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1. Which state government has reduced employees retirement age to 58 years in 2020?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Punjab
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala

Answer b) Punjab. Punjab State government announced major changes in the 2020-21 budget. The budget announcement was made by Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal.

2. Which state Chief Minister has awarded 2020 Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee award?

- a) Odisha
- b) Assam
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer b) Assam. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal was conferred the Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee award 2020 for Politics on 28 February.

3. Zero Discrimination Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 03
- c) March 06
- d) March 09

Answer a) March 01. Zero Discrimination Day is observed on 1 March. The day promotes diversity and recognizes that everyone counts.

4. The symbol for Zero Discrimination Day is the _____.

- a) Butterfly
- b) Heart
- c) Wolf
- d) Dog

Answer a) Butterfly. The symbol for Zero Discrimination Day is the butterfly. It is used by people to share their stories and photos as a way to end discrimination and work towards positive transformation.

5. World Defence Day observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 05
- d) March 07

Answer a) March 01.

6. Joginder Singh Saini, who passed away at 90, is associated with _____.

- a) Scientist
- b) Athletics coach
- c) Actor
- d) All the Above

Answer b) Athletics coach. Veteran athletics coach and Dronacharya awardee Joginder Singh Saini, who groomed some of India's finest track and field stars, died in Patiala due to age-related problems.

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7. Balbir Singh Kullar, who passed away at 77, is associated with _____.

- a) Vocalist
- b) Car Racer
- c) Golf Player
- d) Hockey Player

Answer d) Hockey Player. Former India hockey player Balbir Singh Kullar, who was a part of the 1968 Olympics bronze-winning team, has died after suffering a heart attack at his home in Punjab.

8. Who has been appointed as Prime Minister of Malaysia?

- a) Noorainee Abdul Rahman
- b) Sadham Hussain
- c) AShik Abbas
- d) Muhyiddin Yassin

Answer d) Muhyiddin Yassin. Mr Muhyiddin Yassin was officially sworn in at Istana Negara as Malaysia's prime minister (Mar 1), following a week of political upheaval in the country.

9. Who is the Lok Sabha Speaker?

- a) CM Bodge
- b) Arul Raj
- c) Vishweshwar M
- d) Om Birla

Answer d) Om Birla. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched "Suposhit Maa Abhiyan" to provide nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls.

10. Tamil Nadu to set up technical textiles park in _____.

- a) Coimbatore
- b) Madurai
- c) Salem
- d) Trichy

Answer c) Salem. Close on the heels of the Government of India announcing a Rs 1,480-crore National Technical Textiles Mission, the government of Tamil Nadu has decided to set up a 'technical textiles park' in Salem.

11. Gaurav Gill feted at FMSCI Awards, is associated with _____.

- a) Cricket Player
- b) F1 Racer
- c) Rally Driver
- d) None of these

Answer c) Rally Driver. Rally driver Gaurav Gill took home a special award at the Federation of Motor Sports Club of India (FMSCI) Awards.

12. World Hearing Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 03
- c) March 09
- d) March 11

Answer b) March 03. World Hearing Day is observed on 3 March every year. The day raises awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.

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13. Theme for World Hearing Day is_____.

- a) Don't let hearing loss limit you. Hearing for Life
- b) Prevent deafness
- b) People with hearing loss can achieve their full potential
- d) None of these

Answer a) Don't let hearing loss limit you. Hearing for Life.

14. World Wildlife Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 02
- c) March 03
- d) March 05

Answer c) March 03. World Wildlife Day is observed on 3 March. The day aims to celebrate beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora. It raises awareness to conserve wildlife.

15. The theme of 2020 World Wildlife Day is_____.

- a) Encompasses all wild animal and plant species
- b) Raises awareness to conserve wildlife
- a) Celebrate beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora
- d) Sustaining all life on Earth

Answer d) Sustaining all life on Earth.

16. Which mobile phone has declared Best Smartphone of 2019 by GSMA?

- a) Iphone 11
- b) Oneplus 7T pro
- c) samsung galaxy 10 lite
- d) Realme 7 pro

Answer b) Oneplus 7T pro. Global telecom industry body GSM Association (GSMA) declared OnePlus 7T Pro the Best Smartphone of 2019 at Global Mobile Awards for 2020.

17. Who won Mexican Open title 2020?

- a) Taylor Fritz
- b) samson Grill
- c) Novok Djokovic
- d) Rafael Nadal

Answer d) Rafael Nadal. In Tennis, World Number 2 Rafael Nadal captured his first title of the year, defeating unseeded Taylor Fritz in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, in the final of the ATP Mexico Open.

18. Rakhigarhi is situated at_____.

- a) Assam
- b) Punjab
- c) Madhya pradesh
- d) Haryana

Answer d) Haryana. Rakhigarhi in Haryana will soon emerge as a major tourist destination on the map of India. Situated around 170 kilometres from Delhi, the village is one of the most prominent and largest sites of the Harappan civilisation, popularly known as the Indus Valley Civilisation.

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19. Who is the Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment?

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Thaawarchand Gehlot
- c) Baba Kharak Singh
- d) Nawab Mulatan

Answer b) Thaawarchand Gehlot. Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot will inaugurate the week long Exhibition-cum-Fair “EKAM Fest” organised by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC).

20. Kaziranga National Park is situated at _____.

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Odisha
- c) Assam
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer c) Assam. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs 1.51 crore sanctioned to Kaziranga National Park during the fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-2020 under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA).

21. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Israel?

- a) Benjamin Netanyahu
- b) Benny Gantz
- c) Havil Matna
- d) Nasser Abdul Khan

Answer a) Benjamin Netanyahu. He is seeking a record fifth term, having been in office from 1996 to 1999 and again from 2009.

22. Suposhit Maa Abhiyan has launched in _____.

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Punjab

Answer a) Rajasthan. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla launched “Suposhit Maa Abhiyan” from Kota, Rajasthan. The aim is to create malnutrition-free India.

23. Tasnim Mir and Mansi Singh are associated at _____.

- a) Swimming
- b) Golf
- c) Wrestling
- d) Badminton

Answer d) Badminton. Young Indian shuttlers Tasnim Mir and Mansi Singh won a bronze medal each in the girls’ singles event at the Dutch Junior International 2020 in Haarlem, Netherlands.

24. Who is the new CEO of Nokia?

- a) Rajeev Suri
- b) Thaniansh Kaii
- c) Bhadhuri Jagan
- d) Pekka Lundmark

Answer d) Pekka Lundmark. Pekka Lundmark, the outgoing President and CEO of energy

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firm Fortum, has been elected as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Nokia, the Finnish company announced.

25. Who has been appointed Delhi Jal Board Vice Chairman?

- a) Abilash Kumar
- b) Jai Pandey
- c) Bhandhra Dubey
- d) Raghav Chadha

Answer d) Raghav Chadha . The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government appointed first-time MLA Raghav Chadha as vice-chairman of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB). Chadha (31), represents the Rajendra Nagar Assembly constituency.

26. Jack Welch, who passed away at 84, is associated with_____.

- a) Vocalist
- b) Golf Legend
- c) Business Superstar
- d) Actor

Answer c) Business Superstar. Jack Welch, who led General Electric through two decades of extraordinary corporate prosperity and became the most influential business manager of his generation, died at his home in Manhattan. He was 84.

27. Who has become the world number one batsman in Women's T20I cricket?

- a) Smriti Mandana
- b) Shafali Verma
- c) Suzi Bates
- d) Steffi Chorus

Answer b) Shafali Verma. The 16-year-old, who has played 18 T20Is, jumped 19 spots to take over the top rank from New Zealand's Suzie Bates, who had been on top since October 2018. Shafali is only the second Indian batsman after Mithali Raj to top Women's T20I rankings.

