

CURRENT AFFAIRS 28th March 2020

Q1. The Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Niramla Sitharaman has announced the relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. The scheme will benefit the poors by providing an ex-gratia of _____ per month.

- (a) Rs 1000 per month
- (b) Rs 500 per month
- (c) Rs 100 per month
- (d) Rs 2000 per month
- (e) Rs 1500 per month

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Niramla Sitharaman has announced the relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. The new relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana has been launched for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus pandemic. The scheme will benefit the poors by providing an ex-gratia of Rs 500 per month to 20.40 PMJDY women account-holders. The amount would be given for the next three months.

Q2. World Theatre Day is observed globally on-?

- (a) 29th March
- (b) 25th March
- (c) 28th March
- (d) 26th March
- (e) 27th March

S2. Ans.(e)

Sol. World Theatre Day is observed globally on 27th March every year. World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI), France.

Q3. Veteran photographer & Padma Shri awardee _____ passed away.

- (a) Nema Ghosh
- (b) Manik Das
- (c) Arjun Mark
- (d) Rohan Shrestha
- (e) Vikram Bawa

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Veteran photographer & Padma Shri awardee Nemai Ghosh passed away. He is known for working with director Satyajit Ray as a still photographer who captured the director, framing actors over 2 decades.

Q4. Which of the following city has deployed drones to sanitize city areas against the coronavirus scare?

- (a) Siliguri
- (b) Kanpur
- (c) Pune
- (d) Indore
- (e) Noida

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. India's cleanest city, Indore has deployed drones to sanitize city areas against the coronavirus scare. Indore becomes the 1st city in India to use drones to sanitize the city. The Indore Municipal Corporation has hired two drones for that purpose.

Q5. World Theatre Day was initiated in _____ by the International Theatre Institute (ITI), France. (a) 1956

- (b) 1935
- (c) 1961
- (d) 1972
- (e) 1983

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. World Theatre Day is observed globally on 27th March every year. World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI), France. It is celebrated annually on the 27th March by ITI Centres and the international theatre community. The first World Theatre Day Message was written by Jean Cocteau in 1962.

Q6. Which department has set up a COVID-19 Task Force for mapping of technologies from Research and Development labs, academic institutions, start-ups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises?

- (a) Science and Engineering Research Board
- (b) Indian Council of Medical Research
- (c) Indian National Science Academy
- (d) Department of Biotechnology

(e) Department of Science and Technology

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. Department of Science and Technology (DST) has set up a COVID-19 Task Force for mapping of technologies from Research and Development labs, academic institutions, start-ups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. The Department of Science & Technology plays a pivotal role in the promotion of science & technology in the country.

Q7. Reserve Bank of India's has released the _____ Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20 on 27th March 2020.

(a) 9th

(b) 5th

(c) 4th

(d) 7th

(e) 6th

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Reserve Bank of India's has released the 7th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20 on 27th March 2020.

Q8. Which state government has planned to set up two of the largest Covid-19 hospitals that will have a combined capacity of 1,000 beds and will be functional within a fortnight.

(a) Assam

(b) West Bengal

(c) Odisha

(d) Kerala

(e) Gujarat

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Odisha government has planned to set up two of the largest Covid-19 hospitals which will have a combined capacity of 1,000 beds and will be functional within a fortnight. With this, Odisha will be the first state in the country to set up such a large-scale hospital exclusively to treat Covid-19 patients.

Q9. RBI has reduced the repo rate by _____ basis points to 4.40% under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF).

(a) 50 bps

(b) 75 bps

- (c) 25 bps
- (d) 100 bps
- (e) 125 bps

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. The repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) has been reduced by 75 basis points from 5.15% to 4.40%.

Q10. Indian-born international _____ Floyd Cardoz passed away at 59 in the USA.

- (a) Chef
- (b) Wrestler
- (c) Actor
- (d) Singer
- (e) Musician

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Indian-born international chef Floyd Cardoz passed away at 59. Cardoz tested positive for Covid-19 in the USA on March 18 and was being treated at the Mountainside Medical Centre in New Jersey.

Q11. The reverse repo rate under the LAF has been reduced by _____ basis points to 4.00%.

- (a) 50 bps
- (b) 80 bps
- (c) 90 bps
- (d) 60 bps
- (e) 40 bps

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S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. The reverse repo rate under the LAF has been reduced by 90 basis points from 4.90% to 4.00%.

