (as the world's worst country for the fifth year in a row in term of prosecuting murderers of journalists)
 - Bottom Ranker — India at 13th (preceded by its neighbour Bangladesh at 10th position and BRICS cohort - Brazil at 11th)
 - Total Countries — 13
 - Parameters — the total number of unsolved journalist murders as a percentage of each country's population. The cases registered between 2009-2019, and remain unsolved.
 - Total Murders and Impunity Rate worldwide — 318 journalists were murdered and in 86% of those cases no perpetrators have been successfully prosecuted.

Q.) Which country has been ranked at the bottom position in the Global Impunity index 2019?

- [a] Somalia
- [b] Lebanon
- [c] Morocco
- [d] Algeria
- [e] India



<p>7. Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue — SCOJtEx-2019 in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exercise is organized by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). Purpose of the exercise – to improve the collective preparedness to co-ordinate with each other for post-earthquake responses. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue being organized by National Disaster Response Force?</p> <p>[a] SCOJtEx [b] EqSCO [c] JtSCO [d] SCOEx [e] DisSCO</p>
<p>8. For the first time, India will host the 19th Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apart from this, 10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of SCO Member States, to discuss the measures for prevention and elimination of emergency situations, was held in New Delhi. The member states would finalize the Action Plan for managing disasters for the year 2020-21. Also, a protocol was also signed for cooperation between SCO nations in disaster management. 	<p>Q.) Which country will host the 19th Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in 2020?</p> <p>[a] Kazakhstan [b] Russia [c] India [d] China [e] Iran</p>
<p>9. 50th edition of the World Conference on TB and Lung Health has been organized by The Union held in Hyderabad, Telangana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About The Union: International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) organization was founded in 1920, with its headquarters in Paris, France. The Union aims to eradicate anti-tuberculosis, lung health and non-communicable disease programmes as well as other public health issues. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 50th edition of the World Conference on TB and Lung Health organized?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Switzerland [c] Denmark [d] Japan [e] Russia</p>



10. Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference has been organized in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad will represent India at the conference.
 - Theme of the conference : - 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'.
 - Chair of Conference : - Sri Lanka's Minister of Justice and Prison Reforms - Thalatha Atukorala.
 - Commonwealth Secretary-General Patricia Scotland.

- Q.) Where was the Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference held?
- [a] Sri Lanka
 - [b] India
 - [c] Philippines
 - [d] Vietnam
 - [e] Thailand

11. Ministry of Earth Sciences has developed the first of its kind 'Red Atlas Action Plan Map' to assist Tamil Nadu govt in mitigation of flood in Chennai.
- 'Coastal Flood Warning System App (CFLOWS-Chennai) was also launched to facilitate decision making for mitigation planning operations and relief work.

- Q.) Which ministry has released the first of its kind 'Red Atlas Action Plan Map' to assist the state govt in mitigation of flood in Tamil Nadu govt in mitigation of flood in Chennai?
- [a] Ministry of Science and Technology
 - [b] Ministry of Earth Sciences
 - [c] Ministry of Electronic and IT
 - [d] Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 - [e] Ministry of Jal Shakti

12. IFFCO (fertilizer company) has launched the first nanotechnology based fertilizers like nano nitrogen, nano zinc and nano copper to reduce the usage of chemical fertilisers and boost farmers' income (on a trial basis).
- Benefits: It can reduce usage of chemical fertilisers by 50% and raise the crop output by 15-30%.

- Q.) Which company has launched the first nanotechnology-based fertilizers in India to reduce the usage of chemical fertilizers and boost farmers' income?
- [a] IFFCO
 - [b] Tata Chemicals
 - [c] Paradeep Phosphates Limited
 - [d] National Fertilizers Limited.
 - [e] Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited



13. 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) is organized in Kolkata, West Bengal.

- Theme: - RISEN- Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation.
- Organizer: - Ministry of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Vijnana Bharati (or VIBHA).

Q.) Where was the 5th India International Science Festival held?

- [a] Manipur
- [b] Assam
- [c] Kerala
- [d] Karnataka
- [e] West Bengal

14. Department of land resources (under the Ministry of Rural Development) in collaboration with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), under Department of Space has published 5th edition of Wastelands Atlas – 2019 to measure the wasteland area of India.

- Data of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite was used to prepare the atlas.
- For the first time, the atlas included the unmapped area of J&K (12.08 MHa).

Q.) With institute has Department of land resources partnered to launch the 5th edition of Wastelands Atlas – 2019?

- [a] National Remote Sensing Centre
- [b] Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
- [c] Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- [d] Indian Meteorological Department
- [e] Space Applications Centre

55.76 Million hectares (Mha) wasteland is present in India in 2015-16, which is 16.96% of the total geographical area of India i.e. 328.72 Mha, as compared to 56.60 Mha (17.21%) in the year 2008-09.

During this period, 1.45 Mha of wastelands are converted into **non wastelands categories**.

Majority of wastelands have been changed into categories of ‘croplands’ (0.64 Mha), ‘forest-dense/open’ (0.28 Mha), ‘forest plantation’ (0.029 Mha), ‘plantation’ (0.057 Mha) and ‘industrial area’ (0.035 Mha) etc.

Rajasthan’s wasteland has witnessed the highest positive change at 0.48 Mha.



15. 35th ASEAN Summit was held in Bangkok, Thailand on the theme of “advancing partnership for sustainability”.
- 3rd summit RCEP held at Bangkok. RCEP (negotiations began in 2012) represents one of the largest trade bloc accounting for 45% of the world’s population and a combined GDP at \$21.3 trillion and 40% of world trade.
 - 16th India-ASEAN summit in Bangkok: India announced a line of credit of \$1 billion to ASEAN countries to improve physical and digital connectivity.
 - 14th East Asia Summit was held after the ASEAN annual meeting. EAS has 18 members. Its first summit was held in 2005.

Q.) Which edition of ASEAN summit was recently held in Bangkok, Thailand?

- [a] 14th
- [b] 35th
- [c] 40th
- [d] 25th
- [e] 30th

OR

Q.) Where was the 14th East Asia Summit held?

- [a] Thailand
- [b] Philippines
- [c] China
- [d] Malaysia
- [e] Singapore

16. ‘International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture, Global Food and Livelihood Security’ was organized at the National Agricultural Science Centre Complex in New Delhi.
- It has been organized by Soil Conservation Society of India in association with World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC), China and International Soil Conservation Organization (ISCO), USA.
 - Purpose: to deliberate upon the various issues and challenges of soil and water conservation.
 - “Soil Conservation Society of India (SCSI) Awards - 2019” has been given to various scientists and students for their contributions in the respective fields of researches.

Q.) Where was the International Conference on Soil and Water Resources Management for Climate Smart Agriculture, Global Food and Livelihood Security organized?

- [a] New Delhi
- [b] Kolkata
- [c] Chennai
- [d] Mumbai
- [e] Ahmedabad



<p>17. First-ever ‘BIMSTEC Ports’ Conclave’ will be held at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh to strengthen maritime interaction, port-led connectivity initiatives and sharing best practices among Member Countries.</p>	<p>Q.) On which port did the first BIMSTEC Ports’ Conclave held?</p> <p>[a] Vishakhapatnam [b] Chittagong [c] Columbia [d] Rumjatar [e] Pokhara</p>
<p>18. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) has developed India’s first interactive online repository, IndAIR (Indian Air quality Studies Interactive Repository).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: To provide all information, gathered so far, about the air quality and pollution on one platform. 	<p>Q.) What is the name of the India’s first interactive online repository created by National Environmental Engineering Research Institute for air pollution?</p> <p>[a] PU.RE [b] Air [c] IndAir [d] Breathe [e] AirCollect</p>
<p>19. The Freedom House has released the Freedom on the Net (FoTN) report 2019, titled “The Crisis of Social Media”, which ranks countries on the basis of internet freedom given by governments to their citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameters: 3 categories - Obstacles to Access, Limits on Content and Violations of User Rights were used to analyse the countries. The report assigns each country a score between zero (least free) and 100 (most free). • Total Countries: 65 countries • Top Performer: Iceland (score - 95) • Bottom Performer: China (score - 10). Vietnam (61st, with a score of 24) and Myanmar (47th with a score of 36) were classified as “not free” in the report. 	<p>Q.) Which country has topped the index of the Freedom on the Net report 2019?</p> <p>[a] Norway [b] Iceland [c] Germany [d] Canada [e] Mexico</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan was declared as not-free for the 9th consecutive year. • India's rank: India is partly-free with 55 score. • Only 4 countries—Iceland, Estonia, Canada, and Germany— scored 80 or above while the United States scored only 77. 	
<p>20. Georgetown Institute of Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS) has released the 2019 Women, Peace and Security index which ranks the total 167 countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parameters: 11 indicators based on 3 categories – inclusion, justice and security. • Top ranker: Norway (rank -1) • Bottom ranker: Yemen • India's rank: 133rd • Norway is followed by Switzerland, Finland, Denmark, and Iceland. • Top-performing states are in the southern India, while the worst performing states lie in a belt across Rajasthan to Assam. • Kerala, the top-ranked state on the subnational index, ranks 2nd for women's education and first for cell phone use and has relatively few deaths from organized violence. 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the 2019 Women, Peace and Security index released by Georgetown Institute of Women, Peace and Security?</p> <p>[a] 121 [b] 190 [c] 147 [d] 133 [e] 101</p>
<p>21. IIT-Madras has launched India's first indigenously-designed Standing Wheelchair named as 'Arise' in collaboration with Phoenix Medical Systems.</p>	<p>Q.) Which institute has partnered with Phoenix Medical Systems to develop India's first indigenous Standing Wheelchair named as 'Arise'?</p> <p>[a] IIT-Delhi [b] IIT-Kolkata [c] IIT-Madras [d] IIT-Ropar</p>