28. Which state Government has provided Rs.900 per month to farmers willing to keep stray cattle?

- a) Chandigarh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Punjab

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that his government will pay Rs 900 per month to farmers willing to keep stray cattle.

29. Who has been appointed as key member of US COVID-19 task force?

- a) Anjali Kumar
- b) Susuana Kathir
- c) Gaurav Sanjay
- d) Seema Verma

Answer d) Seema Verma. Indian-American Seema Verma has been appointed as one of the key members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force constituted by US President Donald Trump to combat the deadly disease that has claimed six lives in the country and infected over 90 others.

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30. India has _____ highest trade-related illicit financial flow globally: Report.

- a) 3rd
- b) 4th
- c) 6th
- d) 8th

Answer a) 3rd. India has the third-highest trade-related illicit financial flow among over 135 countries with a whopping USD 83.5 billion escaping the government's tax net owing to trade-based money laundering tactics, according to a report released by US-based think tank Global Financial Integrity (GFI).

31. NABARD - in this "R" represents _____.

- a) Rural
- b) Regional
- c) Reinforcement
- d) None of these

Answer a) Rural. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development said it has infused Rs 1.46 lakh crore in the rural banking system during the current fiscal.

32. Which sanctuary has declared as an eco-sensitive zone by the central government?

- a) National Chambal sanctuary
- b) Kaziranga National Park
- c) Darrah National Park
- d) Jawahar Sagar Dam

Answer a) National Chambal sanctuary. The decision to declare the area as an eco-sensitive zone will prohibit the construction of hotels or resorts within an area of zero to two kilometres from the sanctuary, according to a report by PTI.

33. 35th edition of AAHAR, Food and Hospitality fair, begins in _____.

- a) Pune
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Chennai

Answer b) New Delhi. This five-day-long fair is being organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation, ITPO, with support of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Agriculture and Processed Food Products Development Authority and several apex industry associations.

34. Azlan Shah Cup is associated with _____.

- a) Cricket
- b) Hockey
- c) Kabbadi
- d) Kho-kho

Answer b) Hockey. The prestigious Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament has been postponed from April to September this year in the wake of the novel coronavirus outbreak across the world.

35. 68th All India Police Athletic Championship kick started in _____.

- a) Punjab
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Haryana
- d) Nagaland

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Answer c) Haryana. 68th All India Police Athletic Championship-2019 began at Bhanu in Panchkula District of Haryana yesterday.

36. According to FIH work rankings, Indian hockey team secured _____ rank.

- a) 1st
- b) 3rd
- c) 4th
- d) 6th

Answer c) 4th. The Indian men's hockey team has secured an all-time highest spot in the FIH rankings. Team India attained the fourth position since the inception of FIH work rankings in 2003.

37. Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary?

- a) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- b) Vishnuvi Menon
- c) Advik Yash
- d) Sandeesh Nair

Answer a) Ajay Bhushan Pandey. Government of India appointed the current Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey as the new Finance Secretary. Pandey replaces current Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar.

38. UIDAI - in this "U" represents _____.

- a) Unique
- b) United
- c) Union
- d) Urban

Answer a) Unique. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

39. EPFO lowers interest rate on deposits to _____ pc for 2019-20.

- a) 5
- b) 6.4
- c) 7.1
- d) 8.5

Answer d) 8.5. Retirement fund body, Employees' Provident Fund Organization, (EPFO) lowered the interest rate on provident fund deposits to 8.5 per cent for the current financial year.

40. Google open its next cloud region of India at _____ by 2021.

- a) Kolkata
- b) Chennai
- c) Bengaluru
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. This is the second cloud region of Google after Mumbai, which was launched in 2017. Google owns 22 cloud regions in Asia Pacific.

41. Which country has become the first country to make all forms of public transport free?

- a) Finland
- b) Luxembourg
- c) Scotland

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d) Brazil

Answer b) Luxembourg. Luxembourg in Europe has become the first country to make all forms of public transport free. It is the second smallest country in the European Union.

42. National Security Day is observed on_____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 04
- c) March 05
- d) March 07

Answer b) March 04. The Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas or National Security Day was celebrated throughout India. The Day is celebrated to honour the work of Indian Security Forces.

43. Which city will be hosting the International Olympic Committee’s (IOC) session in 2023?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Moscow
- c) Paris
- d) Texas

Answer a) Mumbai. Mumbai will be hosting the International Olympic Committee’s (IOC) session in 2023. The announcement was passed by IOC president Thomas Bach.

44. Workshop on Increasing Water Use Efficiency in Industries held in _____.

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Thrissur
- d) Coimbatore

Answer a) New Delhi. Workshop on “Increasing Water Use Efficiency in Industries” was inaugurated by the Secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (WR, RD & GR) U.P. Singh.

45. Janaushadhi week is celebrated from_____.

- a) 1-7 March
- b) 2-8 March
- c) 1-4 March
- d) 2-4 March

Answer a) 1-7 March. Janaushadhi week is celebrated in India from 1-7 March 2020. During this occasion, various activities like health checkup Camp, Jan Aushadhi Paricharcha, Jan Aushadhi ka sath are being undertaken.

46. India Pharma 2020 and India Medical Device 2020 Conference has held at _____.

- a) Punjab
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Gujarat
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer c) Gujarat. India Pharma 2020 & India Medical Device 2020 Conference & Exhibition has been scheduled to be held at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat from 5-7 March 2020.

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47. BIMSTEC - in this "B" represents _____.

- a) Bilingual
- b) Business
- c) Bay of Bengal
- d) Bilateral

Answer c) Bay of Bengal. Sri Lanka agreed to a plan for a Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) facility for technology transfer within the country

48. World first women's travel company in _____.

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) USA
- c) India
- d) Australia

Answer c) India. In Ladakh, a young woman Thinlas Chorol has introduced woman trekking guide in the male dominated trekking industry. To train the other women as trekking guide , she setup the first women's travel company fully operated by women only.

49. Who has named BCCI's named selection committee Chairman?

- a) Pratyush Joshi
- b) Sunil Joshi
- c) Advait Nath
- d) Abhay Krishna A

Answer b) Sunil Joshi. Former India spinner Sunil Joshi was named Chairman of the national selection panel by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), which also picked ex-pacer Harvinder Singh in the five-member group.

50. Asian badminton meet moved from Wuhan to _____.

- a) Jakarta
- b) Dushanbe
- c) Agartala
- d) Manila

Answer d) Manila. The Asian Badminton Championships slated to take place in Wuhan from April 21-26 has been relocated to Manila.

51. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of PUMA?

- a) Amir Khan
- b) Kareena Kapoor
- c) Smriti Mandana
- d) Virat Kohli

Answer b) Kareena Kapoor. PUMA announced Kareena Kapoor Khan as their latest brand ambassador in India. She joins the company's roster of dynamic women personalities like MC Mary Kom, Dutee Chand, Sara Ali Khan, Selena Gomez among others.

52. Who has voted 'Greatest Leader of All Time' in BBC poll?

- a) Tipu Sultan
- b) Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- c) Rani Lakshmi Bai
- d) Mughalai Singh

Answer b) Maharaja Ranjit Singh. The 19th century Sikh Empire ruler Maharaja Ranjit

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Singh has been named the “Greatest Leader of All Time” in a poll conducted by ‘BBC World Histories Magazine’.

53. Who is appointed as Chief Information Commissioner?

- a) Sunil Mishra
- b) Prem Kovind
- c) Bimal Julka
- d) Abhinav Bhandra

Answer c) Bimal Julka. Information Commissioner Bimal Julka was appointed the Chief Information Commissioner (CIC). President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of office to Julka at a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

54. International Conference on Nano-Science and Nano Technology held in _____.

- a) Kolkata
- b) Pune
- c) Jaipur
- d) Chennai

Answer a) Kolkata. The Conference is to be held between March 5, 2020 and March 7, 2020.