Q12. Which Ministry has issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) to maintain the supply of essential goods?

- (a) Ministry for Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Union Ministry for Home Affairs (MHA) has issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) to maintain the supply of essential goods. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) have been issued by the MHA in order to relieve the difficulties faced by people during the 21-day nationwide lockdown to fight against the Coronavirus outbreak.

Q13. Padma Vibhushan award winning artist, architect, sculptor and writer _____ passed away.

- (a) Manjit Bawa
- (b) Jatin Das
- (c) Feroze Shah
- (d) Ram Kumar
- (e) Satish Gujral

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. The reverse repo rate under the LAF has been reduced by 90 basis points from 4.90% to 4.00%.

Q14. RBI has decided to reduce the Cash reserve Ratio of all banks by 100 basis points from 4.00% to _____ of Net Demand and Time Liabilities.

- (a) 3.25%
- (b) 3.00%
- (c) 3.50%
- (d) 4.75%
- (e) 2.50%

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Apart from above, RBI has also decided to reduce the Cash reserve Ratio of all banks by 100 basis points from 4% to 3% of Net Demand and Time Liabilities.

Q15. Rajyogini Dadi Janki was passed away recently. She was chief of-?

- (a) Ramakrishna Mission
- (b) Isha Foundation
- (c) Hinduism
- (d) Brahmakumaris Sansthan
- (e) Brahma Samaj

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. The chief of Brahmakumaris Sansthan, Rajyogini Dadi Janki passed away. She was the chief of world's largest spiritual organisation run by women.

Q16. Who has been honoured with IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020 for her outstanding contribution to world tourism through her cinema?

- (a) Honey Irani
- (b) Zoya Akhtar
- (c) Shabana Azmi
- (d) Robin Bhatt
- (e) Ajay Devgn

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Indian filmmaker Zoya Akhtar has been honoured with IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020 for her outstanding contribution to world tourism through her cinema. She has promoted tourism through her films like 2011 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara' which was shot in Spain, and 2015 comedy-drama 'DilDhadakne Do' shot in Turkey.

Q17. The _____ Space Force has launched an Advanced Extremely High-Frequency satellite (AEHF-6) for its military communications.

- (a) Russia
- (b) United Kingdom
- (c) France
- (d) Germany
- (e) United States

S17. Ans.(e)

Sol. The United States Space Force has launched an Advanced Extremely High-Frequency satellite (AEHF- 6) for its military communications. With the launch of the satellite, the United States has begun its first National Security Mission.

Q18. The Confederation of Indian Industry or CII has set up a CII COVID Rehabilitation and Relief Fund (CRR) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to tackle Covid-19. Where is the headquarters of CII?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Pune

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has set up a CII COVID Rehabilitation and Relief Fund (CRR) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to tackle Covid-19. The headquarters of CII is in New Delhi.

Q19. Name the Bollywood actress, who partners with Government of India for “Fit India Movement” recently.

- (a) Madhuri Dixit
- (b) Karisma Kapoor
- (c) Raveena Tandon
- (d) Shilpa Shetty
- (e) Priyanka Chopra

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Government of India’s flagship fitness movement “Fit India” has teamed up with Bollywood actress and fitness icon Shilpa Shetty Kundra. The tie-up will provide free access of the Shilpa Shetty Kundra’s premium 21-Day Weight Loss Programme during the 21-day lockdown owing to Covid-19 pandemic.

Q20. Which bank has rolled out a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) QR-based loan installment payment facility along with National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) for its customers?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (d) India Post Payments Bank
- (e) Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Jana Small Finance Bank has rolled out a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) QR-based loan installment payment facility along with National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) for its customers. Initially the UPI QR-based loan installment payment facility will be only available to over 40 lakh customers of the Jana Small Finance Bank.

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Q1. The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar has launched _____ to engage students in creative projects during the COVID-19 lockdown.

- (a) Project Mahaan
- (b) Project Saaket
- (c) Project Isaac
- (d) Project Bharti
- (e) Project Hasaan

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar (IITGN) has launched 'Project Isaac' to engage students in creative projects during the COVID-19 lockdown. The project aims to enhance the student's skills while they are confined in their homes.

Q2. Moody's Investors Service reduced India's GDP growth in 2020 to _____ from the earlier estimate of 5.3 percent.