<p>22. "No Money For Terror" conference 2019 was held in Melbourne, Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India will host the next edition of the "No Money For Terror" conference to be held in 2020. The conference is organised by Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs) of 164 countries, jointly called The Egmont Group. <p>About The Egmont Group: Headquarters of The Egmont Group: Toronto, Canada; Chair of The Egmont Group: Mr. Mariano Federici</p>	<p>[e] IIT-Rorkee</p> <p>Q.) Where was the No Money For Terror conference 2019 held?</p> <p>[a] Australia [b] South Korea [c] New Zealand [d] USA [e] India</p>
<p>23. 15th Governing Council Meeting of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SACEP Director General: Dr. Abas Basir. SACEP was established in 1982 to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region. with headquarters is in Columbo, Sri Lanka. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 15th Governing Council Meeting of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme organized?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Bangladesh [c] Sri Lanka [d] Nepal [e] Bhutan</p>
<p>24. 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) was for the first time held in India in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: Asian Society for Emergency Medicine (ASEM) and Society for Emergency Medicine India (SEMI). 	<p>Q.) Which country has hosted the 10th Asian Conference of Emergency Medicine for the first time?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Russia [c] Japan [d] Australia [e] South Korea</p>
<p>25. 2nd edition of the bilateral naval exercise – Samudra Shakti – was held between India and Indonesia in the Bay of Bengal.</p>	<p>Q.) Where was the Samudra Shakti naval exercise between India and Indonesia held?</p> <p>[a] South China Sea</p>



	<p>[b] Bay of Bengal [c] Arabian Sea [d] Gulf of Mannar [e] Somali Coastal Current</p>					
<p>26. Tata Trusts has released India Justice Report 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developers of the report along with Tata Trusts: Centre for social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Daksh, TISS-Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy. Objective of the report: to rank states/UTs on the basis of the justice deliver mechanism. Parameters of the ranking: ‘four pillars’ – of Judiciary, Legal Aid, Police and Prisons. <table border="1" data-bbox="135 1041 874 1285"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Results</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Overall Rankings</td> <td>Top – Maharashtra (in larger states); Goa (in smaller states)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bottom – Uttar Pradesh and Bihar (in larger states); Tripura(in smaller states)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Results		Overall Rankings	Top – Maharashtra (in larger states); Goa (in smaller states)	Bottom – Uttar Pradesh and Bihar (in larger states); Tripura(in smaller states)	<p>Q.) Which state has topped the overall ranking of the India Justice Report 2019?</p> <p>[a] Maharashtra [b] Kerala [c] Tamil Nadu [d] Odisha [e] Madhya Pradesh</p>
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<p>27. 2nd edition of the South Asia Safety Summit 2019 has been organized by Ministry of Women and Child Development and Facebook in New Delhi.</p>	<p>Q.) With which company has Ministry of Women and Child Development collaborated to organize the 2nd edition of the South Asia Safety Summit 2019?</p> <p>[a] Facebook [b] Amazon [c] Google [d] Infosys [e] HCL Technologies</p>					
<p>28. According to the study ‘Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-sectional study’ published in Lancet Global Health, the prevalence of any anaemia in men was 23.2%,</p>	<p>Q.) Which state has witnessed the lowest prevalence of anaemia among men at 9.2%, according to the study ‘Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-</p>					



<p>moderate or severe anaemia was 5.1%, and severe anaemia was 0.5%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 21.7% of men with any degree of anaemia had moderate or severe anaemia as compared to 53.2% of women. • Manipur witnessed the lowest prevalence of anaemia among men at 9.2% while Bihar witnessed 32.9%. 	<p>sectional study' published in Lancet Global Health?</p> <p>[a] Manipur [b] Meghalaya [c] Tripura [d] Arunachal Pradesh [e] West Bengal</p>
<p>29. 6th World Congress on Rural and Agriculture Finance has been jointly organized by NABARD and Asia-Pacific Rural Agricultural and Credit Association (APRACA) in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: "Rural and Agricultural Finance: Critical Input to achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development • The World congress is organized once in every three years with the first one being organized in 2005. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 6th World Congress on Rural and Agriculture Finance organized?</p> <p>[a] Russia [b] China [c] India [d] Maldives [e] Thailand</p>
<p>30. 8th session of the Governing Body of International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) was held at Rome, Italy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITPGRFA, also known as the 'seed treaty', was signed in 2004. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 8th session of the Governing Body of International Treaty of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture held?</p> <p>[a] India [b] Russia [c] Italy [d] USA [e] France</p>
<p>31. India's first memorial for elephants has been opened by the WildLife SOS (an NGO) at a facility on the Agra-Mathura highway in Uttar Pradesh.</p>	<p>Q.) In which state has the India's first memorial for elephants been opened?</p> <p>[a] Uttar Pradesh [b] Madhya Pradesh [c] Telangana</p>



	<p>[d] Odisha</p> <p>[e] Andhra Pradesh</p>												
<p>32. Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the "Shishu Suraksha" a mobile app to enable users to file complaints against child rights violation instantly.</p>	<p>Q.) Which state has launched the "Shishu Suraksha" mobile app to enable users to file complaints against child rights violation instantly?</p> <p>[a] Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p>[b] Karnataka</p> <p>[c] Kerala</p> <p>[d] Assam</p> <p>[e] Delhi</p>												
<p>33. India is at the 2nd spot in the 9th edition of the International Diabetes Foundation (IDF) Diabetes Atlas with 77 million diabetics (20-79 yrs.) in the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> China is at 1st spot having more than 116 million diabetics. Among South-east Asian countries, India is at the top followed by Bangladesh with 8.4 million diabetics. <div data-bbox="236 1346 767 1756" data-label="Figure"> <p>Not so sweet India has the second-highest number of diabetes patients aged 20-79 years as of 2019</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Country</th> <th>Adult diabetes patients in millions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>China</td> <td>116</td> </tr> <tr> <td>India</td> <td>77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>U.S.</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pakistan</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brazil</td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Country	Adult diabetes patients in millions	China	116	India	77	U.S.	30	Pakistan	10	Brazil	10	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the International Diabetes Foundation Diabetes Atlas 2019?</p> <p>[a] 1st</p> <p>[b] 2nd</p> <p>[c] 5th</p> <p>[d] 10th</p> <p>[e] 7th</p>
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<p>34. The Trace Bribery Matrix report mentions the business bribery risks index 2019 list prepared by TRACE, which ranks India at 78th position with a score of 48 among the total 200 countries.</p>	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the business bribery risks index 2019, released by the Trace Bribery Matrix report?</p> <p>[a] 57</p>												



- Parameters: Business Interactions with Government, Anti-Bribery Deterrence and Enforcement, Government and Civil Service Transparency, and Capacity for Civil Society Oversight, including the role of the media.
- Top Country (with lowest bribe demand): New Zealand
- Bottom Country (with highest bribe demand): Somalia
- Region-wise: In South-Asia, Bangladesh is the most bribed country at a global rank of 178. China is ranked at 133rd position.

Rank	Country	Risk Score
1	New Zealand	4
2	Norway	7
3	Denmark	7
4	Sweden	8
5	Finland	9

- [b] 45
- [c] 37
- [d] 78
- [e] 63

35. For the 1st time, India will host the 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics in New Delhi where Bill Gates has been invited as the chief guest.
- Theme: Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Q.) Where was the 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics held?
- [a] India
 - [b] USA
 - [c] Brazil
 - [d] New Zealand
 - [e] France

36. CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) has released the first 'Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India' for environmental management.