55. BHOG of FSSAI - in this "B" represents _____.

- a) Blissful
- b) Bilateral
- c) Bilingual
- d) None of these

Answer a) Blissful. BHOG is Blissful Hygiene Offering to God. These are certificates issued by FSSAI. The BHOG certificates ensure quality of food offered to devotees and deities as well. It was launched as a precautionary measure to maintain hygiene of foods at the temples.

56. Who has been appointed as Information Commissioner of CIC?

- a) Vijay Muktha
- b) Dr Rama Sunder
- c) Latha Kumari M
- d) Amita Pandove

Answer d) Amita Pandove. Smt Amita Pandove sworn in as the Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission (CIC). The oath of office was administered by the Chief Information Commissioner, Shri Bimal Julka.

57. Which is the new summer capital of Uttarakhand?

- a) Joshimath
- b) Nainital
- c) Haridwar
- d) Gairsain

Answer d) Garisain. Gairsain was made the new summer capital of Uttarakhand. The announcement was made by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat at the assembly session convened in Gairsain.

58. Which state govt has Offered Safe Homes Rs 70,000 Aid to Inter-Faith and Inter-Caste Married Couples?

- a) Tamil Nadu

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- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

Answer b) Kerala. The main initiative, named Safe Homes will provide inter-faith and inter-caste couples temporary shelters for up to a year after their marriage.

59. Google Cloud Announces _____ as Its Second India Region.

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Kolkata

Answer c) New Delhi. Google announced plans to open its second Cloud region in India in Delhi next year and help regulated industries such as healthcare and financial services as well as public sector organizations across the country to achieve their Cloud goal.

60. All commercial airports security of India are under the control of _____.

- a) CISF
- b) Police
- c) CPRF
- d) Army

Answer a) CISF. The CISF is responsible for airport security at all commercial airports of India. Earlier the airports were under the control of airport police. However, after the hijack of Indian Airlines Flight 814 in 1999, it was handed over to CISF.

61. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana signs MoU with _____ to e-market.

- a) Flipkart
- b) Big Basket
- c) Paytm
- d) Amazon

Answer d) Amazon. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) has signed MoU with Amazon to e-market products made by self help groups in India.

62. Google India introduced DigiPivot, a skilling programme designed for _____.

- a) Disability Person
- b) Deaf and dumb
- c) Women
- d) All the above

Answer c) Women. Google India introduced DigiPivot, a skilling programme designed for women who are looking to return to their corporate careers after a break or simply planning to make mid-career shifts to digital marketing.

63. K Anbazhagan, who passed away at 97, is associated with _____.

- a) Politician
- b) Journalist
- c) Actor
- d) None of these

Answer a) Politician. K Anbazhagan, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) General

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Secretary for 43 years, passed away here on at the age of 97. He breathed his last at Apollo Hospitals in Chennai, following a prolonged illness.

64. International Women's Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 03
- c) March 05
- d) March 08

Answer d) March 08. Every year, March 8th is marked as International Women's Day. It was first proposed by the Socialist Party of America in 1909.

65. Theme for International Women's Day is _____.

- a) An Equal World is an Enabled World
- b) Women and World
- c) Equality is equally distribute
- d) None of these

Answer a) An Equal World is an Enabled World.

66. NCLT - in this "T" represents _____.

- a) Training
- b) Term
- c) Tribunal
- d) Tribal

Answer c) Tribunal. The resolution professional of Reliance Communications has approached the National Company Law Tribunal with a resolution plan.

67. Which women cricket team won ICC Women's T20 World Cup?

- a) India
- b) New Zealand
- c) Australia
- d) Bangladesh

Answer c) Australia. Defending champions Australia have won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup for record fifth time, outclassing India by 85 runs in the summit clash at Melbourne.

68. Centre to make Sanitary pad disposal bags mandatory from _____.

- a) 2021 March
- b) 2021 January
- c) 2021 May
- d) 2021 June

Answer b) 2021 January. The Centre is to make it mandatory for the sanitary napkin companies to provide bio-degradable disposal bags from January 2021.

69. Fourth International Diabetes Summit 2020 started in _____.

- a) Pune
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Leh
- d) Mysore

Answer a) Pune. Fourth International Diabetes Summit 2020 inaugurated at JW Marriot Hotel Pune. Lt Gen Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar (Deputy Chief of Integrated Defense Staff under

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the Chief of Defense Staff was the Chief Guest, and Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan (Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi

70. More than _____ of schools are without power and playgrounds- parliamentary panel.

- a) 20%
- b) 15%
- c) 30%
- d) 40%

Answer d) 40%. A Parliamentary panel set up on education submitted its report to Rajya Sabha on 2020-21 demand for grants. The report said that shortfalls in budget funds has led to critical infrastructure gaps.

71. Which state topped in Poshan Abhiyan's participants list?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Odisha

Answer b) Tamil Nadu. The Union Government is implementing the flagship programme Poshan Abhiyan for improving the nutritional status of Indian citizens. It helps children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers by leveraging technology.

72. Which country has introduced motion to launch inquiry into gender discrimination on International Women's day?

- a) Andaman & Nicobar
- b) Maldives
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Mauritius

Answer b) Maldives. Maldives Parliament introduced a motion to launch an inquiry into systemic gender discrimination on the occasion of International Women's day.

73. UN economists forecast drop of up to _____ in FDI worldwide.

- a) 9%
- b) 12%
- c) 15%
- d) 27%

Answer c) 15%. The rapid spread of the deadly Novel Corona virus is expected to take a serious toll on foreign direct investments worldwide, with UN economists forecasting a drop of up to 15 percent.

74. 'She inspires Us' is conducted by _____.

- a) Army
- b) Navy
- c) Air Force
- d) All the above

Answer a) Army. As a prelude to the upcoming International Women's Day and conscious to the increasing danger to the safety of women in our society, a unit of Indian Army organized a demonstration on Self Defence themed "Stronger You Stronger Society" for the local womenfolk at Dhamdhama Anchlik College in Nalbari District.

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75. CISF celebrated 51st raising day on _____.

- a) March 08
- b) March 10
- c) March 12
- d) March 14

Answer b) March 10. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) celebrated the 51st raising day on 10 March. The day was celebrated by CISF personnel and their families. CISF was established on 10 March 1969.

76. Who has become Asia's richest man?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Indra Nooyi
- c) Jack Ma
- d) Praveen Bennett

Answer c) Jack Ma. Bloomberg Billionaires Index reported that Jack Ma became Asia's richest man. Mukesh Ambani, who stood as Asia's richest man, has moved to the second position after oil prices collapsed along with global stocks.

77. According to SIPRI, India listed as the world's _____-largest arms importer.

- a) Third
- b) second
- c) Fourth
- d) Third

Answer b) Second. India stands as the world's second-largest arms importer as per the "Trends in international arms transfers 2019" report of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) data.

78. Who has received BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year award?

- a) Saina Nehwal
- b) Sania Mirza
- c) Hima Das
- d) PV Sindhu

Answer d) PV Sindhu. Shuttler PV Sindhu has won the inaugural BCC 'Indian Sportswoman of the Year' award. "We have to believe in ourselves. soon there will be more Indian sportswomen winning medals for the country," she said after winning the award.

79. Which state has highest number of Solar Rooftop Installations?

- a) Assam
- b) Odisha
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

Answer d) Gujarat. Gujarat has topped solar roof top plants across the country. The state government has taken up dedicated schemes in order to achieve renewable power goals.

80. UAN (Banking Terms) - in this "U" represents _____.

- a) Unique
- b) Universal
- c) Unified
- d) Underterms

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Answer b) Universal. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) said that Pension Payment Order (PPO) and Universal Account Number (UAN) numbers are now available on the government's e-locker service DigiLocker.

