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1. Which state/UT has diverted the forest land to other projects the most (on basis of number of projects) according to the MoEFCC annual report 2019-20?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) West Bengal

Answer-2) Haryana

Explanation:

Large areas of forest land are being diverted to other projects throughout India by the Government. A total 11,467.83 hectares (114.68 square kilometre) forest lands were diverted in 22 states between January 1 and November 6, 2019. The most number of projects were in Haryana where a total diversion of 519.53 ha for 251 projects.

2. How many indigenous sports will be promoted by producing series of special films by MHRD in partnership with fit India?

- 1) 15
- 2) 13
- 3) 7
- 4) 8
- 5) 10

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 10

Explanation:

The Department of School Education and Literacy under Ministry of Human Resource Development(MHRD) has collaborated with Fit India (flagship programme of sports ministry) under the” Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat” initiative to produce a series of special films to promote 10 indigenous sports of India.

3. Which state government has approved the draft ordinance titled “Cow Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020” to protect cow from slaughter?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Chhattisgarh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

In order to protect cows and prevent their slaughter, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) government approved a draft ordinance titled “Cow Slaughter Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020” by amending the Uttar Pradesh cow slaughter act, 1955. This proposed law provides a maximum rigorous imprisonment of 10 years and a fine up to Rs 5 lakh.

4. The senior lawmakers from 8 democracies have formed an Inter parliamentary alliance to counter which country?

- 1) China
- 2) Japan
- 3) India
- 4) Russia
- 5) United States

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) China

Explanation:

Senior lawmakers from eight democracies including the United States have united to counter Communist China. Launched on June 5, Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) is “an international cross-party group of legislators working towards reform on how democratic countries approach China”.

5. What is the amount that was allocated to state governments for the year 2020-21 for implementing Per Drop More Crop component of PMKSY scheme?

- 1) 1000 Crore
- 2) 5000 Crore
- 3) 3000 Crore
- 4) 4000 crore
- 5) 2000 Crore

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 4000 crore

Explanation:

The Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW) has allocated Rs. 4000 cr to the state governments for the year 2020-21 for implementing Per Drop More Crop component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY- PDMC). For further allotment of funds, State Governments have identified the beneficiaries to be covered under the programme.

6. Name the company which has partnered with Mastercard to launch “Cardless ATM powered by Mastercard”.

- 1) Empays Payment Systems
- 2) Instamojo Payment Gateway
- 3) Cashfree Payment Systems
- 4) PayKun Payment Gateway
- 5) Razorpay Payment Solutions

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Empays Payment Systems

Explanation:

In order to eliminate the use a physical card or touch an ATM PIN pad, amid the spread of coronavirus from contaminated surfaces, Empays Payment Systems has joined hands with Mastercard to launch “Cardless ATM powered by Mastercard” in India based on the standards of EMV (Europay, Mastercard, and Visa).

7. Which company has partnered with First Alliance Bank (Z) Ltd to provide mPOS solution to SME and other businesses?

- 1) Ezetap
- 2) Posiflex
- 3) PayTM POS
- 4) ePaisa
- 5) WeP

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) ePaisa

Explanation:

POS (Point of Sale) solution provider in India, ePaisa entered into a partnership with First Alliance Bank (Z) Ltd in Zambia, Africa, to provide mobile point of sale (mPOS) solution to small and medium enterprises and other businesses. ePaisa will be the solution provider for First Alliance Bank(FAB), which will further provide it to businesses across Zambia. For ePaisa this partnership becomes first global expansion.

8. Which agency/corporation has collaborated with TCS to provide its training partners access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room?

- 1) National Skill Development Corporation
- 2) National Skill Development Agency
- 3) Industrial training institute
- 4) Tata STRIVE Extension Centre
- 5) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Agency

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) National Skill Development Corporation

Explanation:

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) iON, unit of TCS, partnered with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to provide its training partners access to the TCS iON Digital Glass Room, a web-based digital education platform so as to enable online vocational skills training for millions of students across the country.

9. What will be the growth rate of India in next fiscal (FY 2021-22) as per Fitch ratings?

- 1) 8.6%
- 2) 7.1%
- 3) 6.2%
- 4) 5%
- 5) 9.5%

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 9.5%

Explanation:

After a contraction in the current financial year, India's economy is forecast to bounce back with a sharp growth rate of 9.5 percent next fiscal, Fitch Ratings has said. It has forecast a 5 percent contraction in the GDP in the ongoing financial year.

10. Which company has won the world's largest solar contract worth \$6 billion recently?

- 1) Vestas India
- 2) Adani Green Energy Limited
- 3) Orient Green Power Ltd
- 4) Suzlon Energy Limited
- 5) Regen Powertech Pvt Ltd

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Adani Green Energy Limited

Explanation:

Gautam Adani led Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) has won one of world's largest solar contract from Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to develop 8 GW of solar projects along with a commitment to establish 2 GW of additional solar cell and module manufacturing capacity at cost of ₹45,000 crore or \$6 billion, creating 4 lakh direct and indirect jobs.

11. Which ITI has signed MoU with National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) to train youths in 12 trades under Dual System of Training Scheme?

- 1) ITI Noida
- 2) ITI Bhopal
- 3) ITI Nangal
- 4) ITI Coimbatore
- 5) ITI Panaji

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) ITI Nangal

Explanation:

In a big boost to the “Skill India” initiative of the Government of India (GoI), National Fertilizers Limited (NFL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) works under the Ambit of Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) Nangal (Punjab) to train youths in 12 trades under Dual System of Training Scheme.