- Q.) Which of the following institute has released the first 'Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India' for environmental management?
- [a] National Aerospace Laboratories



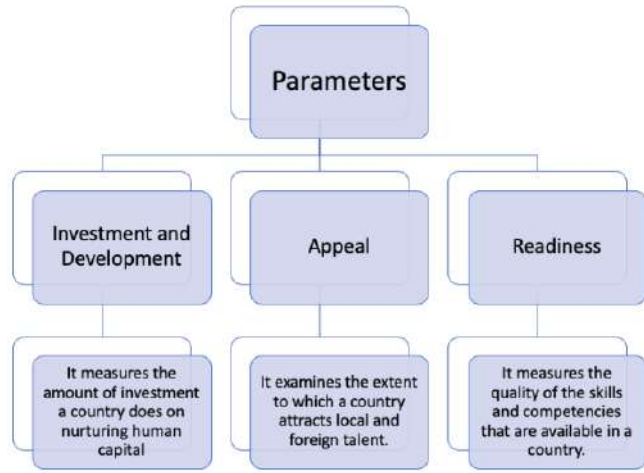
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim: It will help the govt to study the chemical composition of soil and the impact of soil pollution on groundwater contamination. • The map consists of 44 maps of metals, oxides, and elements present in the soil. 	<p>[b] National Geophysical Research Institute [c] National Botanical Research Institute [d] National Chemical Laboratory [e] National Institute of Oceanography</p>
<p>37. Ministry of Home Affairs has launched an awareness ‘UNiTE Campaign To End Violence Against Women’ in collaboration with UN Women from Sultanpuri Railway Station in New Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness about 112 (India's single emergency helpline number developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) would be spread across various states. • The 16 days between 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and 10 December, Human Rights Day, are known as the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign. • 2019 theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is ‘Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape’. 	<p>Q.) When is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women observed?</p> <p>[a] December 10 [b] December 30 [c] December 5 [d] December 15 [e] December 20</p>
<p>38. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has hosted the first ever National Agro-Chemical Congress in New Delhi on the theme of ‘Country’s Status on various fronts of Agro chemicals’.</p>	<p>Q.) Where was the first ever National Agro-Chemical Congress organized?</p> <p>[a] Mumbai [b] New Delhi [c] Bangalore [d] Chennai [e] Guwahati</p>
<p>39. Bureau of India Standards (BIS) has released the Water Quality report which analysed quality of</p>	<p>Q.) How many cities have not complied with the standards of Bureau of Indian Standards in the Water Quality Report?</p>



<p>drinking water provided to the citizens in state capitals and Delhi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report is a part of the Jal Jeevan Mission that aims to provide clean and safe drinking water to all by 2024. Parameters: Chemicals, Toxic substances, Organoleptic tests, Bacteriological tests and physical tests present in water. Best performing cities with quality water: Ranchi, Shimla, Bhubaneshwar, Amravati and Raipur. 13 Worst performing cities with degraded water: Thiruvananthapuram, Chandigarh, Bhopal, Patna, Bengaluru, Gandhinagar, Lucknow, Chennai, Dehradun, Kolkata and Jaipur. Delhi failed to comply with 10 standards out of the 11 given by BIS. 	<p>[a] 10 [b] 12 [c] 11 [d] 14 [e] 13</p>
<p>40. Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) which will act as a repository of 128 agro-climatic zones and diverse crops in India. s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: The repository will aim at reducing malnutrition by linking the agriculture and nutrition to address the challenge of malnutrition. Ministry of WCD has collaborated with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for this project. 	<p>Q.) With which institution has the Ministry of Women and Child Development collaborated to launch the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh?</p> <p>[a] Transparent Hands Foundation [b] YMCA [c] World vision [d] Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation [e] Direct relief</p>
<p>41. 5th International Conference on Yoga 2019 was held in Mysuru, Karnataka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: Yoga for Heart Care (International Yoga Day is observed on June 21). International Yoga Day 2020 event will be held in Mysuru, Karnataka. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 5th International Conference on Yoga 2019 held?</p> <p>[a] Karnataka [b] Telangana [c] Maharashtra [d] Gujarat</p>



<p>42. For the first time, Qatar and India will conduct the naval exercise - Za'ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) at Doha, Qatar.</p>	<p>[e] Chhattisgarh</p> <p>Q.) With which country does India conduct the Za'ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) naval exercise?</p> <p>[a] Oman</p> <p>[b] Bahrain</p> <p>[c] Afghanistan</p> <p>[d] Bhutan</p> <p>[e] Bangladesh</p>
<p>43. Central Government has set up a FACT Check Module under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to identify and curb the fake news on social media and digital platforms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find, Assess, Create and Target (FACT) will monitor the online content being spread. 	<p>Q.) Recently, Central Government has set up a FACT Check Module under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to identify and curb the fake news on social media and digital platforms. What does A stand for?</p> <p>[a] Available</p> <p>[b] Access</p> <p>[c] Allocate</p> <p>[d] Archive</p> <p>[e] Assess</p>
<p>44. International Institute of Management Development (IMD) has released its IMD World Talent Rankings 2019 which ranks India at the 59th place (declined from 53th rank in 2018) out of a total of 63 countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Scorer: Switzerland, followed by Denmark and Sweden Bottom Scorer: Mongolia Reasons for India's low position are Low quality of life, brain drain, declining expenditure on education (per student) and the quality of education, effectiveness of the health system and women's participation in the labour force. 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the IMD World Talent Rankings 2019?</p> <p>[a] 59</p> <p>[b] 63</p> <p>[c] 77</p> <p>[d] 55</p> <p>[e] 42</p>



45. ISRO will launch Cartosat-3 (an earth imaging and mapping satellite) along with 13 commercial nano-satellites of the USA on PSLV-C47 into Sun Synchronous Orbit from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

- Cartosat-3 is a "third generation agile advanced satellite" having high resolution imaging capability
- NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), Department of Space has signed a commercial arrangement with USA for carrying these 13 satellites.

Q.) Recently, ISRO has announced that it will launch Cartosat-3 (an earth imaging and mapping satellite) along with 13 commercial nano-satellites on PSLV-C47 into Sun Synchronous Orbit. Which country do these 13 nano-satellites belong to?

- [a] China
- [b] Seychelles
- [c] Sri Lanka
- [d] USA
- [e] Germany

46. Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019 survey conducted by Ministry of Jal Shakti has mentioned that Tamil Nadu is the cleanest state among larger states followed by Haryana.

- Least clean larger state: Odisha
- Cleanest Small State: Mizoram
- Cleanest District: Peddapalli, Telangana
- Cleanest UT: Daman and Diu
- 17,450 villages in 698 Districts across India were covered.

Q.) Which state has topped in the larger states' category of Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2019?