81. Who has been appointed deputy MD, CFO of SBI?

- a) CM Bodge
- b) Ramesh Kanna
- c) Chalasani Venkat Nageswar
- d) Rajender Reddy

Answer c) Chalasani Venkat Nageswar . State Bank of India said Chalasani Venkat Nageswar has been given additional charge of deputy managing director and chief financial officer (CFO) of the bank.

82. 11th INDIA Nano conference and exhibition held at _____.

- a) Pune
- b) Chennai
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Jaipur

Answer c) Bengaluru . The three-day event was organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of Karnataka, and Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), in association with other Govt Institutions and corporate companies.

83. ARI-516, is associated with _____.

- a) Software
- b) Weapons
- c) Disease
- d) Fruits

Answer d) fruits. Scientists from the Agharkar Research Institute (ARI) have developed a hybrid variety of grapes, ARI-516. It is resistant to fungal diseases, high yielding, and has excellent juice quality.

84. Amit Panghal, Lovlina Borgohain won bronze medal, are associated with _____.

- a) Boxing
- b) Wrestling
- c) Swimming
- d) Weightlifting

Answer a) Boxing. Boxers Amit Panghal and Lovlina Borgohain won the bronze medal in the Asian Boxing Olympic qualifiers held in Amman, Jordan. Both the boxers had already claimed their place in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

85. MCLR (Banking terms) - in this "M" represents _____.

- a) Money
- b) Marginal
- c) Minimum
- d) Maximum

Answer b) Marginal. The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has cut its marginal cost of fund-based lending rate (MCLR) by up to 15 basis points across various tenors effective March 10, a move which will make home loans cheaper.

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86. Hola Mohalla festival celebrated at _____.

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Maharastra
- d) Punjab

Answer d) Punjab. Hola Mohalla festival was celebrated at Anandpur Sahib Punjab from 10-12 March 2020. Hola Mohalla is a Sikh festival celebrated in the month of Phalgun, a day after Holi.

87. GOKADDAL-worlds first Digital Solutions Exchange cloud launched in _____.

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Japan
- d) USA

Answer b) India. The world's first Digital Solutions Exchange in the cloud "GOKADDAL" has been launched in India. GOKADDAL will revolutionize the way digital solutions are sourced, delivered, and managed.

88. Wings India 2020 began in _____.

- a) Pune
- b) Mumbai
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Chennai

Answer c) Hyderabad .Wings India 2020, an International conference and exhibition on the Civil Aviation sector, has begun on 12 March in Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad, India. The conference will be held from 12-15 March 2020.

89. WHO declared COVID-19 a _____.

- a) Pandemic
- b) Catastrophe
- c) Strategy
- d) Solicit

Answer a) pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a "pandemic" on 11 March. The infectious disease has spread freely in more than 100 countries around the world.

90. Which State government has approved the implementation of "happy hour" for autorickshaws?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) karnataka
- d) Maharastra

Answer d) Maharastra. Maharashtra State government approved the implementation of "happy hour" for autorickshaws. The move was recommended by Khatua panel, which is led by retired IAS officer BC Khatua and the four-members of the panel.

91. 6th International Day of Yoga led by PM Modi to be held in _____.

- a) Jaipur
- b) Gandhi Nagar

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- c) Mumbai
- d) Leh

Answer d) Leh. The Major national event for the 6th International Day of Yoga is to be held in Leh, the capital of Ladakh on 21st June, 2020.

92. Santu Mukhopadhyay, who passed away at 69 , is associated with_____.

- a) Actor
- b) Politician
- c) Athlete
- d) None of these

Answer a) Actor. Veteran Bengali actor Santu Mukhopadhyay died aged 69 in Kolkata. Reportedly, he had been suffering from cancer for long and was admitted to a hospital on February 4 with blood sugar and hypertension.

93. Which department has launched free digital parcel locker service?

- a) Railway
- b) Postal
- c) Bank
- d) All the above

Answer b) Postal. The Department of Posts has introduced a free digital parcel locker service in the city from 11 March for the first time in India.

94. Who has appointed as CSO of Microsoft?

- a) Sam Johnson
- b) Rina Mathew
- c) Eric Horvitz
- d) Hardley Son

Answer c) Eric Horvitz. Microsoft has appointed Eric Horvitz as its first-ever Chief Scientific Officer (CSO). He will provide cross-company leadership on advances and trends on scientific matters and on issues and opportunities arising at the intersection of technology people and society.

95. According to Animal Protection Index, India secured _____ rank.

- a) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- c) 4th
- d) 5th

Answer a) 2nd. Global Animal Protection Index 2020 was released by World Animal Protection, an international animal welfare charity.

96. Dearness Allowance hiked from 17% to _____ for central govt employees.

- a) 20%
- b) 21%
- c) 25%
- d) 30%

Answer b) 21%. The Union Cabinet increase in the Dearness Allowance to central government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners from 17% to 21% with effect from January 1, 2020.

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97. India shares second position with _____ as most promising source of disruptive technologies.

- a) China
- b) USA
- c) Japan
- d) Korea

Answer a) China. India surged back to tie the second position with China in KPMG's 2020 global technology industry innovation survey which includes responses from more than 800 global leaders in the technology industry.

98. Which state hosts Divya Kala Shakti for the first time?

- a) Kerala
- b) Telanagan
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer d) Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu State government is to host the first-ever regional event "Divya Kala Shakti: Witnessing the abilities in disabilities a unique cultural" event at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 12 March 2020.

99. Mr. Rajesh Chaplot honoured with the Highest Civilian Award of Uganda, who is associated with _____.

- a) Journalism
- b) Politics
- c) Sports
- d) Business

Answer d) Business. Distinguished Non-Resident Indian (NRI) businessman, Mr. Rajesh Chaplot was honoured with the Highest Civilian Award (Golden Jubilee Medal-Civilians) of Uganda.

100. International Pi Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 10
- b) March 11
- c) March 13
- d) March 14

Answer d) March 14. International Pi (π) day is observed on 14 March. The day was chosen as 3, 1, and 4, which are the first three significant digits of π .

101. International Day of Action for Rivers is observed on _____.

- a) March 14
- b) March 16
- c) March 18
- d) March 20

Answer a) March 14. The day aims to stress the importance of rivers and how it affects the lives of the people.

102. Theme for International Day of Action for Rivers is _____.

- a) Women, Earth, and Climate Change
- b) Women, Water, and Earth
- c) Women, Water, and Planet

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d) Women, Water, and Climate Change

Answer d) Women, Water, and Climate Change.

103. World Sleep Day is observed on _____.

a) March 12

b) March 13

c) March 14

d) March 15

Answer b) March 13. The day raises awareness about the social effects that sleep deprivation can have on everyday life.

104. Sir Creek Issue between _____.

a) India and Nepal

b) Pakistan and China

c) India and Pakistan

d) Chian and Japan

Answer c) India and Pakistan. The issue between India and Pakistan over Sir Creek is the interpretation of boundary between Sindh and Kutch.

105. MEIS - in this "M" represents _____.

a) Market

b) Moment

c) Money

d) Merchandise

Answer d) merchandise. The Union Cabinet approved to withdraw the MEIS (Merchandise Export from India) Scheme in phases.

106. World Consumer Rights day is observed on _____.

a) March 10

b) March 12

c) March 15

d) March 18

Answer c) March 15. World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15 March. The consumer movement marks 15 March with World Consumer Rights Day every year. The day aims to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs.

107. Theme for World Consumer Rights day is _____.

a) The sustianable customer

b) Consumer rights and needs

c) All consumers are respected and protected

d) None of these

Answer a) The sustianable customer.

108. NMCG concludes 'Ganga Amantran Abhiyan' in _____.

a) Mumbai

b) New Delhi

c) Chennai

d) Pune

Answer b) New Delhi. The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) recently organised a

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grand event in the national capital to mark the conclusion of its flagship programme ‘Ganga Amantran Abhiyan’.