- (a) 2.5%
- (b) 3.0%
- (c) 3.9%
- (d) 4.1%
- (e) 4.5%

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Moody's Investors Service reduced India's GDP growth in 2020 to 2.5 per cent from the earlier estimate of 5.3 per cent. The Coronavirus pandemic will cause unprecedented shock to the global economy.

Q3. Army Chief Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane has launched _____ to extend assistance to the govt in containing the spread of coronavirus and insulate the force from the pandemic.

- (a) Operation Suraksha
- (b) Operation Abhiyan
- (c) Operation Samvaad
- (d) Operation Uday
- (e) Operation Namaste

S3. Ans.(e)

Sol. Army Chief Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane has launched ‘Operation Namaste’ to extend assistance to the govt in containing the spread of coronavirus and insulate the force from the pandemic.

Q4. The Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital is conducting the series of trials on a humanoid robot to provide services to the COVID-19 patients. In which city Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital is located?

- (a) Nagpur
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Kanpur
- (d) Raipur
- (e) Rampur

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Government Hospital in Jaipur is conducting the series of trials on a humanoid robot to provide services to the COVID-19 patients.

Q5. Moody’s expected the real GDP in the global economy to contract by _____ in 2020.

- (a) 3.0%
- (b) 2.5%
- (c) 1.0%
- (d) 0.5%
- (e) 1.5%

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. Moody’s now expects real GDP in the global economy to contract by 0.5 percent in 2020, followed by a pickup to 3.2 percent in 2021.

Q6. Where is the headquarters of Moody’s?

- (a) Geneva

- (b) Paris
- (c) Tokyo
- (d) Vienna
- (e) New York

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. The Headquarters of Moody's is located in New York, USA.

Q7. Which of the following international organisation has launched a dollar 2 billion coordinated global humanitarian response plan to fight COVID-19 in 51 countries across South America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia?

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) World Bank
- (c) AIIB
- (d) United Nations
- (e) Asian Development Bank

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres launched a \$2 billion coordinated global humanitarian response plan to fight COVID-19 in 51 countries across South America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Q8. CRISIL has reduced India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for fiscal 2021 to _____ from 5.2 per cent expected earlier.

- (a) 4.5%
- (b) 3.9%
- (c) 3.5%
- (d) 4.2%
- (e) 4.7%

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. CRISIL has reduced India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for fiscal 2021 to 3.5 per cent from 5.2 per cent expected earlier. The cut is due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Q9. Abbott Laboratories is unveiling a coronavirus test which will tell if someone is infected within 5 minutes. Abbott Laboratories based in which country?

- (a) Germany

- (b) USA
- (c) France
- (d) Brazil
- (e) India

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Abbott Laboratories, United States is unveiling a coronavirus test which will tell if someone is infected within 5 minutes.

Q10. Who is the Secretary-General of the United Nations?

- (a) Antonio Guterres
- (b) Kofi Annan
- (c) Angela Merkel
- (d) Ban Ki-moon
- (e) David Malpass

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Antonio Guterres is the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Q11. Where is the headquarters of CRISIL?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Bengaluru
- (e) Kolkata

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. The headquarters of CRISIL located in Mumbai.

Q12. Which among the following company has concluded the acquisition of Centre's entire stake in two hydropower generating firms, Tehri Hydro Power Complex (THDC) India and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), at Rs 11,500 crore?

- (a) Steel Authority of India Limited
- (b) Oil India
- (c) GAIL
- (d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- (e) NTPC Limited

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) concluded the acquisition of Centre's entire stake in two hydropower generating firms, Tehri Hydro Power Complex (THDC) India and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), at Rs 11,500 crore.

\Q13. Who has appointed as members of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Board recently?

- (a) Krishan Mohan Prasad
- (b) Satish Kumar Gupta
- (c) Ramdhari Shukla
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) Both (a) and (c)

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of two Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers Krishan Mohan Prasad and Satish Kumar Gupta as members of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Board.

Q14. Which of the following state becomes the first Indian state to launch a self-assessment tool for COVID-19?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Bihar

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Goa becomes the first Indian state to launch a self-assessment tool for COVID-19. The self-assessment tool called Test Yourself Goa.

Q15. Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) is the apex policy-making body of the Direct Tax department. Income-tax Act, 1961 came into existence from-?