- [a] Odisha
- [b] Tamil Nadu
- [c] Andhra Pradesh
- [d] Karnataka
- [e] Punjab



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The survey was released on World Toilet Day 2019 (19 November) on the theme of Leaving no one behind. 	
<p>47. National Intelligence Agency is conducting the first ever exercise CT-TTX (Counter terrorism table top exercise) between quad countries (India, US, Japan, Australia) in New Delhi (headquarters of NIA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dialogue between the 4 countries began in 2007 primarily to counter increasing penetration of China in Indian Ocean. 	<p>Q.) Which organization has conducted the first ever exercise CT-TTX (Counter terrorism table-top exercise) between quad countries?</p> <p>[a] National Intelligence Agency [b] Research and Analysis Wing [c] Financial Action Task Force [d] United Nations [e] OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Humans Rights</p>
<p>48. Microsoft has launched its “K-12 Education Transformation Framework” in India for the comprehensive digital transformation of schools in India on the 2nd edition of its education days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 50 countries, have adopted this framework so far. The framework comprises of 4 pillars — leadership and policy, modern teaching and learning, intelligent environments and technology blueprint. 	<p>Q.) Which organization has rolled out “K-12 Education Transformation Framework” in India for comprehensive digital transformation of schools?</p> <p>[a] Oracle [b] IBM [c] Google [d] Flipkart [e] Microsoft</p>
<p>49. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has conducted a study and projected trends in the country’s labour market potential during 2019-23:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parameters of this study are: Periodic labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2017-18, Crude Death Rates (CDR) at gender and region (rural/urban) level, and Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS), 2011-12 (68th round). 	<p>Q.) According to the National Skill Development Corporation’s (NSDC) projected trends in the country’s labour market potential during 2019-23, ___ crore additional individuals will be in the working-age (15-59 years) by 2023?</p> <p>[a] 7 crore [b] 4 crore [c] 15 crore</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected labour force: 7 crore additional individuals in the working-age (15-59 years) by 2023. • Weightage: 84.3% will be in the age group 15-30 years out of which 50% will be in the age group 15-20 years. • Female labour force participation: 15 years and above is estimated at 23.3%. (china 61%). It is much lower than other Asian economies in 2019. • State wise weightage: Only six states- Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka are expected to account for 50% of the new youth entrants (15-30 years) during 2019-23. 	<p>[d] 10 crore</p> <p>[e] 2 crore</p>
<p>50. India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) forum of Young Scientists and Innovators for the year 2020.</p>	<p>Q.) Which country will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's forum of Young Scientists and Innovators for the year 2020?</p> <p>[a] China</p> <p>[b] Iran</p> <p>[c] Uzbekistan</p> <p>[d] Pakistan</p> <p>[e] India</p>
<p>51. Nomura Global Market Research (HQ- Japan) has released the "Nomura's Food Vulnerability Index 2019" which ranks India at the 44th position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Countries: 110 • Parameters: increment in the food price based on 3 components – (1) country's GDP per person, (2) the share of food in household consumption and (3) the net food imports. • Reason for India's poor performance: Surge in the food prices in October. CPI reached 4.62%. 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the Nomura's Food Vulnerability Index 2019?</p> <p>[a] 53</p> <p>[b] 44</p> <p>[c] 22</p> <p>[d] 67</p> <p>[e] 83</p>



<p>52. Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) have conducted the first Mine Countermeasure Exercise (MINEX) in Kochi, Kerala.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: for boosting the interoperability on explosive ordnance disposal and mine countermeasure. • JIMEX (bilateral maritime exercise between India and Japan) and Sahayog-Kaijin (joint bilateral exercise between Indian Coast Guard and the Japan Coast Guard) are some of the other exercises. 	<p>Q.) In which state did Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force conduct their first Mine Countermeasure Exercise (MINEX)?</p> <p>[a] Maharashtra [b] Kerala [c] Karnataka [d] Andhra Pradesh [e] Odisha</p>
<p>53. National Statistical Office (NSO) conducted a survey titled as ‘Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Conditions in India’ between July-Dec 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around 42.9% in rural areas used hand pumps and around 40.9% households in urban areas used piped water. • According to the survey, 71.3% in rural and 96.2% in urban areas had no access to toilets. • Around 48.3% of households in rural and 86.6% in urban used LPG as fuel. • 48.1% of households in rural areas and 71.1% of urban households disposed household waste water without treatment to drainage system. • 70.3% of households urban and 72.4% of households in rural dispose garbage in community dumping spots, open land, waste land, etc. 	<p>Q.) According to the National Statistical Office’s survey titled as ‘Drinking Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Housing Conditions in India’ between July-Dec 2018, ____ in rural had no access to toilets?</p> <p>[a] 61.3% [b] 93.0% [c] 44.8% [d] 71.3% [e] 53.7%</p>
<p>54. 11th edition of Agrovision 2019 - agricultural exhibition – has been organized in at Nagpur, Maharashtra on the theme of “Smart Technologies for Sustainable Development”.</p>	<p>Q.) What was the theme of Agrovision 2019 (agricultural exhibition)?</p> <p>[a] AI for Agriculture [b] Cloud Computing Technologies for Agriculture</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A booklet named as ‘Convergence of National Highway improvement/construction with water conservation and groundwater recharge’ was released by Ministry of Road Transport. 	<p>[c] Smart Technologies for Sustainable Development</p> <p>[d] Sustainable Agriculture: Cease Stubble Burning</p> <p>[e] Smart Agriculture for All</p>
<p>55. Kerala govt’s Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM) has launched the “Water 4 Change” project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six institutions from The Netherlands will develop an action plan on urban water management systems along with Indian scientists as part of this project. The project will look for solutions of water problems in the cities of Kozhikode, Shimla, Bhuj and Bhopal. 	<p>Q.) Which country is collaborating with Centre for Water Resources Development and Management for its “Water 4 Change” project?</p> <p>[a] Germany</p> <p>[b] Netherlands</p> <p>[c] France</p> <p>[d] Japan</p> <p>[e] Russia</p>
<p>56. Child Rights and You (NGO) has released a report “How Vulnerable are Children in India to crime?” which mentions that Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have witnessed the highest incidents of crimes against children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both states recorded over 19,000 cases (14.8% of all cases) of child abuse. The report was based on the data from National Crime Records Bureau for 2016-17. Child Labour: Between 2016 and 2017, child labour in India increased 126% from 204 to 462. Child Marriage: It increased by 21.17%. 395 cases were registered under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 2006. Kidnapping and Abduction: It is the most prevalent form of crime against children accounting for 42% of the total crimes against children. 	<p>Q.) Which two states have recorded the highest number of crimes against children according to the Child Rights and You’s report “How Vulnerable are Children in India to crime?”</p> <p>[a] Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh</p> <p>[b] Tamil Nadu and Telangana</p> <p>[c] Odisha and Maharashtra</p> <p>[d] Delhi and Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p>[e] Uttarakhand and Meghalaya</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the report, among all the other child crimes, these two are the most unreported. Therefore, it as a positive step. 	
<p>57. 'DEFCON INDIA 2019' (a 2-day seminar) was organized in New Delhi on the theme of 'Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: to enhance communication between tri-services for achieving jointness between them. 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of the DEFCON India 2019?</p> <p>[a] Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness</p> <p>[b] India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub</p> <p>[c] Rise of Futurism</p> <p>[d] Promote Make in India</p> <p>[e] Globalization: An Increased threat of Volatility</p>
<p>58. Indian Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of Strategic Partnership Council between India and Saudi Arabia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council will be headed by heads of both nations i.e., PM Narendra Modi and Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The council will meet in every 2 years and will coordinate on decisions regarding strategically important issues. Saudi Arabia is now only the fourth country with whom India has an inter-governmental mechanism headed by the prime minister. Germany, Russia and Japan are the other three. Apart from this, Union Cabinet has approved the MoU signed between India and Saudi Arabia for combating illegal trafficking and smuggling of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Chemical Precursors. 	<p>Q.) With which nation has India formed a strategic partnership council, headed by the PM, recently?</p> <p>[a] Saudi Arabia</p> <p>[b] Ukraine</p> <p>[c] Poland</p> <p>[d] Netherlands</p> <p>[e] Switzerland</p>





<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least Corrupt: Kerala, Goa, Gujarat, Odisha, West Bengal, Haryana and Delhi. • Total states: 248 districts across 20 Indian states were assessed. • Bribery in India is reduced by 10% over the last 1 year and 51% paid bribe in the last 12 months. 	
<p>62. 10th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Parliament (#CYP10) was organized in New Delhi by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and Delhi Legislative Assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was organized for the first time in India. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 10th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Parliament organized?</p> <p>[a] Sri Lanka [b] India [c] Maldives [d] Indonesia [e] Australia</p>
<p>63. 14th edition of SURYA KIRAN - XIV joint military exercise between armies of India and Nepal will be held in Salijhandi, Nepal.</p>	<p>Q.) With which country does India conduct the joint military exercise - SURYA KIRAN-XIV?</p> <p>[a] Japan [b] Nepal [c] Kazakhstan [d] Singapore [e] Vietnam</p>
<p>64. During the 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations (held in Gujarat), Ministry for Health and Family Welfare has launched SAANS (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign to reduce child mortality due to pneumonia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madhya Pradesh witnessed the highest number of child deaths due to Pneumonia. 	<p>Q.) Recently, Ministry for Health and Family Welfare has launched SAANS campaign to reduce child mortality due to pneumonia. What does 'N' stand for?</p> <p>[a] Negate [b] Neutralize [c] Normal [d] Negative [e] Nullify</p>



65. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has recently released the Road accidents in India in 2018 report.

India's report on 'Road Accidents' in 2018	WHO's Global Report on Road Safety 2018
Total casualties – 1.5 lakh (0.46% increased from 2017)	Rank of India in road accidents – 1st (out of the 199 countries) followed by US and China.
Total Road accidents – 4,67,044	India accounts for almost 11% of the accident related deaths in the World.
Reason – Over-speeding caused 64.4% deaths	-
Road accident severity – increased by 0.6% (measured by the number of persons killed per 100 accidents)	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♣ State with highest no. of road accidents – Tamil Nadu ♣ State with highest no. of road deaths – Uttar Pradesh ♣ Delhi recorded the highest road fatalities compared to other cities. 	-
Age group –18-60 years accounted for 84.7% in the total road accident deaths. 18-45 years witnessed 69.6% deaths.	-

66. 11th BRICS Summit on the theme of 'Economic growth for an Innovative Future' has concluded in Brasilia (capital of Brazil).