12. Who is the brand ambassador of Gargo International?

- 1) Amitabh Bachchan
- 2) Sonu Sood
- 3) Salman Khan
- 4) Ranveer Singh
- 5) Amir Khan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Sonu Sood

Explanation:

The Gargo International, the delhi based lubricant company under the RG group praised Sonu Sood for his support works for the migrants and went live with their TVC starring Sonu Sood.

13. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has constituted 8-member panel moderated by Ahmed M. Saeed to help south Asian economies to recover from COVID-19 effects. Where is HQ of ADB located?

- 1) Beijing
- 2) Tokyo
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Shanghai
- 5) Mandaluyong

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Mandaluyong

Explanation:

The Mandaluyong, Philippines based Asian Development Bank (ADB), a regional development bank has constituted an 8-member high-level panel of leading experts in economics, finance, and health, moderated by ADB Vice-President Ahmed M. Saeed, to help ministers, central bank governors, and other senior officials identify solutions for Southeast Asian economies to tap into to quickly recover after the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

14. Who chairs the committee which was constituted by Ministry of Home Affairs for the welfare of the freedom fighters?

- 1) Kiren Rijiju
- 2) Jitendra Singh
- 3) Kishan Reddy
- 4) Shripad Yesso Naik
- 5) Prahlad Singh Patel

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Kishan Reddy

Explanation:

MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) reconstituted a new committee for the welfare of the freedom fighters with the chairman G Kishan Reddy and 9 other “eminent freedom fighters” from across the country. Along with Reddy, former Congress

MLA from Gujarat Dinakar Bhai Desai, who took part in 1942 Quit India Movement is one among the 9-member panel.

15. The central government has formed a committee headed by Rajnath Singh for the implementation of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for MSME. What is the amount that was allocated under ECLGS scheme by GoI?

- 1) 1 Lakh crore
- 2) 10 Lakh crore
- 3) 5 Lakh crore
- 4) 50,000 crore
- 5) 3 Lakh crore

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 3 Lakh crore

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi appointed a committee headed by Rajnath Singh to solve the difficulties faced in the implementation of Rs.3 Lakh crore collateral-free loan for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(MSME) under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) scheme announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 13th May 2020 as a part of Rs.20 Lakh crore Covid-19 aid to raise the economy. Under the Scheme, 100% guarantee coverage to be provided by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC) for additional funding of up to Rs. 3 lakh crore to eligible MSMEs and interested MUDRA borrowers, in the form of a Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) facility.

16. What is India's rank in Deep Knowledge Group's safest country in the world from COVID- 19?

- 1) 56
- 2) 72
- 3) 189

4) 121

5) 23

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 56

Explanation:

As per the report of Deep Knowledge Group's safest country in the world from COVID- 19, India ranked 56th position in a list of 200 countries, while Switzerland has been found to be the safest place on earth from the ongoing covid-19 pandemic followed by Germany and Israel. while South Sudan was ranked at 200th position.

17. Bharti Airtel (Singapore) has acquired additional _____% stake (acquired 25% earlier) in Robi Axiata from NTT Docomo.

1) 2.9

2) 7.5

3) 6.3

4) 4.6

5) 5.8

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 6.3

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel's wholly-owned subsidiary, Bharti International (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., (BISPL) directly and through its affiliate entities, has acquired an additional 6.3% stake in Robi Axiata Limited, Bangladesh from Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT) Do Communications over the Mobile network (Docomo) Inc and its group entities for an undisclosed sum. This all-cash deal will raise the BISPL's stake in Robi Axiata to 31.3% from 25% & is approved by Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.

18. Which company has delivered the 5th and last ship in the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) named ICGS "Kanaklata Barua" to Indian Coast Guard?

1) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

2) Airports Authority of India (AAI)

- 3) Chennai Petroleum Corporation (CPCL)
- 4) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- 5) Bharat Dynamics Limited(BDL)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

Explanation:

The 5th and last ship in the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV) namely “ICGS Kanaklata Barua” or “Yard 2117” for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has been delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. This was the 105th vessel delivered by GRSE.

19. For the 1st time in human history scientists from France have witnessed the birth of a new planet. The study was published in which journal?

- 1) New Astronomy
- 2) Journal Nature
- 3) Astronomy and Astrophysics
- 4) The Astrophysical Journal
- 5) Nature Astronomy

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Astronomy and Astrophysics

Explanation:

A team of Scientists from the Observatoire de Paris, PSL (Paris Sciences et Lettres) University in France, have witnessed a birth of a new planet for the first time in human history by using photographs of the SPHERE (Spectro-Polarimetric High-contrast Exoplanet Research) instrument on the Very Large Telescope (VLT) of the European Southern Observatory (ESO) in Chile. The new observations have been published in Astronomy & Astrophysics journal & lead author of the study was Anthony Boccaletti, an astronomer at the PSL University.

20. High Jumper Alexander Shustov who is in news recently belongs to which country?

- 1) Romania

- 2) Georgia
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) United States
- 5) Russia

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Russia

Explanation:

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), informed that Former European high jump champion (2010) Alexander Shustov (35-year-old) of Russia banned for 4 years for the use or attempted use of a banned substance or method (doping) & did not provide any further details.