109. SpiceJet, GHASL sign agreement to develop free trade zone at _____.

- a) Mumbai
- b) CHennai
- c) Thrissur
- d) Hyderabad

Answer d) Hyderabad. SpiceJet has signed an Agreement to Lease with GMR Hyderabad Aviation SEZ Limited (GHASL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd.

110. Who is the new MD of Yes Bank?

- a) Hari Krishanan
- b) C Ram Mohan Reddy
- c) Mahesh Krishnamurthy
- d) Prashant Kumar

Answer d) Prashant Kumar. After taking control of the bank, the RBI had appointed Prashant Kumar, former chief financial officer at State Bank of India, as the administrator for Yes Bank. Kumar has now been appointed as MD and CEO.

111. MSP - in this "S" represents _____.

- a) Service
- b) Support
- c) Second
- d) Satellite

Answer b) Support. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved for the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for copra for 2020 season.

112. UNCTAD - in thin "D" represents _____.

- a) Development
- b) Defence
- c) Difference
- d) Delhi

Answer a) Development. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development recently released a report on the effect of COVID-19 on global economy.

113. According to UNCTAD, India secured _____ rank in economically affected due to Corona Virus.

- a) 6th
- b) 8th
- c) 10th
- d) 12th

Answer c) 10th. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development recently released a report on the effect of COVID-19 on global economy. According to the report, India was ranked 10th.

114. India declares COVID-19 as _____.

- a) Strategic disorder

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- b) Catastrophe
- c) Disease Disaster
- d) Notified Disaster

Answer d) notified Disaster. With more than 80 confirmed COVID-19 cases, India has declared “notified Disaster”. With this, the SDRF funds are to be temporarily used for supply of food, medical care and water for patients in quarantine camps.

115. SAARC - in this "R" represents _____.

- a) Reinforcement
- b) Refinery
- c) Regional
- d) None of these

Answer c) Regional. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted a video-conference meet of leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) member nations to tackle the novel coronavirus (Covid-19).

116. Who won 2020 All England Badminton Championships?

- a) Chen Yu Fyi
- b) Tai Tzu Ying
- c) Victoria Sheng
- d) Chang Mang

Answer b) Tai Tzu Ying. Taiwan’s Tai Tzu Ying won the third women’s singles title in four years at the Yonex All England Badminton Championships 2020 in Birmingham, England. She defeated the defending champion, Chen Yu Fei, on 15 March.

117. India to provide 107.01 million for three new school buildings in _____.

- a) Nepal
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Australia

Answer a) Nepal. Indian government will provide 107.01 million Nepali Rupees for three new school buildings in Nepal.

118. Who has conferred the Moghai Ojah award?

- a) Sangma Oli
- b) Jegannadh Toreng
- c) Paramananda Majumder
- d) Moghjai Ojah

Answer c) Paramananda Majumder. Eminent researcher and writer Dr. Paramananda Majumder was presented the 10th Moghai Ojah Award at a function held at the auditorium of Jorhat Science Centre and Planetarium on 15 March.

119. First human trial of a vaccine to protect against COVID-19 began in the _____.

- a) China
- b) India
- c) USA
- d) Russia

Answer c) USA. The first human trial of a vaccine against coronavirus (COVID-19) began at Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute (KPWHRI) in Seattle, the US.

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120. Ranjan Gogoi, nominated to Rajya Sabha by the President, Who is associated with_____.

- a) Former Chief Justice
- b) Former Army Major
- c) Former Governor
- d) Former Navy Commander

Answer a) former Chief Justice. The former chief justice retired in November, 2019. Rajya Sabha is called the council of states. The Council of states of defined by Article 80 of the constitution. The council of states consists of 12 members that are nominated by the President of India.

121. Patil Puttappa, who passed away, is associated with_____.

- a) Former Lok Sabha member
- b) Former Rajya Sabha member
- c) veteran journalist
- d) Both b and c

Answer d) Both b and c. The veteran journalist and Rajya Sabha member Patil Puttappa passed away at the Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS). He died due to age related ailments.

122. Who has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation (PFC)?

- a) Ravinder Singh Dhillon
- b) Chandra Kanth Mithran
- c) Ajay Kumara Devan
- d) None of these

Answer a) Ravinder Singh Dhillon. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has cleared the appointment of Ravinder Singh Dhillon as Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation (PFC).

123. Indian Culture Portal is available in_____.

- a) Hindi
- b) English
- c) Marathi
- d) Both a and b

Answer d) Both a and b. Indian Culture Portal was launched on 10 December 2019. The portal is available in 2 languages, namely Hindi and English. The portal aims to create awareness about the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of India.

124. An Extraordinary Life book is about_____.

- a) Manohar Parrikar
- b) Sushma Swaraj
- c) Sushant Rajan
- d) Arun Jeitley

Answer a) Manohar Parrikar. A book on the life and times of bureaucrat-turned-politician Manohar Parrikar, who served as the defence minister and Goa chief minister, will hit the stands in April, announced publishing house Penguin Random House India.

125. Rohini Mohan and Arfa Khanum Sherwani won the Chameli Devi Jain Award, are associated with_____.

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- a) Actresses
- b) Spinters
- c) Politicians
- d) Journalists

Answer d) Journalists. The 2019 Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Women Mediaperson for the year has been awarded to independent journalist Rohini Mohan and The Wire's Arfa Khanum Sherwani.

126. LTRO is expand as_____.

- a) Long Term Repo Operations
- b) Little Term Repo Operations
- c) Long Term Reverse Operations
- d) None of these

Answer a) Long Term Repo Operations. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that, in the wake of the epidemic Covid-19, the central bank would use Forex swap and long-term repo operations (LTROs) to mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 on the Indian Economy.

127. Who won 2019 Road Safety Media Fellowship award?

- a) Prachi Salve
- b) Pradeep Dwivedi
- c) Shangal Chaturvedi
- d) Both a and b

Answer d) Both a and b. The award recognized their contribution towards reporting on road safety by the Centre for Media Studies (CMS). The awardees were selected by a three-member jury.

128. Stand Up India Scheme is associated with_____.

- a) Entrepreneurial projects
- b) Journalist
- c) Lyrics Persons
- d) All the above

Answer a) entrepreneurial projects. Ministry of Finance reported that more than Rs.20,466.94 crores of loans had been sanctioned under Stand Up India Scheme to over 91,000 accounts up to 10 March 2020.

129. Who has been appointed as HSBC CEO?

- a) John Peter
- b) John Flint
- c) Noel Quinn
- d) Mathewson Peter

Answer c) Noel Quinn. HSBC Holdings plc (LON:HSBA) announced the appointment of Noel Quinn as Group Chief Executive Officer.

130. HSBC Bank headquarter is situated in_____.

- a) Geneva
- b) New Delhi
- c) London
- d) Canada

Answer c) London.

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131. Who has been appointed as India CEO of Salesforce?

- a) Indra Nooyi
- b) Latha Sampath
- c) Ravi Varman
- d) Arundhati Bhattacharya

Answer d) Arundhati Bhattacharya. She was the first woman to lead the more than 200-year-old bank. She retired from SBI in 2017 after spending four decades in various roles.

132. Which state govt has declared COVID-19 an epidemic?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Odisha
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Bihar. The Bihar government has declared COVID-19 as an epidemic and issued the Bihar Epidemic Diseases COVID-19 Regulation 2020.

133. Prime Minister Pays Tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his 100th Birth Anniversary, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is associated with_____.

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) India
- d) Nepal

Answer a) Bangladesh. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is remembered for his courage and indelible contribution to Bangladesh's progress.