Q.) Which state has witnessed the highest number of road accidents according to the Road accidents in India in 2018 report?

- [a] Tamil Nadu
- [b] Uttar Pradesh
- [c] Uttarakhand
- [d] Madhya Pradesh
- [e] West Bengal

Q.) What was the theme of the 11th BRICS Summit held in Brasilia?

- [a] Economic growth for an Innovative Future
- [b] Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity
- [c] BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future
- [d] Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions



[e] BRICS Partnership – a Powerful Factor of Global Development

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. 6th Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit of G20 Countries (unofficially called P20) is being held in Tokyo, Japan. Om Birla is representing India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizer: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and government of Japan. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 6th Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit of G20 Countries held?</p> <p>[a] Japan</p> <p>[b] Argentine</p> <p>[c] Brazil</p> <p>[d] Spain</p> <p>[e] Italy</p>
<p>2. 2nd edition of India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit 2019: Accelerating towards innovative development will be hosted by Davao, Philippines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizers: FICCI and Department of Science and Technology (Ministry of Science and Technology, India). 	<p>Q.) Which country will host the 2nd edition of India-ASEAN InnoTech Summit 2019: Accelerating towards innovative development?</p> <p>[a] Vietnam</p> <p>[b] Philippines</p> <p>[c] Myanmar</p> <p>[d] Indonesia</p> <p>[e] India</p>
<p>3. United Nations Environment-led research coalition published a first-of-its-kind report – The Production Gap which assesses the gap between planned fossil fuel production, climate targets of countries, and goals to limit warming by 1.5°C and 2°C goals committed under the Paris Agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the warning given by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), 66% of the coal-generated electricity must shut down 	<p>Q.) Which of the following organization has released ‘The Production Gap’ 2019 report?</p> <p>[a] United Nations Environment Programme</p> <p>[b] World Health Organization</p> <p>[c] International Atomic Energy Agency</p> <p>[d] International Labour Organization</p> <p>[e] International Monetary Fund</p>



by 2030, and a complete shutdown is needed by 2050 to stay under 1.5°C of warming.

- According to the Production Gap report, countries will produce 150% more coal in 2030 than remaining consistent with a 2°C target, and 280% more than consistent with 1.5°C.
- Oil production in 2030 will surpass the 2°C-consistent pathway by 16% and a 1.5°C-consistent pathway by 59%.
- Gas production will overshoot figures by 14% for 2°C and 70% for 1.5°C.

4. Brown to Green Report 2019, prepared by Climate Transparency, reviews the actions taken by G20 nations for climate change.

- Title of the report: The G20 Transition Towards A Net-Zero Emissions Economy.
- The report covers 80 indicators and is developed by experts from 14 research organizations to rank 181 countries.
- Japan, Mexico, South Africa and South Korea are ranked high as they have long-term plans to reduce emissions in new buildings, although they are not 1.5°C compatible.
- India, China and Mexico rank high for their long-term deforestation policies. India is the only G20 country with 1.5°C compatible forest policies.
- Australia was the worst performing country in terms of climate response according to the report.

5. 19th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Q.) Which is the only G20 country with 1.5°C compatible forest policies, according to the Brown to Green Report 2019, prepared by Climate Transparency?

- [a] France
- [b] Italy
- [c] Russia
- [d] India
- [e] Mexico

Q.) Which country has become the 22nd member of Indian Ocean Rim Association?

- [a] Bangladesh



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maldives has officially become the 22nd member of IORA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [b] Maldives [c] Fiji [d] Solomon Islands [e] Papua New Guinea
<p>6. 1st edition of the Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index 2019, has been released by Basque institutions, in association with D&L Partners, in the Basque Country, (Bilbao's capital) in northern Spain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top Scorer: Zurich (Switzerland) with a score of 78.2, followed by Vienna (Austria). Bottom Scorer: Cairo, (Egypt) Parameters: Prosperity (in terms of GDP per capita), Social inclusion and Spatial inclusion (affordability of housing, environmental quality, and access to healthcare). Total Countries: 113 Indian Cities: Bangalore (at 83rd rank), Delhi (at 101) and Mumbai (at 107). Bilbao was ranked 20th. 	<p>Q.) Which Indian city is ranked at 83rd position in the 1st edition of the Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index 2019?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] Bangalore [b] Chennai [c] Vishakhapatnam [d] Delhi [e] Mumbai
<p>7. Institute for Economics and peace has released the 7th edition of the Global Terrorism Attack report which ranks India at 7th position (one position up for witnessing 748 cases of terrorist attacks in 2018).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First position - Afghanistan (having the deadliest terror group of Taliban with 38% of all terrorist deaths) Total countries: 163 (99.7 per cent of the world's population) 	<p>Q.) What is India's rank in the 7th edition of the Global Terrorism Attack report?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [a] 10th [b] 7th [c] 5th [d] 4th [e] 2nd



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India has 3 active terrorist group - Hizbul Mujahideen, Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). 	
<p>8. 11th edition of QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings: Asia 2020 has been released to rank the best universities of 2020 in the Asian region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall topper: National University of Singapore for the 2nd consecutive year followed by Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) and University of Hong Kong at 2nd and 3rd positions respectively Indian topper: IIT-Bombay (global rank – 34) followed by IIT-Delhi (global rank- 43) and IIT-Madras (global rank -50). 96 Indian universities including 20 brand new entries were ranked in this year’s rankings. Parameters: academic reputation, employer reputation, citations per paper, papers per faculty, international research network (newly added), international faculty, student to faculty ratio, staff with PhD, international students, outbound exchange students and inbound exchange students. 	<p>Q.) Which university has topped the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings: Asia 2020?</p> <p>[a] National University of Singapore [b] University of Hong Kong [c] Nanyang Technological University [d] IIT-Bombay [e] Peking University</p>
<p>9. 8th edition of Water Technology and Environment Control (WATEC) conference was held in Israel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: “Water Stewardship and Innovation—driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water” According to the “Dynamic Ground Water Resources” of India report, agriculture sector consumes nearly 89% of all available water resources. 	<p>Q.) Where was 8th edition of Water Technology and Environment Control organized?</p> <p>[a] Israel [b] Bahrain [c] Qatar [d] Saudi Arabia [e] United Arab Emirates</p>
<p>10. For the first time, Saudi Arabia has been elected to UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee after winning</p>	<p>Q.) Which nation has recently elected to the UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee?</p>



membership in the UNESCO Executive Board for 2019-2023.

- Now, UNESCO Executive board comprises of 58 member states.
- 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2019 and 44th session will be hosted by China (Fuzhou) in 2020.

- [a] Saudi Arabia
- [b] New Zealand
- [c] Azerbaijan
- [d] Palestine
- [e] Slovakia

11. According to The Economist Intelligence Unit's report – 2019 Global Microscope on Financial Inclusion (12th edition), globally overall environment for financial inclusion has improved with Colombia, Peru, Uruguay Mexico and India having the most favourable conditions for inclusive finance.

- Columbia, Peru and Uruguay have maintained their previous years' ranks in 2019 at 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions.
- Mexico has now been ranked at the 4th spot and India has been ranked at the 5th spot (down by 1 spot).
- Only four countries - Colombia, India, Jamaica and Uruguay - scored perfectly across all four parameters.
- Total countries – 55
- The index has been prepared by assessing the countries on 11 indicators, 4 parameters and 5 domains.

Q.) Which of the following country has the most favourable conditions for inclusive finance among other 3 nations according to The Economist Intelligence Unit's report – 2019 Global Microscope on Financial Inclusion?