21. Pritam Singh who passed away recently is a renowned _____.

- 1) Management trainer
- 2) Lawyer
- 3) Athlete
- 4) Actor
- 5) Architect

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Management trainer

Explanation:

The Management guru, Padma Shri Pritam Singh, who contributed more than 50 research papers and 7 books on management education in India and abroad passed away at the age of 78 at a hospital in Gurugram due to cardiac arrest.

22. Pierre Nkurunziza who passed away recently is the former president of which country?

- 1) Rwanda
- 2) Congo
- 3) Tanzania
- 4) Burundi

5) Zambia

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Burundi

Explanation:

The President of Republic of Burundi, Pierre Nkurunziza passed away at the age of 55 due to cardiac arrest at the hospital in Karuzi, eastern Burundi. On 9th June 2020, The Government of Burundi entered the seven day of mourning. He was born on 18th December 1964 in Ngozi Province.

23. Kurt Billeaux Thomas who is in news recently is related to which sport?

1) Badminton

2) Shooting

3) Table Tennis

4) Short Distance Runner

5) Gymnastics

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Gymnastics

Explanation:

Kurt Billeaux Thomas, the first American to win the gold medal in the Gymnastic World Championship 1978 in floor exercise held at the Strasbourg, France passed away at the age of 64 after suffering from a stroke on 24th May 2020 in Texas. He was born on 29th March 1956 in Miami, Florida.

24. When was the world accreditation day observed every year?

1) May 17

2) April 29

3) June 9

4) August 12

5) July 2

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) June 9

Explanation:

9th June of Every year is celebrated as the World Accreditation Day(WAD), an initiative established by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation(ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum(IAF) to promote the value of accreditation. The Theme of World Accreditation Day 2020 is “Accreditation: Improving food safety”.

25. BHEL has commissioned 270-MW Unit I of Bhadradi Thermal power plant in which state?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Telangana

Explanation:

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has commissioned Unit I of the 4×270 MW Bhadradi Thermal Power Project in Telangana. The Telangana State Power Generation Corporation (TSGENCO) has awarded the project, which is located at Manuguru in Bhadradi Kothagudem District of Telangana, to BHEL.

26. Which country has declared national emergency after a massive fuel leak spilled into Ambarnaya river (Siberia) in artic region?

- 1) Romania
- 2) Georgia
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) United States
- 5) Russia

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Russia

Explanation:

Russian President Vladimir Putin has declared a state of emergency in the Siberian city of Norilsk after a massive fuel leak spilled into a river. Environmentalists call it one of the worst ever seen in the Arctic.

27. Who is the present president of Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) K. V. Kamath
- 2) Anil Kishora
- 3) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 4) Ahmed M. Saeed
- 5) Shixin Chen

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Masatsugu Asakawa

Explanation:

Masatsugu Asakawa is the current President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

28. Where is the HQ of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) located?

- 1) Kolkata
- 2) Surat
- 3) Pune
- 4) Kochi
- 5) Mumbai

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Kolkata

Explanation:

The HQ of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) located at Kolkata, West Bengal.

29. Mayur Nritya is the folk dance in which state?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Chhattisgarh

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Mayur Nritya – This dance form is prevalent in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Also known as peacock dance, ‘Mayur Nritya’ is performed by dancers who wear specially designed clothes so as to resemble a peacock. It is performed while worshipping Lord Krishna.

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30. Atul Kumar Jain, the commander in Chief of the Eastern Naval Command inaugurated a Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) complex in which city?

1) Chandigarh

2) Visakhapatnam

3) Surat

4) Mumbai

5) Kochi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Visakhapatnam

Explanation:

Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, flag officer commander in Chief of the Eastern Naval Command(ENC) inaugurated a Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) complex in Vishakapattanam.

31. What is the amount that was allocated by central government to Jharkhand for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (FY 20-21)?

- 1) 452 Crores
- 2) 748 Crores
- 3) 572 Crores
- 4) 664 Crores
- 5) 386 Crores

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 572 Crores

Explanation:

Jharkhand presented their Annual Action Plan for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in the State to the Ministry of Jal Shakti through a virtual meet chaired by Parameswaran Iyer. Jharkhand planned to have 100% household coverage by 2023-24. Central Govt has approved fund of Rs 572.23 Crore for Jharkhand in 2020-21 in comparison to Rs. 267.69 Crore in 2019-20.

32. According to “Poonam Avlokkan” survey the population of the Asiatic lion at the Gir sanctuary risen to 29% (approx.) in 5 years. The Gir national park is located in which state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Gujarat

Explanation:

According to the “Poonam Avlokkan” survey the population of the Asiatic lion at the Gir sanctuary in Gujarat has seen a commendable rise to approximately 29% (28.87%) from 27% in 2015 i.e their population went from 523 in 2015 to 674 in 2020.

33. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has launched ‘Turant customs’ at Bengaluru and Chennai recently. Who is the chairman of CBIC?

- 1) M Ajit Kumar
- 2) Sanjay Dutt
- 3) Rajnish Kumar
- 4) Rahul Chaudhry
- 5) PC Mody

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) M Ajit Kumar

Explanation:

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched a flagship programme, “Turant customs” at Bengaluru and Chennai with technological support for faster clearance of imported goods and for the ease of doing business. CBIC Chairman– M Ajit Kumar.

34. Which state/UT government has renamed Environment ministry as ‘Environment and Climate change’ ministry in June 2020?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On the occasion of World Environment Day (June 05, 2020), the Maharashtra cabinet chaired by its Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Bal Thackeray has approved a

proposal to rename the state's Environment Ministry as 'Environment and Climate Change Ministry' with the aim to play an active role in climate change mitigation.