134. Who has been appointed as a member of Rajya Sabha?

- a) Maran Hasthina
- b) Ranjan Gogoi
- c) Rahul Singh Thakur
- d) KTS Tulsi

Answer b) Ranjan Gogoi. Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi took oath as a member of Rajya Sabha on 19 March 2020.

135. Ordnance Factory Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 12
- b) March 15
- c) March 18
- d) March 28

Answer c) March 18. The Ordnance Factory Day is observed on 18 March. The Ordnance Factories are observing their 219th foundation day this year.

136. The first ordnance factory is known as the '_____ '.

- a) Weapon Factory
- b) Gun and Shell Factory
- c) Military and Gun Factory
- d) None of these

Answer b) Gun and Shell Factory. The day marks the establishment of the first Ordnance Factory on 18 March 1801. The first factory is known as the 'Gun and Shell Factory' at Cossipore in Kolkata.

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137. Who has been appointed as MD of Google Cloud in India?

- a) Kiran Rathore
- b) Karan Bajwa
- c) Reshmi Desai
- d) Murali Balakrishnan

Answer b) Karan Bajwa. Google appointed Karan Bajwa as Managing Director (MD) of Google Cloud in India. He will advise Google Cloud's work with the local developer ecosystem and India-based Global System Integrators (GSIs).

138. According to GOI, Left Wing Extremism has declined by _____ in last five years.

- a) 12%
- b) 17%
- c) 24%
- d) 38%

Answer d) 38%. This has been possible mainly due to the implementation of "National Policy and Action Plan-2015".

139. Which state has topped in disbursement of agriculture credit?

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

Answer d) Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu has topped in disbursement of agriculture credit by giving away loans worth ₹1,63,289 crore out of a total of ₹10,33,183 crore distributed across the country till December 31 this fiscal.

140. Who is the new PM of Iraq?

- a) Adnan Al-Zurfi
- b) Barham Salih
- c) Sabith Aslam
- d) Ashik Mohammed

Answer a) Adnan Al-Zurfi. Iraqi President Barham Salih appointed Adnan al-Zurfi as the country's new prime minister-designate in the latest bid to resolve a months-long political crisis.

141. Which India first private firm has get COVID-19 test approval?

- a) Green Signal Biopharma Pvt.ltd
- b) Sun Pharma
- c) Roche Diagnostics
- d) Biocon

Answer c) Roche Diagnostics. Swiss firm Roche Diagnostics India received the license for conducting coronavirus tests after approval from drug regulator DCGI, making it the first private firm to get such permission after the government decided to allow accredited private labs to test for COVID-19.

142. French Language Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 18
- b) March 20
- c) March 22

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d) March 25

Answer b) March 20. French Language Day is observed on 20th March. The day explores the influences of the language as a culture, its history, and its achievements. The day celebrates multilingualism and cultural diversity.

143. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) had planned _____ missions for the fiscal year 2020-21.

- a) 10
- b) 20
- c) 28
- d) 36

Answer d) 36. Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, announced that the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) had planned 36 missions for the fiscal year 2020-21. ISRO is to send up ten earth observation satellites during 2020-21.

144. World Sparrow Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 20
- b) March 26
- c) March 30
- d) April 03

Answer a) March 20. World Sparrow Day is observed on 20th March. It is observed every year. The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of sparrows in the ecosystem.

145. The theme for the 2020 World Sparrow Day is ‘_____’.

- a) Sparrow and Nature
- b) I Love Sparrow
- c) Sparrows in the ecosystem
- d) Sparrow population

Answer b) I Love Sparrow.

146. International Day of Happiness is celebrated on _____.

- a) March 03
- b) March 13
- c) March 16
- d) March 20

Answer d) March 20. International Day of Happiness is celebrated on 20 March. The day aims to inspire and advance the global happiness movement.

147. The theme for International Day of Happiness 2020 is _____.

- a) Global happiness movement
- b) United Nations International Day of Happiness.
- c) Happiness For All, Together
- d) Happiness and live together

Answer c) Happiness For All, Together.

148. PM Modi addresses the Nation to Introduces “_____”, Economic Response Task Force to fight Corona Virus.

- a) People support
- b) People's Response

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- c) People's Curfew
- d) People Address

Answer c) People's Curfew . Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on combating Corona Virus. The PM introduced People's Curfew during his speech. He also said that Economic Task Force is to be implemented under the Finance Minister.

149. According to International Energy Agency, India is the _____ largest producer of Electricity.

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) Fourth

Answer c) Third. The Ministry of Power quoted International Energy Agency ranking in the Parliament. According to the ranking, India is the third largest producer of electricity in the world. Also, it is ranked 106th in terms of per capital consumption.

150. 2020 olympic is held at_____.

- a) Japan
- b) USA
- c) Australia
- d) India

Answer a) Japan. Greece has handed over the Olympic flame to Tokyo 2020 organisers at an event which was 'significantly scaled-down' due to coronavirus pandemic.

151. International Nowruz Day is celebrated on _____.

- a) March 02
- b) March 13
- c) March 16
- d) March 21

Answer d) March 21. International Nowruz Day celebrated globally on 21 March every year. International Nowruz Day to celebrate Nowruz which is an ancestral festivity and marks the first day of spring as well as the renewal of nature.

152. International Day of Forests is observed on _____.

- a) March 21
- b) March 29
- c) April 03
- d) April 28

Answer a) March 21. The aim is to increase awareness and importance of forests. March 21 has chosen to mark the international day of forests as it is the Vernal Equinox in the northern hemisphere and autumnal equinox.

153. The theme for International Day of Forests 2020 is_____ -.

- a) Vernal Equinox in the northern hemisphere and autumnal equinox
- b) Forests and Biodiversity
- c) Importance of forests
- d) Forest and Nature

Answer b) Forests and Biodiversity.

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154. According to UN Report, Peatlands cover only _____ of the earth's surface.

- a) 1%
- b) 2%
- c) 3%
- d) 8%

Answer c) 3%. The report says that though Peatlands cover only 3% of the earth's surface, they trigger the carbon that were locked in a few decades.

155. According to United Nations launches World Happiness Report, 2020, India secured _____ th rank.

- a) 86
- b) 144
- c) 125
- d) 189

Answer b) 144. 2020 United Nations released the World Happiness Report on the International Day of Happiness, 2020.

156. According to United Nations launches World Happiness Report, 2020, Which country topped in List?

- a) Finland
- b) Greenland
- c) Scotland
- d) Sweden

Answer a) Finland. 2020 United Nations released the World Happiness Report on the International Day of Happiness, 2020. Finland ranked first in the report and India ranked 144.

157. World Cities Summit 2020 to be held in _____.

- a) Dubai
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Nepal
- d) Singapore

Answer d) Singapore. 'World Cities Summit' is a global biennial conference hosted by Singapore. This year, World Cities Summit (WCS) 2020 is scheduled to be held from July 5 to 9.

158. Konark sun temple is situated at _____.

- a) Bihar
- b) Odisha
- c) Assam
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer b) Odisha. According to the Union Minister of State (Independent) for tourism and culture, Prahlad Singh Patel, the central government has included grand Konark Sun Temple, the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) world heritage site in Odisha & Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the Iconic Tourist Sites list, taking the total number of such places from 17 to 19.

159. Shaheedi Diwas was observed in India on _____.

- a) March 23
- b) March 25
- c) March 29

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d) April 02

Answer a) March 23. Shaheedi Diwas (Martyrs' Day) was observed in India on 23 March. The day is observed every year.

160. World Meteorological Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 01
- b) March 13
- c) March 18
- d) March 23

Answer d) March 23. The World Meteorological day is observed on 23 March. The day is celebrated by the World Meteorological Organization. The day marks the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization.

161. Theme for World Meteorological Day is _____.

- a) Heritage and cultural
- b) Climate and Water
- c) Global and water
- d) Climate and Heritage

Answer b) Climate and Water. The theme of the 2020 World Meteorological day is "Climate and Water." The theme focus on climate change for the year 2020 is "Count Every Drop, Every Drop Counts."