- (a) 1st April 1961
- (b) 1st April 1963
- (c) 1st April 1962
- (d) 1st April 1964
- (e) 1st April 1965

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Income-tax Act 1961 came into existence w.e.f. 1st April 1962.

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Q1. Chief Minister _____ has launched the Self Declaration COVID19 Nagaland App at Kohima.

- (a) N Biren Singh
- (b) TR Zeliang
- (c) Neiphiu Rio
- (d) Conrad Sangma
- (e) Zoramthanga

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched the Self Declaration COVID19 Nagaland App at Kohima. The app will be mandatory for any person who entered Nagaland after March 6

Q2. Which of the following publication will launch a publishing series titled 'Corona Studies Series' to document and to provide relevant reading materials for all age-groups for the post-Corona readership needs?

- (a) Pharmacy Council of India
- (b) National Council for Teacher Education
- (c) NCERT
- (d) All India Council for Technical Education
- (e) National Book Trust

S2. Ans.(e)

Sol. National Book Trust will launch a publishing series titled 'Corona Studies Series' to document and to provide relevant reading materials for all age-groups for the post-Corona readership needs

Q3. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister _____ launched the 24×7 National Teleconsultation Centre to answer COVID-19 related queries.

- (a) Harsh Vardhan
- (b) Vijay Goel
- (c) Prakash Javadekar
- (d) Piyush Goyal
- (e) Jagat Prakash Nadda

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Harsh Vardhan launched the 24×7 National Teleconsultation Centre to answer COVID-19 related queries. The Centre is a telemedicine hub, through which, expert doctors from various clinical domains will be available 24×7 to answer questions related to COVID-19 all.

Q4. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a big consolidation of public sector banks in 2019. As per the scheme of amalgamation 10 public sector banks are to be merged into _____ banks.

- (a) two
- (b) four
- (c) three
- (d) five
- (e) six

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a big consolidation of public sector banks in 2019. As per the scheme of amalgamation, 10 public sector banks are to be merged into 4 banks. Now, the Reserve Bank of India has notified with a circular that the mega merger of 10 PSBs will be effective from the start of new financial year i.e. 1st April 2020.

Q5. The National Book Trust was established by the Government of India in which year?

- (a) 1982
- (b) 1950
- (c) 1961
- (d) 1957
- (e) 1993

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. The National Book Trust, India is an apex body, established by the Government of India in the year 1957.

Q6. The Reserve Bank of India has notified with a circular that the mega merger of 10 PSBs will be effective from-?

- (a) 1st September 2020
- (b) 1st May 2020
- (c) 1st March 2020

(d) 1st April 2021

(e) 1st April 2020

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a big consolidation of public sector banks in 2019. As per the scheme of amalgamation, 10 public sector banks are to be merged into 4 banks. Now, the Reserve Bank of India has notified with a circular that the mega merger of 10 PSBs will be effective from the start of new financial year i.e. 1st April 2020.

Q7. Which of the following state has set up “Team-11” comprising of as many inter-departmental committees to fight the coronavirus spread?

(a) Gujarat

(b) Madhya Pradesh

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Uttar Pradesh

(e) West Bengal

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has set up “Team-11” comprising of as many inter-departmental committees to fight the coronavirus spread. He has formed 11 inter-departmental committees with over two dozen senior government officials working at crucial levels under the CM’s supervision.

Q8. The Government of India has set up _____ empowered groups to deal with COVID-19.

(a) 12

(b) 09

(c) 11

(d) 13

(e) 10

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. The Government of India has set up 11 empowered groups to deal with COVID-19. These 11 empowered groups have been tasked to ensure a comprehensive and integrated response to COVID-19. The 11 empowered groups have been set up by the GoI under the Disaster Management Act.

Q9. Name the veteran US civil rights leader, who was passed away recently.

- (a) Andrew Young
- (b) Joseph Lowery
- (c) Bayard Rustin
- (d) James Bevel
- (e) Charles Steele

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Veteran US civil rights leader Joseph Lowery passed away. Joseph Lowery helped establish the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an African-American civil rights organization set up to promote racial equality.

Q10. Name the Indian shot-putter, who was suspended for four years by World athletics body's (formerly known as International Association of Athletics Federations-IAAF) recently.