35. Which state government implemented 'Food forest' project in tribal belts of the state recently?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Kerala

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Kerala

Explanation:

On this World environment day, Kerala's first 'food forest' is being prepared at tribal belts of Attapady in Palakkad district.

36. Which country has signed agreement with Italy to demarcate maritime boundaries?

- 1) Greece
- 2) Bosnia
- 3) Croatia
- 4) Turkey
- 5) Albania

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Greece

Explanation:

Greece and Italy have signed an agreement demarcating their maritime boundaries, amid tension in the Mediterranean region over rights to natural resources. The

agreement signed on Tuesday in Athens tackled an issue that had been pending for 40 years.

37. Central government has extended Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for migrant workers recently. Who is the CEO of AB-PMJAY?

- 1) Amitabh Kant
- 2) Indu Malhotra
- 3) Tanveer Singh
- 4) Indu Bhushan
- 5) Mahesh Sinha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Indu Bhushan

Explanation:

Indian government extended its health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for migrant workers facing unemployment, across states. National Health Authority (NHA) is the nodal agency for implementing AB-PMJAY. CEO of AB-PMJAY and NHA– Dr Indu Bhushan.

38. The phase 2 & 3 of SAUNI scheme will fill 115 dams in Gujarat state as per Vijay Rupani, CM of the state. Those dams will be filled by water from which river?

- 1) Krishna
- 2) Ganga
- 3) Narmada
- 4) Yamuna
- 5) Kaveri

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Narmada

Explanation:

Vijay Rupani Gujarat Chief Minister, announced the phase 2 and phase 3 of the Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI) scheme to fill 115 dams with

Narmada water by August 15,2020 and March ,2021 respectively. The SAUNI yojana is a multipurpose project designed to provide irrigation and drinking water in the Saurashtra regions.

39. Name the state which has launched ‘Panchvati Yojana’ for the senior citizens of rural areas.

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Himachal Pradesh(HP) Chief Minister(CM) Jai Ram Thakur launched ‘Panchvati Yojana’ for the senior citizens of rural areas of the state. Under the yojana parks & gardens will be established in every development block with mandatory facilities under Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act(MNREGA) 2005, Scheme of Rural Development Department. About 100 such parks will be developed in different parts of the state during FY 2020.

40. Central government has allocated the 1 Lakh crore for which scheme in FY 2020-21 (more than 50% of budget estimation)?

- 1) PMMY
- 2) PM-SYM
- 3) PMGKY
- 4) PM-KISAN
- 5) MGNREGS

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) MGNREGS

Explanation:

The highest ever allocation of funds worth Rs. 1,01,500 made under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the current Financial Year(FY) 2020-2021. A sum of Rs. 31,493 crores have already been released in 2020-21, which is more than 50 percent of budget estimation of current Financial Year 2020-21.

41. Andhra Pradesh government has launched ‘Jagananna Chedodu’ scheme to provide financial assistance to tailors, barbers and dhobis. Under the scheme Rs. _____ will be provided per person for 2.47 Lakh workers.

- 1) 20,000
- 2) 15,000
- 3) 2,000
- 4) 10,000
- 5) 5,000

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 10,000

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh(AP) Chief Minister(CM) Yeduguri Sandinti(YS) Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the ‘Jagananna Chedodu’ scheme to provide financial assistance to tailors, barbers and dhobis(washermen). Under the scheme, Rs 10,000 per person was provided to 2.47 lakh beneficiaries under 60 years of age – washermen (82,347), barbers (38,767) and tailors (1,25,926).

42. What will be the GDP of India in FY 2020-21 in case of 2nd COVID-19 outbreak, as per Economic Outlook, June 2020 by OECD?

- 1) -5.6%
- 2) -5%
- 3) -4.7%
- 4) -7.3%
- 5) -6.7%

Answer-4) -7.3%

Explanation:

In accordance with the Economic Outlook (EO), June 2020 by Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for FY 2020-2021 predicted at -3.7% which can further decelerate to -7.3% in case of second Covid-19 outbreak, the lowest estimate for India's growth so far, overtaking Bernstein's projected 7% contraction for India in FY21.

43. Find the company which has signed MoU with ICAR for joint research, testing and validation of different products?

- 1) Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)
- 2) Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO)
- 3) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 4) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- 5) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO)

Explanation:

Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) Ltd signs MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for joint research, testing and validation of different products through ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).

44. Shobha Sekhar who received "Order of Australia" medal is a renowned _____.

- 1) Actor
- 2) Lawyer
- 3) Banker
- 4) Architect
- 5) Musician

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Musician

Explanation:

Indian Musician Shobha Sekhar, the founder of Kalakruthi a music organisation in Australia receives the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday 2020 for her service to Indian music and dance.

45. Which institute ranked top (overall category) in the 5th edition of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2020 released by HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal?