- [a] Saudi Arabia
- [b] USA
- [c] China
- [d] Japan
- [e] Uruguay


BANKING AND ECONOMY

NEWS	QUESTIONS
1. Saudi Aramco (owned by the Saudi government) has launched the world's biggest initial public offering (IPO) by listing its shares at Riyadh Stock Exchange. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The company has announced to invest in two transactions in India also. 	Q.) Which company has announced to launch the world's biggest initial public offering? [a] Total SA [b] BP [c] Saudi Aramco [d] Alphabet Inc [e] Apple
2. Guyana (South American) is projected to grow at 86% - the fastest in the world - in 2020 according to International Monetary Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Its GDP is projected to grow to \$15 billion from the present \$4 billion by 2024. 	Q.) Which country is projected to grow the fastest in the world in 2020 according to International Monetary Fund? [a] Guyana [b] Chile [c] Columbia [d] Ecuador [e] Argentina
3. Ministry of Finance has launched two apps – ATHITHI and ICEDASH – to improve the monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developers: Central Board of Indirect taxes and National Informatics Centre. ATHITHI: It is a mobile app which allows the travellers to inform the Indian Custom officers about their dutiable items, before boarding the plane in advance. ICEDASH: It is a dashboard which allows the businesses or individuals to check the speed of their goods in custom clearance. 	Q.) What is the name of the mobile app launched by Ministry of Finance to allow the travellers to inform the Indian Custom officers about their dutiable items, before boarding the plane in advance? [a] Icedash [b] Athithi [c] Pardeshi [d] Swastik [e] Paradip
4. RBI has released the final guidelines for the liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) of NBFCs and Core Investment	Q.) According to the recently released norms of RBI on Liquidity Coverage



Companies (the draft guidelines were introduced in May 2019 and has been covered in May Spotlight).

- Now, RBI has extended the deadlines for adopting LCR from April 2020 to December 2020.
- NBFCs with assets of ₹10,000 crore and above will have to maintain a minimum of 50% of LCR as high quality liquid assets (HQLA), while those with assets of ₹5000-10,000 crore will have to maintain 30% LCR. In both cases, LCR will be progressively increased to 100% by December 2024.
- RBI has called for a for a stronger asset liability management (ALM) framework. Under which the cash mismatches should be limited to 10% of the total outflows in the first 7 days. Subsequently, over the next 8-14 days and 15-30 days, the cash flow mismatch should be only 10-20% of cumulative outflows.
- Apart from these changes, other guidelines are same as earlier.

Ratio, NBFCs with assets of ₹10,000 crore and above will have to maintain a minimum of ___ percent of LCR as high quality liquid assets (HQLA)?

- [a] 50%
- [b] 40%
- [c] 20%
- [d] 10%
- [e] 15%

5. Union Cabinet has approved to create an alternative investment fund (AIF) worth Rs 25,000 crore to revive the 1,600 stalled housing projects.

- Purpose of the AIF: To spur demand in housing sector and strengthen the realty sector of India.
- Our of Rs 25,000 crores, Rs 10,000 crore will be contributed by govt while Rs 15,000 crores will be contributed by LIC and SBI.
- The AIF funds will be provided as loans, in stages, through an escrow account to complete the projects.
- 4.58 lakh housing units are being targeted to be completed with a view to generate employment as well as revive demand of cement, iron and steel industries.

Q.) What is the amount of the alternative investment fund being created to revive the 1,600 stalled housing projects?

- [a] Rs 50,000 crore
- [b] Rs 10,000 crore
- [c] Rs 75,000 crore
- [d] Rs 25,000 crore
- [e] Rs 40,000 crore



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBI Capital Markets will manage this fund. The amount of fund can be extended. 	
<p>6. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched ‘Farmitra’ App to help farmers in optimizing their farming practices by providing information.</p>	<p>Q.) Which company has launched the ‘Farmitra App’ to help farmers in optimizing their farming practices by providing information?</p> <p>[a] Bajaj Allianz General Insurance [b] Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd. [c] ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd. [d] TATA AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd. [e] Exide Life Insurance Co. Ltd.</p>
<p>7. Moody’s has downgraded India’s credit ratings outlook to “negative” from “stable”. Earlier, the rating was Baa3 and now it has declined to Baa2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last time, in 2017, Moody’s has upgraded India’s credit ratings from Baa3 to Baa2. Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings still hold India’s outlook at stable 	<p>Q.) Which organization has recently downgraded India’s credit ratings outlook to “negative” from “stable”?</p> <p>[a] Standard Chartered [b] Moody’s [c] S&P [d] Goldman Sachs [e] Fitch Ratings</p>
<p>8. RBI has withdrawn all the exemptions given to Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) under the section 45 IA of the RBI Act, 1934.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now, HFCs will be treated as a category of NBFCs for regulatory purposes. It will be regulated by RBI instead of National Housing Bank. Withdrawal of these exemptions implies that: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Now, HFCs have to create a reserve fund and allocate a minimum of 20% of the net profits for this fund. </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> HFCs are now barred from appropriating sums from the reserve fund, unless there is a specific direction from RBI. </div>	<p>Q.) After RBI’s withdrawal of all the exemptions given to Housing Finance Companies under the section 45 IA of the RBI Act, 1934, HFCs are now required to create a reserve fund and allocate a minimum of ___ of the net profits for this fund?</p> <p>[a] 20% [b] 10% [c] 30% [d] 50%</p>



<p>Every such appropriation has to be reported within 21 days from the date of such withdrawal.</p>	<p>[e] 25%</p>
<p>After the withdrawal of exemptions, the winding up clause for NBFC will also be applicable to HFCs if one fails to pay debt</p>	
<p>9. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has formed a 'development council', headed by the DPIIT secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra, to manufacture and design bicycles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason behind forming the council: DPIIT wants to manufacture bicycles for exports and domestic market which are competitive with global standards. 	<p>Q.) Who heads the 'development council' formed by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade to manufacture and design bicycles?</p> <p>[a] Guruprasad Mohapatra [b] Pradip Kumar Sinha [c] Amitabh Kant [d] Rajiv Gauba [e] Ajit Seth</p>
<p>10. India, Russia and China are finding an alternative to the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) payment mechanism which is dominated by US to ease trade with countries facing American sanctions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia will link its financial messaging system SPFS (System for transfer of financial messages) with Chinese CIPS (Cross-Border Interbank Payment System). India will link with Russia's SPFS because India does not have a financial messaging system of its own. 	<p>Q.) Which 3 countries are collaborating to find an alternative to the US-dominated SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) payment mechanism?</p> <p>[a] India, Japan and South Korea [b] Russia, India and China [c] China, Malaysia and Japan [d] England, Russia and Germany [e] Japan, South Korea and Philippines</p>
<p>11. RBI has superseded (took power in its control) the board of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) and appointed R Subramania Kumar as the administrator of this NBFC.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the administrator of the Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited by RBI?</p> <p>[a] Chandra Shekhar Kumar [b] R Subramania kumar [c] Keshav Sinha [d] Parmeshwar Rao</p>



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<p>12. According to SEBI's new rules, listed firms have to disclose any event of default to the stock exchange in 31 days of the default.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart from this, SEBI has doubled the minimum investment norm for clients of portfolio management services (PMS) to ₹50 lakh. Existing investments of clients can continue till end date of the PMS agreement. • SEBI has also increased the net worth requirement for PMS to ₹5 crore from ₹2 crore earlier, and gave the existing PMS 3 years to comply with the new norms. • SEBI also tightened the norms for rights issues of listed companies and also reduced the time taken to process a rights issue to T+31 days from T+55 days earlier. • Based on market capitalization, companies will now have to include business responsibility reporting as part of their annual reports. This requirement earlier applied only to the top 500 companies. 	<p>[e] Raghav Jindal</p> <p>Q.) Recently, SEBI has doubled the minimum investment norm for clients of portfolio management services (PMS) to ___?</p> <p>[a] ₹35 lakh [b] ₹80 lakh [c] ₹15 lakh [d] ₹50 lakh [e] ₹10 lakh</p>
<p>13. SEBI has released norms for debt exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and index funds to enhance depth in the bond market and attract retail investors towards debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The norms will not be applicable on debt ETFs which have government securities, treasury bills and tri-party repo as its constituents. • These rules will be applicable to all debt ETFs tracking debt indices. 	<p>Q.) According to the new norms of SEBI regarding the debt exchange-traded funds and index funds, no single issuer will have more than __ weight in the index?</p> <p>[a] 30% [b] 15% [c] 20% [d] 10% [e] 25%</p>



<p>A minimum of 8 companies are required in a debt ETF to be a part of the index.</p>	
<p>No single issuer will have more than 15% weight in the index.</p>	
<p>All the constituents of the index must have a defined credit rating, defined maturity as well as investment grade.</p>	
<p>Any new debt ETF that is launched should replicate the index completely.</p>	
<p>Duration of the debt ETF or index fund should not exceed more than (+/-) 5% of the duration of the index</p>	
<p>Rebalancing of debt ETF must be done within 5 working days if the credit rating of an issuance falls below the investment grade.</p>	
<p>All debt ETF issuers should also ensure compliance to the rules for rebalancing at the end of every quarter.</p>	