162. SAARC - in this "R" represents _____.

- a) Reinforcement
- b) Reimbursement
- c) Regional
- d) None of these

Answer c) Regional. According to the website, currently there are 960 cases of Corona Virus in the SAARC region. Recently the SAARC leaders held a video conference to contain the spread of Corona Virus. During the Conference, PM Modi had launched SAARC COVID-19 Emergency Funds.

163. Who has been appointed MD for IDC India and South Asia?

- a) Prashant Rai
- b) Vasant Rao
- c) Hamin Ansari
- d) Vikram Dev

Answer b) Vasant Rao. International Data Corporation (IDC) announced the appointment of Vasant Rao as Managing Director for IDC India and South Asia, effective March 18, 2020.

164. Who has been appointed as Advisor for GoAir?

- a) Rishikesh Risabh
- b) Kalyana Raman M
- c) Sanjiv Kapoor
- d) Sree Raman

Answer c) Sanjiv Kapoor. Low cost airline GoAir said that it has appointed Sanjiv Kapoor as Advisor. Kapoor was at Vistara as its Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer.

165. World Tuberculosis Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 03

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- b) March 06
- c) March 15
- d) March 24

Answer d) March 24. World Tuberculosis Day, observed on 24 March each year, is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease.

166. Theme for World Tuberculosis Day is _____.

- a) Stop the TB
- b) It's time to end TB
- c) Reduce the TB
- d) None of these

Answer b) It's time to end TB.

167. Which country has topped in economic freedom index?

- a) Hong Kong
- b) Thailand
- c) Scotland
- d) Singapore

Answer d) Singapore. Singapore overtook Hong Kong as the world's freest economy for the first time since 1995 in the latest Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom published last week.

168. India secured _____th rank in economic freedom index.

- a) 24
- b) 38
- c) 68
- d) 120

Answer d) 120. Although India is ranked in 120th position in the study, it has been slowly but steadily making progress. It improved its score by 1.3 points from 2019 to tally 56.5 in 2020 due to improvements in the business freedom score.

169. EPFO - in this "P" represents _____.

- a) Personal
- b) Probe
- c) Provident
- d) Pension

Answer c) Provident. Retirement fund body EPFO said it has issued directions for timely credit of monthly pension to over 65 lakh employees' pension scheme (EPS) beneficiaries amid the coronavirus outbreak. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

170. OMO (banking terms) in this "M" represents _____.

- a) Market
- b) Money
- c) Mains
- d) None of these

Answer a) Market. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 23 said it has preponed the second tranche of purchase of Rs 15,000 crore of government securities under open market operations (OMOs) to March 26. The OMO purchase auction was earlier scheduled for March 30.

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171. United Nations Warns that 4.4 billion people to live with limited water by _____.

- a) 2050
- b) 2025
- c) 2030
- d) 2100

Answer a) 2050. On World Water Day, the United Nations warned that 3.5 to 4.4 billion people are to live with limited access to water by 2050. Of these more than 1 billion are to live in major cities.

172. Which company has become 1st company to begin supply of BS-VI fuel across country?

- a) Reliance
- b) IOC
- c) NLC
- d) Hindustan

Answer b) IOC. Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's biggest oil firm, has begun the supply of the world's cleanest petrol and diesel across the country with all its 28,000 petrol pumps dispensing ultra-low sulphur fuel a good two weeks before the April 1 deadline.

173. Abel Prize is associated with _____.

- a) Chemistry
- b) Maths
- c) Physics
- d) Biology

Answer b) Maths. The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has decided to award the Abel Prize for 2020 to Hillel Furstenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel and Gregory Margulis, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, "for pioneering the use of methods from probability and dynamics in group theory, number theory and combinatorics".

174. Which country has become first country to withdraw from 2020 Summer Games, others welcome talk of Olympics postponement?

- a) Philipines
- b) Singapore
- c) Canada
- d) China

Answer c) Canada. Canada became the first country to pull out of the Tokyo Games due to the coronavirus pandemic and Australia told its athletes to prepare for an Olympics next year as Japan and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) flagged the prospect of a postponement for the first time.

175. RoSCTL in this "R" represents _____.

- a) Repay
- b) Rebate
- c) Received
- d) Regional

Answer b) Rebate. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved for continuation of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) scheme from 1

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April 2020. Until then, the scheme will be merged with the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP).

176. International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on _____.

- a) March 03
- b) March 15
- c) March 25
- d) March 29

Answer c) March 25. International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on 25 March. The day aims to remember the fallen personnel who served for the cause of peace in a violent world.

177. International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on _____.

- a) March 25
- b) March 29
- c) April 03
- d) May 06

Answer a) March 25. The day provides an opportunity to honour and remember the people who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system.

178. RIL sets up first COVID-19 dedicated hospital in _____.

- a) Bengaluru
- b) Chennai
- c) Mumbai
- d) Pune

Answer c) Mumbai. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) established India's first COVID-19 dedicated hospital in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The 100-bedded Covid-19 centre is located at Seven Hills Hospital, Mumbai.

17. Currently, How many Districts in Tamil Nadu?

- a) 24
- b) 28
- c) 32
- d) 38

Answer d) 38. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) established India's first COVID-19 dedicated hospital in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The 100-bedded Covid-19 centre is located at Seven Hills Hospital, Mumbai.

180. Who is the Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF) ?

- a) Gita Govind
- b) Richa Das
- c) Kristalina Georgieva
- d) Christina James

Answer c) Kristalina Georgieva. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported that the COVID-19 pandemic will cause a global recession in 2020.

181. Who has been appointed as Deputy CEO of Walmart India?

- a) Sameera Sherif

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- b) Sameer Aggarwal
- c) krish Aiyer
- d) Sangeeth Krishna

Answer b) Sameer Aggarwal. Walmart India has elevated Sameer Aggarwal to the role of deputy chief executive officer, and industry sources believe he would take over in the coming months the reins of Walmart's flagship wholesale retail unit in the country from current CEO Krish Iyer.

182. Abdul Latif, who passed away at 73, is associated with_____.

- a) Football player
- b) Cricketer
- c) Golf Player
- d) Spointer

Answer a) Football Player. Abdul Latif, a former Indian midfielder of the 1970s, passed away in Guwahati at the age of 73. Latif, born on 20th June, 1947, is known for his contributions to India's medal-winning run in the Bangkok Asian Games in 1970.

183. The National Book Trust was founded in _____.

- a) 1957
- b) 1962
- c) 1972
- d) 1999

Answer a) 1957. The National Book Trust functioning under Ministry of Human Resources and Development launched Stay Home India with Books initiative. Under the initiative more than 100 books can be downloaded from the NBT website.

184. Who has appointed Madhya Pradesh Chief Secretary?

- a) Chaudary Shauhan
- b) Gopi Krishan
- c) Shivraj Singh
- d) Iqbal Singh Bains

Answer d) Iqbal Singh Bains. In an official order, Bains a 1985 batch IAS officer, who was posted as Chairman of the Revenue Board has been appointed as the Chief Secretary.

185. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has introduced an AI bot called ' _____ ' to help people assess potential symptoms of COVID-19.

- a) Steffi
- b) James
- c) Hameen
- d) Clara

Answer d) Clara. The CDC has partnered up with CDC Foundation and Microsoft Azure's Healthcare Bot service to create Clara, the "coronavirus self-checker." the bot is currently only available in the US on the CDC website.

186. CRAR- in this "C" represents_____.

- a) Crdit
- b) Centre
- c) Capital
- d) Committee

Answer c) Capital. The Centre has approved a ₹1,340-crore recapitalisation plan for regional

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rural banks (RRBs) to improve their capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR), strengthening these institutions that are critical to the provision of credit in rural areas.