- 1) IISc Bengaluru
- 2) Banaras Hindu University
- 3) IIT Delhi
- 4) IIM Calcutta
- 5) IIT Madras

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) IIT Madras

Explanation: The Union Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has virtually released 5th edition of National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2020. The rankings are being announced for India's best universities and institutions in 10 categories namely- Overall, Universities, Engineering, Colleges, Management, Pharmacy, Medical, Dental Architecture, and Law. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras (Tamil Nadu) has topped the list of 'overall ranking' category. List of top 3 India Rankings 2020 is as follows: Overall

Rank No.	Name of Institute	Score
1	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	85.31
2	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	84.18
3	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	81.33

46. Which institute/university ranked top in the QS World University Rankings 2021?

- 1) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2) Stanford University
- 3) Harvard University

4) California Institute of Technology

5) University of Oxford

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Explanation:QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) is a global education analyst that released the 17th edition of the QS World University Rankings 2021. This year only 3 Indian Institutions were among the top two-hundred ranks 2 IIT's and IISC. Globally, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), USA continues to be the number one for the 9th year in a row.

QS World University Rankings 2021 (TOP 5)

2021 Institution Country

- 1 Massachusetts Institute of Technology(MIT)USA
- 2 Stanford University USA
- 3 Harvard University USA
- 4 California Institute of Technology(Cal Tech)USA
- 5 University of Oxford UK

47. Which is the most expensive Indian city as per 26th Annual Cost of Living Survey 2020 released by Mercer (Hong Kong is the most expensive city of the world)?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Chennai
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Bengaluru
- 5) Kolkata

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Mumbai

Explanation:

Mercer released its 26th Annual Cost of Living Survey 2020. From India, Mumbai city has been ranked 60th most expensive city globally and also 19th in Asia. Mumbai is the only Indian city ranked in the top 100. Hongkong tops the list

globally. Hong Kong is the most expensive city of the world, followed by Ashgabat and Tokyo.

48. Saturn's moon Titan is drifting away from ringed planet 100 times faster according to scientists. Which journal published this study?

- 1) New Astronomy
- 2) Journal Nature
- 3) Astronomy and Astrophysics
- 4) The Astrophysical Journal
- 5) Nature Astronomy

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Nature Astronomy

Explanation:

Saturn's moon Titan is drifting a hundred times faster than previously understood—about 11 centimetres per year. The findings, published in the journal Nature Astronomy, may help address an age-old question.

49. Former Olympic medalist Oleksandr Gvozdyk, who announced retirement recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Shooting
- 4) Weightlifting
- 5) Archery

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Boxing

Explanation:

33-year-old Ukrainian lightweight boxing champion Oleksandr Gvozdyk also known as “The Nail” announced his retirement. He was born on 15th April 1987 in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

50. Tony Dunne who is in news in June 2020 belongs to which sport?

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Shooting
- 4) Tennis
- 5) Football

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Football

Explanation:

Former Footballer, the defender of Manchester United Tony Dunne, passed away at the age of 78. He was born on 25th July 1941 in Dublin, Ireland.

51. Which state has opened its 1st first biodiversity park in Haldwani district recently?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Uttarakhand forest department opened the first biodiversity park in Haldwani, which is the state's biggest, on World Environment Day on Friday. The park is spread across 18 acres and has around 500 species of plants. Incidentally, the theme of this year's World Environment Day is 'Celebrate Biodiversity.'

52. The river Vamsadhara originates in which state?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Odisha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Odisha

Explanation:

The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha will hold talks to clear out all differences with regard to the sharing of Vamsadhara river waters. Andhra Pradesh wants to build the Neradi bridge across the river which will be possible only after Odisha's consent. Andhra Pradesh also wants to complete the inter-linking of its Nagavali river with the Vamsadhara and expand the Madduvalasa Reservoir project soon. Vamsadhara is an east-flowing river which originates in Kalahandi district of Odisha, flows in Odisha, along its boundary with Andhra Pradesh and finally joins the Bay of Bengal at Kalingapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The Interstate River Water Disputes Act, 1956 (IRWD Act) is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted under Article 262 of Constitution of India to resolve river disputes.

53. Where is the HQ of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) located?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Gurugram
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Chennai

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) New Delhi

Explanation:

The HQ of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) located at New Delhi.

54. What is the constituency of HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'?

- 1) Bhadrak
- 2) Jodhpur
- 3) Ambala

4) Morena

5) Haridwar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Haridwar

Explanation:

Ramesh Pokhriyal is an Indian politician serving as the Minister of Human Resource Development in the Second Modi ministry. He represents the Haridwar/Hardwar Parliamentary constituency of Uttarakhand in the 17th Lok Sabha.

55. Where is the HQ of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) located?

1) Geneva

2) London

3) Rome

4) New York

5) Paris

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Paris

Explanation:

The HQ of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) located at Paris, France.

June 13th CURRENT AFFAIRS

56. Union shipping ministry has approved revised cost estimates of Rs. 123.95 cr for Ship Repair facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Who is the present shipping minister (MoS I/C)?

1) Nitin Gadkari

2) Smriti Irani

3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

4) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

5) Raj Nath Singh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Explanation:

Ministry of Shipping approves Revised cost estimates Ministry of Shipping has approved the Revised Cost estimate of Rs. 123.95 crore for the project “Extension of Dry Dock-II at a marine dockyard including supply, installation and commissioning of Dry Dock Pumps and accessories in Port Blair, South Andaman” for augmenting Ship Repair facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Ministry of Shipping: Minister of State (MoS)- Mansukh L. Mandaviya.

57. Which is the 1st country in the world that runs Double-Stack Container train in OHE electrified region?

1) United States

2) Japan

3) India

4) China

5) Germany

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) India

Explanation:

Indian railways created a benchmark by setting a new world history on the successful running of the first Double-decker Container Train with a contact wire of 7.57-metre height on its high reach pantograph in the high rise Over Head Equipment (OHE) electrified territory on the western railway from Palanpur and Botad stations in Gujarat.