APPOINTMENTS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. Prakash Javadekar has been given charge of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises after Arvind Sawant resignation.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has been given charge of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises?</p> <p>[a] Narendra Singh Tomar [b] Rajnath Singh [c] Prakash Javadekar [d] Smriti Irani [e] Amit Shah</p>
<p>2. Nita Ambani has become the first Indian trustee of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel H. Weiss is the President and CEO of MeT. 	<p>Q.) Who has become the first Indian trustee of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art?</p> <p>[a] Romila Thapar [b] Nita Ambani [c] Priyanka Chopra [d] Aruna Roy [e] Kiran Bedi</p>
<p>3. Lt. Commander Karabi Gogoi (Assam) has become the first woman navy officer to be appointed as the assistant naval attache of defence at the Indian Embassy in Moscow, Russia.</p>	<p>Q.) Who has become the first woman navy officer to be appointed as the assistant naval attache of defence at the Indian Embassy in Moscow?</p>



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	<p>[a] Gitanjali Mandhana</p> <p>[b] Karabi Gogoi</p> <p>[c] Kamlesh Gaur</p> <p>[d] Priyanka Gautam</p> <p>[e] Diya Singh</p>
4. Lt. Shivangi has been appointed as the First woman pilot of Indian Navy.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the First woman pilot of Indian Navy?</p> <p>[a] Anjali Singh</p> <p>[b] Geentanjli Mishra</p> <p>[c] Parul Sen</p> <p>[d] Meenakshi Kamra</p> <p>[e] Shivangi</p>
5. PS Rajan has been appointed as the CEO of Kerala Bank.	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the CEO of Kerala Bank?</p> <p>[a] P S Rajan</p> <p>[b] Romesh Sobti</p> <p>[c] P S Jayakumar</p> <p>[d] Amitabh Choudhary</p> <p>[e] Shyam Srinivasan</p>
<p>6. RBI has appointed H R Khan as the first chairman of the steering committee on Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in Micro-Credit sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In September 2019, CRL was launched by Micro-finance Institutions Network (MFIN) and Sa-Dhan (an RBI-recognised association of microfinance institutions), along with Finance Industry Development Council (an association of NBFCs). CRL is a self-regulatory step for micro-credit industry for adhering to the standards of customer protection. 	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the first chairman of the steering committee on Code for Responsible Lending in Micro-Credit sector?</p> <p>[a] Bimal Jalan</p> <p>[b] Tapan Ray</p> <p>[c] Harsh Vardhan</p> <p>[d] Nandan Nilekani</p> <p>[e] H R Khan</p>
7. Suman Billa has been appointed as the Director (technical cooperation and silk road development at	<p>Q.) Who has been appointed as the Director (technical cooperation and silk road</p>



<p>DI level) of the UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNWTO HQ – Madrid, Spain • UNWTO Current Secretary General – Zurab Pololikashvili • UNWTO Member – 159 countries, 6 associates and 500+ affiliates • Established – 1974 to promote sustainable tourism 	<p>development at DI level) of the UN World Tourism Organization?</p> <p>[a] Suman Billa</p> <p>[b] Zhu Shanzhong</p> <p>[c] Manuel Butler Halter</p> <p>[d] John W.H. Denton</p> <p>[e] Flora Mutahi</p>
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IMPORTANT DAYS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
<p>1. World Pneumonia Day is observed on November 12. 2019 is the 10th year of its celebration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: “Healthy Lungs for all”. • The world’s first conference on childhood pneumonia will take place in January 2020 in Barcelona, Spain. 	<p>Q.) When is the World Pneumonia Day observed?</p> <p>[a] November 15</p> <p>[b] November 12</p> <p>[c] November 21</p> <p>[d] November 14</p> <p>[e] November 8</p>
<p>2. World Fisheries Day 2019 is observed on November 21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO, the Holy See, ILO, and partners celebrate the 3rd World Fisheries Day in 2019. 	<p>Q.) When is the World Fisheries Day 2019 observed?</p> <p>[a] November 1</p> <p>[b] November 13</p> <p>[c] November 29</p> <p>[d] November 15</p> <p>[e] November 21</p>
<p>3. World diabetes day is observed on November 14 by the International Diabetes Federation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme:- Family and Diabetes 	<p>Q.) What is the theme of the World diabetes day 2019?</p> <p>[a] Our right to a healthy future</p> <p>[b] Eyes on Diabetes</p> <p>[c] Go Blue for Breakfast</p> <p>[d] Family and Diabetes</p>



	[e] Healthy Living and Diabetes
4. World Heritage Week is celebrated by UNESCO between November 19- 25 to increase awareness among people about preservation of cultural heritages and monuments.	Q.) In which month does UNESCO celebrate the World Heritage Week? [a] March [b] February [c] April [d] August [e] November
5. World Day for prevention of Child Abuse is observed on November 19. <ul style="list-style-type: none">In 2000, the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), an NGO, launched the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse on November 19.	Q.) When is the World Day for prevention of Child Abuse observed? [a] November 19 [b] January 19 [c] March 19 [d] April 19 [e] June 19

AWARDS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
1. Madhuri Vijay has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel - 'The Far Field'. <ul style="list-style-type: none">JCB Prize for Literature is the richest literary honour in India, given by JCB Literature Foundation (a not-for-profit company founded in 2018 by the UK construction company- JCB).	Q.) Who has won the JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel - 'The Far Field'? [a] Krishna Vijay [b] Madhuri Vijay [c] Mridula Vijay [d] Priya Vijay [e] Suman Vijay
2. TIME 100 Next 2019 list, an initiative of TIME magazine, highlights 100 rising stars who are shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science, activism etc.	Q.) Which of the following Indian has been featured in the TIME 100 Next 2019 list? [a] Hima Das [b] Dutee Chand [c] Vinesh Phogat



- From India, the list features Dutee Chand in the category of advocates of change for the society.
- Toppers in the list (Category-wise):



- [d] Mary Kom
- [e] P T Usha

- Robert De Niro (Hollywood actor) has been chosen for the SAG Life Achievement Award - highest honour given by Screen Actors Guild (SAG).
 - He will be awarded at the 26th edition of the SAG's award ceremony.
 - The award is given by the American organization - Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA).

- Q.) Who has won the SAG Lifetime Achievement Award?
- [a] Brad Pitt
 - [b] Tom Hanks
 - [c] Robert De Niro
 - [d] Christian Bale
 - [e] Jack Nicholas

- At the 108th foundation day of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Bill Gates has presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in recognition of her achievement in healthcare and her contribution to the society at large.
 - Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is the chairperson and managing director of Biocon.
 - Prakash Baba Amte (director of Lok Biradari Prakalp) and Cyrus S. Poonawalla (CMD of Serum Institute of India) have also been awarded with the Lifetime Achievement.

- Q.) Who is the chairperson and managing director of Biocon?
- [a] Prakash Baba Amte
 - [b] Lok Biradari Prakalp
 - [c] Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
 - [d] Cyrus S. Poonawalla
 - [e] Indra Nooyi

- Bajrang Punia has been awarded with the 'Indian Personality of the Year Award' (Sports) at the Indo

- Q.) Who has been awarded with the 'Indian Personality of the Year Award' (Sports) at



Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 held in Dubai, UAE.

- Mahant Gaurav Sharma (World powerlifting champion) has been awarded with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award.

the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019?

- [a] P V Sindhu
- [b] Bajrang Punia
- [c] Sachin Tendulkar
- [d] Sai Praneeth
- [e] Vishwanath Anand

6. World Athletics Award 2019 (given by IAAF) has awarded Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya) with the Male Athlete of the year 2019 for becoming the world's first man to run a marathon in less than 2 hours.
- Dalihah Muhammad (USA) has been awarded with Female Athlete of the year 2019 for setting a new world record in winning 400m Hurdles Gold at the World Athletics Championships 2019.

Q.) Who has been awarded with the Male Athlete of the year 2019 by the World Athletics Award 2019- IAAF?

- [a] Eliud Kipchoge
- [b] Usain Bolt
- [c] Kenenisa Bekele
- [d] Hicham El Guerrouj
- [e] Aries Merritt

7. 13th Asia Pacific Screen Awards (highest award in films in Asia Pacific) were given in Brisbane, Australia.

Q.) Which film has received the 'Best Feature Film' award at the 13th Asia Pacific Screen Awards?