187. World theatre day is observed on _____.

- a) March 27
- b) March 30
- c) April 18
- d) April 27

Answer a) March 27. World Theatre Day celebrated is observed annually on the 27 March by ITI Centres and the international theatre community.

188. Who has named for FIFA's COVID-19 Campaign?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Sachin Tendulkar
- c) Sunil Chhetri
- d) Akshay Kumar

Answer c) Sunil Chhetri. The World Governing body FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association or International Federation of Association Football) has selected Indian Football Captain Sunil Chhetri among 28 other stars for its campaign. The campaign is to combat COVID-19.

189. COVID 19 - Govt offers _____ to women Jan Dhan a/c holders, free cylinders under Ujjwala scheme.

- a) Rs 2000
- b) Rs 1500
- c) Rs 3000
- d) Rs 1000

Answer b) Rs 1500. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on March 26 announced an ex-gratia amount of Rs 500 per month for the next three months to all the women Jan Dhan account holders to run their households. Around 20 crore such women account holders will be covered under this scheme.

190. Who is the MD of International Monetary Fund?

- a) Christina James
- b) Kristalina Georgieva
- c) Hamina Jest
- d) John Webby

Answer b) Kristalina Georgieva. International Monetary Fund, IMF, has said that the world is in the face of a devastating impact due to the Corona virus pandemic and has clearly entered a recession. However, it projected a recovery next year.

191. Who is the current Chief Minister of Sikkim?

- a) Deepak Chahar
- b) Anjan Tarang
- c) P S Tamang
- d) Haranth Kumar

Answer c) P S Tamang. Sikkim Chief Minister P S Tamang announced an economic package to provide immediate relief to economically weaker sections (EWS) of society following a meeting of the State Task Force for COVID-19 prevention in Gangtok on 27 March.

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192. Operation Namaste has launched by_____.

- a) Railway
- b) Navy
- c) Air Force
- d) Army

Answer d) Army. Indian Army has launched an initiative christened ‘Operation Namaste’ to extend all possible assistance to the government in containing the spread of coronavirus. The operation was launched by Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane on 27 March.

193. BRO - in this "B" represents_____.

- a) Border
- b) Battle
- c) Bureau
- d) None of these

Answer a) Border. The Border Road Organization (BRO) is working in full swing to completely replace the Daporijo bridge. The bridge is the only line of communication to 451 villages located in the China border. Also, the BRO is engaged in snow clearance of Manali-Leh axis to provide relief to Ladakh and Lahaul valley.

194. DMF - in this "D" represents_____.

- a) Department
- b) District
- c) Defence
- d) None of these

Answer b) District. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman recently instructed the state governments to use DMF (District Mineral Foundation) funds to fight against COVID-19. This is being done to supplement medical facilities that will help fight against Corona Virus.

195. Which country has become first in the world to start antibody tests for Corona Virus?

- a) Spain
- b) USA
- c) India
- d) Italy

Answer c) India. India is all set to begin antibody tests to confirm if a person was previously infected with the virus. This will help understand the epidemiology of Covid – 19.

196. Mo Jeeban Programme has launched by_____.

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Odisha
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer b) Odisha. The “Mo Jeeban Programme” was launched by the Odisha Government to contain the spread of COVID-19. The programme was launched by the Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

197. NATO - in this "A" represents_____.

- a) Australia
- b) Asia
- c) Atlantic

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d) Artic

Answer c) Atlantic. North Macedonia (formerly the Republic of Macedonia) officially became NATO's 30th member upon depositing its instrument of accession to the North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) with the US State Department in Washington DC.

198. Which state has launched 'Team-11' to beat Coronavirus?

- a) Kerala
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath has set up "Team-11" consisting of inter-departmental committees with over 2 dozen senior officials to fight the coronavirus spread.

199. Rajasthan foundation Day is observed on _____.

- a) March 30
- b) April 01
- c) May 23
- d) June 16

Answer a) March 30. Rajasthan Day commemorates the valor, strong willpower and sacrifice of the people of Rajasthan. Rajasthan earlier known as Rajputana came into existence on March 30, 1949.

200. Beni Prasad Verma, who passed away at 79, is associated with _____.

- a) Cinema
- b) Sports
- c) Journalism
- d) Politics

Answer d) Politics. The Rajya Sabha member was unwell for past few days and was admitted to a private hospital in Lucknow, where he died around 7 pm, his son Rakesh Verma told PTI.

201. State Bank of India raises _____ million in green bonds.

- a) \$200
- b) \$300
- c) \$900
- d) \$100

Answer d) \$100. India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) said it has raised \$100 million in green bonds through private placement.

202. 'Smartfish' app has launched by _____.

- a) Kerala
- b) Gujarat
- c) West Bengal
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer c) West Bengal. The traditional fish market is shifting to digital space with online order of fish and doorstep delivery slowly becoming the norm in Kolkata.

203. Which country has to provide uninterrupted LPG supply to India?

- a) Dubai

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- b) Kuwait
- c) Iran
- d) Saudi Arabia

Answer d) Saudi Arabia. The Union Minister of Oil Dharmendra Pradhan said that Saudi Arabia has announced to provide uninterrupted liquid petroleum gas (LPG) supplies to India.

204. Tokyo Olympics might be held in _____.

- a) 2020 December
- b) 2021 July
- c) 2021 February
- d) 2022 January

Answer b) 2021 July. The plan to host it in July 2021 comes as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had decided to move the games to be held in northern Sapporo city, Japan instead of Tokyo.

205. Joseph Lowery, who passed away at 98, is associated with _____.

- a) Journalist
- b) Politician
- c) Vocalist
- d) Pop Singer

Answer b) Politician. The Rev. Joseph Lowery, a leader in America's civil rights movement. He was 98. Lowery's death was confirmed by family representative Imara Canady, who said he died of natural causes.

206. _____ aims to combat the rise of fake news related to COVID-19 contagion across India and the world.

- a) Brahmas
- b) Aham
- c) Vyam
- d) Slog

Answer b) Aham. Aham! is released in 7 Indian languages namely Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, and Tamil, in addition to English. Aham aims to combat the rise of fake news related to COVID-19 contagion across India and the world.

207. China recommended _____ to treat COVID-19 patients.

- a) Pangolin Bile
- b) Snake Bile
- c) Bear Bile
- d) Bat Bile

Answer c) Bear Bile. The National Health Commission of China published a list of recommended treatments to treat COVID-19. Apart from western medicine and Chinese medicine, the list included Tan Re Qing, injections that contain bear bile powder.

208. Who is the Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a) Sukhla bavan
- b) PK Sangma
- c) Hemant Soren
- d) Abhimanyu Devan

Answer c) Hemant Soren. Jharkhand state government has launched PRAGYAAM, a Mobile application, on 30 March. The app was launched by the State Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

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209. Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of Bharti Infratel?

- a) Balaji Hemant
- b) DS Rawat
- c) MH Bodge
- d) Vijay kumara Singh

Answer b) DS Rawat. The Board of Directors of the Company, has appointed him the MD&CEO for a period of up to six months i.e. w.e.f. April 1, 2020 up till September 30, 2020 or up till the ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Company, whichever is earlier.

210. “Stranded in India” Portal launched to help _____.

- a) Foreign Tourists
- b) Village People
- c) Unemployed
- d) None of these

Answer a) Foreign Tourists. The Ministry of Tourism had launched “Stranded in India”, a portal aimed to support foreign tourists. The portal aims to disseminate information to the foreign tourists stuck far away from their homeland amidst COVID-19 threats and Lock Down.

211. UNCTAD - in this "T" represents _____.

- a) Training
- b) Trade
- c) Trillion
- d) None of these

Answer b) Trade. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) made a new analysis under the title “The COVID-19 Shock to Developing Countries”.