58. Find the PSU which is 1st in construction sector to become fully digital?

1) National Highway Authority of India

2) Hindustan Prefab Ltd

3) National Buildings Construction Corporation

4) National Project Construction Corporation Ltd

5) Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) National Highway Authority of India

Explanation:

The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways becomes the first Organisation in the Construction Sector to become fully digitalised utilising the cloud and artificial intelligence powered by the Data Lake, a Big Data Analytic platform and Project Management softwares.

59. Which state has become the largest wheat procurer in the country recently?

1) Gujarat

2) Haryana

3) Punjab

4) Maharashtra

5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The rural economy of the Madhya Pradesh (MP) state is said to get inducted with Rs 25,000 crore for the farmers as it becomes India's largest wheat procurer in the year 20-21 surpassing Punjab. MP also produced the highest amount of wheat this year about 30 million tonnes.

60. Name the 1st state in the country which received ISO certification for tribal hostels under Mission Suvidya.

1) Goa

2) Assam

3) Odisha

4) Jharkhand

5) Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Odisha

Explanation:

Odisha became the first State in India to receive prestigious ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 9001:2015 certification for its 44 tribal hostels of Keonjhar (32 hostels) and Sambalpur (12 hostels) districts improving their overall infrastructure and standards under Mission Suvidya.

61. The police of which city has launched STREE program for women?

- 1) Patna
- 2) Kolkata
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Hyderabad

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Hyderabad

Explanation:

Hyderabad City Security Council(HCSC) along with Hyderabad City Police launched “She Triumphs through Respect, Equality, and Empowerment (STREE)”, a programme to support and empower women victims of domestic violence and abuse.

62. Name the scheme which is the initiative of NCDC & it was launched by union minister Narendra Singh Tomar, providing paid internship to the Youth.

- 1) SVANidhi
- 2) Swamitva
- 3) GramSwaraj
- 4) Sahakar Mitra
- 5) Samridhhi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Sahakar Mitra

Explanation:

Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister inaugurated a Sahakar Mitra: Scheme on Internship Program (SIP) of the NCDC

(National Cooperative Development Corporation). The program will provide practical experience of the cooperative sector and assured project loans on liberalized terms to young professionals in the start-up industry.

63. Which state/UT has launched ‘Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana’?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Puducherry

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh (UP) Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath launched ‘Bal Shramik Vidya Yojana’ for child labourers who are 8-18 years old, through video conference. The launch is in line with the ‘World Day Against Child Labour’ (June 12, 2020). UP Labour Minister Swami Prasad Maurya was also present during the launch. Aim of the yojana– To educate orphans and worker’s children or child labourers & ensure their healthy life.

64. RBI has banned People’s cooperative bank from granting fresh loans, accepting deposits for 6 months. Where is the HQ of People’s Cooperative bank located?

- 1) Noida
- 2) Nagpur
- 3) Hardwar
- 4) Kanpur
- 5) Ranchi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Kanpur

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has restricted People’s Co-operative Bank located in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP) from granting fresh loans and accepting deposits for

six months from June 10, 2020, due to its weak financial position. The bank is barred from selling, transferring or disposing any of its properties or assets.

65. Which public sector bank has relaunched Aadhaar-based online ‘Insta Saving Bank Account’?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Punjab National Bank
- 3) Canara Bank
- 4) United Bank of India
- 5) Indian Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) State Bank of India

Explanation:

The State Bank of India (SBI) has relaunched ‘SBI Insta Saving Bank Account’, an Aadhaar-based instant digital savings account for customers using the Yono platform, which will offer a complete paperless and instant digital savings account opening with just PAN and Aadhaar number.

66. According to ‘Global Trade Update 2020’ released by UNCTAD, international trade is expected to fall by 27% in Q2 of 2020. Where is the HQ of UNCTAD located?

- 1) Geneva
- 2) New York
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Rome
- 5) London

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Geneva

Explanation:

According to the report ‘Global Trade Update 2020’ released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the value of international trade in goods fell by 5% in the first quarter (Q1) of 2020 and is expected to plunge

further by 27% in the ongoing second quarter (Q2) due to the unprecedented effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It has also forecasted a 20% annual decline in trade for the year 2020. UNCTAD Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland.

67. Who has received the 2020 World Food Prize Laureate?

- 1) Rattan Lal
- 2) Nishant K. Sinha
- 3) Asha Sahu
- 4) J.K.Thakur
- 5) Shinogi K.C

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Rattan Lal

Explanation:

76-year-old Indian-American Soil scientist, Dr. Rattan Lal received the 2020 World Food Prize Laureate (250,000 USD – Rs. 1.89 crore) for developing and mainstreaming a soil centric approach to increase food production that conserves natural resources and mitigates climate change. He was born in 1944 in Karyal, West Punjab, India.

68. The 3rd India-Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) youth dialogue 2020 was held virtually on June 8-10, 2020. Which country holds presidency of ASEAN in 2020?

- 1) Vietnam
- 2) Cambodia
- 3) Laos
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) Philippines

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Vietnam

Explanation:

The 3rd India-Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) youth dialogue 2020 was held virtually on June 8-10, 2020 focusing on coronavirus pandemic. The

meet has regarded the youth as “vehicles of change” who are playing a pivotal role by leading the fight against the pandemic. ASEAN: 2020 Chairmanship– Vietnam.