Category	Winners	Director
Best Feature Film	Parasite	Bong Joon-Ho (South Korean)
Best Performance by an Actress	Max Eigenmann	For her acting in Verdict
Best Performance by an Actor	Manoj Bajpayee	For his acting in Bhonsle

- [a] Manjhee
- [b] Parasite
- [c] Verdict
- [d] Bhonsle
- [e] Trueman

8. G Satheesh Reddy (DRDO chairman) has become the first Indian in more than 100 year, to be awarded with the honorary fellowship of Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) of United Kingdom

Q.) Who has become the first Indian to be awarded with the honorary fellowship of Royal Aeronautical Society of United Kingdom?

- [a] G Satheesh Reddy
- [b] Samant Goel
- [c] Viral Acharya
- [d] Arvind Kumar



	[e] Ashwin Patel
9. Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri (Malayalam poet) has been selected for 55th Jnanpith Award 2019.	Q.) Who has been awarded with the 55th Jnanpith Award for the year 2019? [a] Akbar Kakkattil [b] Olappamanna [c] Pallathu Raman [d] Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri [e] P Kesavadev
10. Elavenil Valarivan, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Saurabh Chaudhary will be awarded with “Golden Target Award” by International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).	Q.) Which female shooter has received the “Golden Target Award” 2019 by International Shooting Sports Federation? [a] Elavenil Valarivan [b] Apurvi Chandela [c] Seema Tomar [d] Manu Baker [e] Anjali Bhagwat

SPORTS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
1. India women’s cricket team has won the ACC Women's Emerging Asia Cup 2019 held in Sri Lanka. • Only 4 countries have participated in this cup – Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka.	Q.) Which country has won the ACC Women's Emerging Asia (Cricket) Cup 2019? [a] India [b] Sri Lanka [c] Bangladesh [d] Pakistan [e] Australia
2. South Africa has won the 3rd Rugby World Cup held in Japan and lifted the Webb Ellis Cup (trophy awarded to the winner of the men's Rugby World	Q.) Which country has won the 3rd Rugby World Cup 2019? [a] Britain [b] France



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Cup; named after William Webb Ellis – the inventor of Rugby).

- [c] Japan
[d] Russia
[e] South Africa

3. U23 Senior World Wrestling Championships 2019 (organized by the United World Wrestling) has concluded at the Budapest, Hungary.

- Winner: Russia (145 medals in total).

Category-Wise winners	Winner Team	Total Medal
Freestyle Wrestling	Russia	145
Greco-Roman Style	Iran	122
Women's Wrestling	Japan	230

Q.) Which nation has topped the medal tally in women's category at the UWW's U23 Senior World Wrestling Championships 2019?

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

4. India will host 2023 FIH Men's World Cup, for a 4th time.

- Spain, Netherlands will co-host 2022 FIH Hockey Women's World Cup.

Q.) Where will the 2023 FIH Men's World Cup be held?

- [a] India
[b] Canada
[c] France
[d] Russia
[e] Mexico

5. FIFA World Cup 2026 will be hosted by three nations – USA, Mexico and Canada.

- 2022 FIFA World Cup will be hosted in Doha, Qatar.

Q.) Which of the following is the correct combination of countries hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026?

- [a] US, Mexico, Canada
[b] Brazil, Argentina, Chile
[c] Peru, Columbia, Bolivia
[d] Greenland, Cuba, Bahamas
[e] Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Panama

6. France has won Fed Cup 2019 (international women's tennis tournament) held in Australia.

- Women's Doubles winner – Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (France).

Q.) Which country has won the Fed Cup 2019?

- [a] France
[b] Australia



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Singles winner – Ashleigh Barty (Australia) 	<p>[c] Japan [d] USA [e] UK</p>
<p>7. Jannik Sinner (aged 18 from Italy) has won the Next Gen ATP Finals (tennis) held in Milan, Italy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Generation ATP Finals is an annual men's youth tennis tournament for the best 21-and-under players of the season. 	<p>Q.) Who has won the Next Gen ATP Finals (tennis)?</p> <p>[a] Alexander Zverev [b] Stefanos Tsitsipas [c] Jannik Sinner [d] Nick Kyrgios [e] Denis Shapovalov</p>
<p>8. 9th edition of the World Para Athletics Championship 2019 has concluded in Dubai, UAE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner - China (total medals - 59 medals; gold - 25) India was ranked at 24th position with 9 medals (2 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze). Gold medals have been won by Sundar Singh Gurjar (Javeline throw) and Sandeep Chaudhary (F64 Javeline throw). 	<p>Q.) Which country has won the 9th edition of the World Para Athletics Championship 2019?</p> <p>[a] Ghana [b] Finland [c] India [d] China [e] Sri Lanka</p>
<p>9. India won a total of 12 medals (5 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze) at the Asian Youth Boxing Championship held in Ulaanbaatar (Capital of Mongolia).</p>	<p>Q.) How many medals has India won at the Asian Youth Boxing Championship held in Ulaanbaatar?</p> <p>[a] 12 [b] 10 [c] 5 [d] 9 [e] 3</p>
<p>10. World Athletics Council has announced Belgrade (capital of Serbia) as the host of its first-ever World Athletics Indoor Championships 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yangzhou (China) will host the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships 2022. 	<p>Q.) Which country will host the first-ever World Athletics Indoor Championships 2022?</p> <p>[a] Serbia [b] Denmark</p>



	[c] China [d] New Zealand [e] Australia
11. Rafael Nadal (Spain) has won the men’s singles at the Davis Cup title 2019 (tennis) held in Madrid, Spain. • Spain's Marcel Granollers and Feliciano López won Men’s Doubles.	Q.) Which country has won the Davis Cup 2019? [a] Brazil [b] Spain [c] England [d] Netherlands [e] Denmark
12. 2021 Africa Cup of Nations (33rd edition) – football championship of African nations – will be hosted by Cameroon.	Q.) Where will the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations be held? [a] Kenya [b] Nigeria [c] Morocco [d] South Africa [e] Cameroon

MISCELLANEOUS

NEWS	QUESTIONS
1. Post-Colonial Assam (1947 to 2019) book has been written by Mrinal Talukdar.	Q.) Who has written the Post-Colonial Assam (1947 to 2019) book? [a] Shashi Tharoor [b] Ram Sharan Sharma [c] Romila Thapar [d] Mrinal Talukdar [e] Amitav Ghosh
2. ‘Kashmir’ book has been written by Chitrlekha Zutshi.	Q.) Who is the writer of ‘Kashmir’ book? [a] Rakhshanda Jalil [b] Chitrlekha Zutshi [c] Ashok K. Banker



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	<p>[d] Rita Kothari</p> <p>[e] K.M. Munshi</p>
<p>3. Ben Stokes (cricketer of England) has written the book 'On Fire: My Story of England's Summer to Remember'.</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of the book 'On Fire: My Story of England's Summer to Remember'?</p> <p>[a] Ben Stokes</p> <p>[b] Novak Djokovic</p> <p>[c] Roger Federer</p> <p>[d] Michelle Obama</p> <p>[e] Satya Nadella</p>
<p>4. Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the book titled 'The Rise of Finance: Causes, Consequences and Cure' written by V Anantha Nageswaran and Gulzar Natarajan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The book examines the rise of financialization globally. 	<p>Q.) Who among the following has written 'The Rise of Finance: Causes, Consequences and Cure' book?</p> <p>[a] V Anantha Nageswaran</p> <p>[b] Gulzar Natarajan</p> <p>[c] Vikram Seth</p> <p>[d] Both A and B</p> <p>[e] Both A and C</p>
<p>5. 4th India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2019 was held in Shillong, Meghalaya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Korea is the partner country in the festival. 	<p>Q.) Where was the 4th India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2019 observed?</p> <p>[a] Meghalaya</p> <p>[b] Arunachal Pradesh</p> <p>[c] Sikkim</p> <p>[d] Nagaland</p> <p>[e] Tripura</p>
<p>6. Raghuram Rajan has written a book named 'The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind' which focuses on the importance of community's growth for an economy.</p>	<p>Q.) Who is the writer of 'The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind' book?</p> <p>[a] Urjit Patel</p> <p>[b] Manmohan Singh</p> <p>[c] Raghuram Rajan</p>



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	[d] Shaktikant Das [e] Bibek Debroy
7. Dallol Geothermal Field in Ethiopia is the most torrid zone on Earth with temperature in winters exceeding 45° C. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The research was published in the 'Nature Ecology and Evolution' journal.	Q.) Dallol Geothermal Field is the most torrid zone on Earth with temperature in winters exceeding 45° C. Where is the field located? [a] Ethiopia [b] Ghana [c] Tanzania [d] Mali [e] Senegal



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- 1) ENGLISH DESCRIPTIVE- PERSONAL FEEDBACK
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