- (a) Navin Chikara
- (b) Sanjeev Rajput
- (c) Anish Bhanwala
- (d) Saurabh Chaudhary
- (e) Anjum Moudgil

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Indian shot-putter Navin Chikara was suspended for four years by World athletics body's (formerly known as International Association of Athletics Federations-IAAF), Athletics Integrity Unit for failing an out-of-competition dope test in 2018.

Q11. All branches of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India will operate as branches of-?

- (a) Union Bank of India
- (b) Indian Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) State Bank of India

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. From 1st April, 2020, all branches of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India will operate as branches of Punjab National Bank. Also the customers, including

depositors of Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India, will be treated as customers of Punjab National Bank with effect from April 1, 2020.

Q12. Name the retired Air Vice Marshal, who was passed away recently.

- (a) Sam Manekshaw
- (b) Praveen Bakshi
- (c) Madan Khurana
- (d) Sunny Rao
- (e) Chandan Singh Rathore

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. Retired Air Vice Marshal Chandan Singh Rathore passed away. He was the recipient of Maha Vir Chakra (MVC). He gave major contributions as a valorous young air warrior during the Sino-India 1962 war and the 1971 Indo-Pak war and contributed towards a stronger and safer India.

Q13. The first prototype of hospital isolation coach have been created successfully by the _____ Railways.

- (a) Northern
- (b) Southern
- (c) Western
- (d) Eastern
- (e) North-Eastern

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. The first prototype of hospital isolation coach have been created successfully by the Northern Railways. The hospital isolation coach have been created in order to fight against the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. There are 10 isolation wards in each coach.

Q14. Which of the following bank has rolled out the banking services on WhatsApp recently?

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

(e) Bank of Baroda

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. ICICI Bank has rolled out the banking services on WhatsApp. The facility will enable the banks' retail customers to undertake a slew of banking requirements from their home. This facility is expected to provide a relief for the banks customers as they can reap the benefit of various banking services from their home amid lockdown in the country due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Q15. Former Union Minister _____ was passed away recently.

(a) Jaswant Singh

(b) Beni Prasad Verma

(c) Chandrapal Singh Yadav

(d) Rewati Raman Singh

(e) Ujjwal Raman Singh

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Former Union Minister Beni Prasad Verma passed away. He has served as the telecom minister, steel minister and was also a Lok Sabha member from 1996 to 2014. He also served as the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs during his career.

Q16. All branches of Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank will operate as branches of-?

(a) Union Bank of India

(b) Indian Bank

(c) Punjab National Bank

(d) Canara Bank

(e) State Bank of India

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. From 1st April, 2020, all branches of Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank will operate as branches of Union Bank of India. Also, the customers, including depositors of Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank, will be treated as customers of Union Bank of India with effect from April 1, 2020.

Q17. The Government of India has launched a coronavirus risk-tracking app called 'Corona _____.'

- (a) Raksha
- (b) Kavach
- (c) Dharam
- (d) Surya
- (e) Dhaal

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Government of India has launched a coronavirus risk-tracking app called 'Corona Kavach.' Jointly developed by the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The app uses a person's location to assess whether they are in the high-risk geographical zone or not.

Q18. A new space capsule from _____ has been picked up by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to ferry cargo and supplies to the agency's planned lunar space station.

- (a) SpaceX
- (b) ISRO
- (c) CNSA
- (d) Roscosmos
- (e) JAXA

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. A new space capsule from SpaceX has been picked up by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to ferry cargo and supplies to the agency's planned lunar space station. Hence, with a \$7 billion NASA contract, SpaceX will use its biggest rocket, Falcon Heavy to send spacecraft named as "Dragon XL" to the Lunar Gateway.

Q19. Which of the following bank has unveiled a new logo before its merger with the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) and the United Bank of India (UBI)?

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

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. The Punjab National Bank (PNB) has unveiled a new logo before its merger with the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) and the United Bank of India (UBI). The new logo

bears the distinct signages of all the three PSU banks i.e. the Punjab National Bank, the United Bank of India (UBI) and the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).

Q20. All branches of Syndicate Bank will operate as branches of-?

- (a) Union Bank of India
- (b) Indian Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) State Bank of India

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. From 1st April, 2020, all branches of Syndicate Bank will operate as branches of Canara Bank. Also the customers, including depositors of Syndicate Bank, will be treated as customers of Canara Bank with effect from April 1, 2020.