69. The petroleum and natural gas ministry has formed 3-member committee to inquire the Assam oil well disaster. Who head the committee/Panel?

- 1) T K Sengupta
- 2) BL Kumar
- 3) SCL Das
- 4) AC Shanmugam
- 5) BC Bora

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) SCL Das

Explanation:

A 3-member high-level committee was formed by the Petroleum Ministry to inquire the disaster at Oil India Ltd well in Assam. The panel will be headed by Director General of Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH), SCL Das, other members of the panel include BC Bora former ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation) chairman and T K Sengupta former ONGC director.

70. Which institute ranked top among the Indian institutes in the Nature Index 2020 ratings (Chinese Academy of Sciences topped overall ranking)?

- 1) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- 2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 3) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)
- 5) Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Explanation:

In accordance with the Nature Index 2020 ratings, 3 autonomous institutions of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India ranked among top 30. The Nature Index 2020 ratings has been globally topped by Chinese

Academy of Sciences (CAS), China while India's Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is on 160th position globally but stood first among Indian institutions. Top 3 Indian Institutions (Global)

Indian Rank	Global Rank	Institution
1	160	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
2	184	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore
3	260	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)

71. Which institute has partnered with Kerala based start-up VST Mobility Solutions to launch IoT based 'BIN-19' & 'UV SPOT'?

- 1) Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute
- 2) Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology
- 3) National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies
- 4) Central Scientific Instruments Organisation
- 5) National Institute of Science Communication & Information Resources

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology

Explanation:

Kerala Startup VST Mobility Solutions, has launched Internet of Things(IoT) based (facility that works without any human touch) automated mask disposal machine, "BIN-19" & "UltraViolet (UV) SPOT", a UV light-based multipurpose disinfectant in association with Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST).

72. Which country has ranked top in FIFA world ranking released on June 11, 2020?

- 1) Belgium
- 2) France
- 3) Brazil
- 4) Poland
- 5) Argentina

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Belgium

Explanation:

According to the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) world Ranking released on June 11, 2020, India has retained the 108th spot with 1187 points as international football has been suspended since March due to the COVID-19. Belgium tops the ranking followed by France and Brazil. Qatar is the host country of FIFA World Cup 2022.

73. Who authored the book titled ‘Lockdown Liaisons’?

- 1) Sudha Murthy
- 2) Arundhati Roy
- 3) Anita Desai
- 4) Uma Balasubramaniam
- 5) Shobhaa De

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Shobhaa De

Explanation:

Writer and Columnist Shobhaa De’s new collection of stories titled “Lockdown Liaisons” a book reflecting the impacts of COVID-19 on human lives published by Simon & Schuster India and released on May 30, 2020.

74. Vaidyanathan who passed away recently is a renowned _____.

- 1) Professor
- 2) Cricketer
- 3) Architect
- 4) Stunt Man
- 5) Historian

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Professor

Explanation:

The former member of the Planning Commission, advocate of data quality and economist, professor Dr. A. Vaidyanathan passed away at the age of 88 in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

75. Tamil Nadu legislator Anbazhagan who passed away recently is associated with which political party?

- 1) INC
- 2) JDS
- 3) BJP
- 4) DMK
- 5) TMC

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) DMK

Explanation:

Three-time DMK MLA, J. Anbazhagan passed away at the age of 61 years after he tested positive for COVID-19 in Chennai, who represented the Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni constituency in the Assembly.

76. The Theme for world day against child labor 2020 is “COVID-19: Protect children from child labour, now more than ever”. When was the day observed annually?

- 1) June 12
- 2) June 15
- 3) June 19
- 4) June 2
- 5) June 7

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) June 12

Explanation:

June 12 of Every year is observed as the World Day Against Child Labour which was launched by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2002 to focus on

the global extent of child labour and the steps to be taken to eliminate it. Theme of 2020: “COVID-19: Protect children from child labour, now more than ever”.

77. The green Mizoram day 2020 was observed on _____.

- 1) June 12
- 2) June 15
- 3) June 14
- 4) June 13
- 5) June 11

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) June 11

Explanation:

Every year a particular day during the first or second week of June is observed as Green Mizoram Day. In 2020, Green Mizoram Day is observed on June 11 across Mizoram in India. The plantation drive was averted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

78. Lonar Lake which is in news recently is located in which state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

The color of water in Maharashtra’s Lonar lake, formed after a meteorite hit the Earth some 50,000 years ago, has changed to pink with experts attributing it to the salinity and presence of algae in the water body. It is India’s only crater lake. India

has proposed this lake along with 9 other sites as sites of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

79. Bhogapuram airport is located in which state?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Andhra government signs agreement with GMR to develop Bhogapuram airport. While Special Chief Secretary (Infrastructure and Investments) R Karikal Valaven signed the agreement on behalf of the State government, GMR Chairman GBS Raju inked the pact on behalf of GMR Airports.

80. Jacinda Ardern is the prime minister of which country?

- 1) Scotland
- 2) Germany
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Poland
- 5) New Zealand

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) New Zealand

Explanation:

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern celebrated after country declares itself Covid-19 free.

81. Who is the president of Syria?

- 1) Imad Khamis
- 2) Michel Aoun
- 3) Hussein Arnous
- 4) Bashar Assad
- 5) Hassan Diab

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Bashar Assad

Explanation:

Syrian President Bashar Assad fired his prime minister Imad Khamis, a month ahead of elections and as the economic crisis worsens and public anger rises in the territory under his control. He asked Hussein Arnous to replace Khamis as interim premier until parliament elections. The capital and currency of Syria are Damascus and Syrian pound respectively.

82. Ghumura is folk dance in which state?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Assam
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Odisha

Explanation:

Ghumura dance is a folk dance of Kalahandi district of the Indian state Odisha. It is classified as folk dance as the dress code of Ghumura resembles more like a tribal

dance, but there are arguments about mudra and dance forms of Ghumura bearing more resemblance with other classical dance forms of India.

JUNE 14th and 15th CURRENT AFFAIRS

83. Name the flood warning system which was jointly launched by Uddhav Thackeray (Maharashtra CM) & Harsh Vardhan (Earth science minister) in Mumbai.

- 1) I-PICK
- 2) I-SAFE
- 3) I-WEATHER
- 4) I-FLOWS
- 5) I-FLOODS

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) I-FLOWS

Explanation:

The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray and Union Earth science minister Harsh Vardhan jointly launched the state-of-the-art Integrated Flood Warning System (I-FLOWS) in Mumbai with an aim to alleviate and monitor the flood activities by providing early warning in the city during high rainfall and cyclone events. The system can estimate floods up to 3 days in advance, it was developed by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) functioning under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) along with Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM).

84. EXIM bank has provided line of credit (LOC) of \$215.68 million to the Malawi for drinking water schemes & other development projects recently. Where is the HQ of EXIM bank located?

- 1) Kolkata
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Bengaluru

5) Chennai

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Mumbai

Explanation:

Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) has provided a line of credit (LOC) of \$215.68 million to the Malawi government for drinking water supply schemes and other development projects. Exim bank: Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra.

85. Find the person who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar's Khadi.

1) Pankaj Tripathi

2) Anupam Kher

3) Boman Irani

4) Om Puri

5) Swara bhaskar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Pankaj Tripathi

Explanation:

Pankaj Tripathi, Bollywood Actor, was appointed as the brand ambassador of Bihar's Khadi by the Government of Bihar. He will promote the usage of Khadi product as well as the Patna's Khadi Mall.

86. Imtaiyazur Rahman has been appointed as the CEO of which mutual fund?

1) UTI Asset Management Company

2) Canara Robeco Asset Management Company

3) BNP Paribas Asset Management India

4) Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC

5) Axis Asset Management Company

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) UTI Asset Management Company

Explanation:

UTI Asset Management Board appointed Imtaiyazur Rahman as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the UTI Asset Management Company after two years as the

interim CEO. He will succeed Leo Puri whose 5-year tenure was over in August 2018.

87. Who becomes the 1st ever women to reach deepest point of ocean, the Challenger deep?

- 1) Nancy Roman
- 2) Christina Koch
- 3) Peggy Whitson
- 4) Stephanie Wilson
- 5) Kathy Sullivan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Kathy Sullivan

Explanation:

The 68-year-old Kathy Sullivan, Former NASA astronaut and Oceanographer became the first woman to reach the Challenger Deep, the deepest point in the ocean. She is the 1st human to reach both the space and deepest point of ocean.

88. Who heads the 5-member Internal working group formed by RBI to review ownership and control of Private banks?

- 1) Sachin Chaturvedi
- 2) PK Mohanty
- 3) Lily Vadera
- 4) S. C. Murmu
- 5) Shrimohan Yadav

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) PK Mohanty

Explanation:

India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a 5-member internal working group (IWG) headed by its Central Board Director Prasanna

Kumar (PK) Mohanty to review ownership guidelines and corporate structure for private banks in light of recent developments in the banking sector. The committee is due to submit its report by 30th September 2020.

89. Which organization has developed dry heat treatment chamber named “GermiKlean” to sanitize uniforms of security force?

- 1) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)
- 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 3) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 4) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- 5) National Development Centre (NDC)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Explanation:

The sanitizing dry heat treatment chamber “GermiKlean” – developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Saveer Biotech Limited to sanitise the uniforms of the security forces.

90. Vasant Raiji who is in news recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Hockey
- 3) Baseball
- 4) Cricket
- 5) Basketball

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Cricket

Explanation:

India’s oldest first-class cricketer Vasant Raiji, a right-handed batsman passed away at 100 due to old-age at his residence in Walkeshwar in South Mumbai. He was born on January 26, 1920 in Vadodara (Baroda), Gujarat.

91. Anand Mohan Zutshi ‘Gulzar’ Dehlvi who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned poet in which language?

- 1) Telugu
- 2) Punjabi
- 3) Gujarati
- 4) Marathi
- 5) Urdu

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Urdu

Explanation:

Veteran Urdu poet & freedom fighter Anand Mohan Zutshi ‘Gulzar’ Dehlvi passed away at 93 due to cardiac arrest at his residency in Noida after his recovery from COVID-19. He was born in Gali Kashmeerian, Old Delhi in 1926.

92. International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) was observed every year on June 13. What is the theme for IAAD 2020?

- 1) “Celebrate diversity; promote inclusion; protect our rights”
- 2) “Advancing with renewed hope”
- 3) “Made to Shine”
- 4) “Shining our light to the world”
- 5) “Still Standing Strong.”

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) “Made to Shine”

Explanation:

13th June of every year is observed as the International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) to create awareness about albinism and the human rights for the people with albinism. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed June 13 as International Albinism Awareness Day in its resolution in 2014 and celebrated it for the first time in 2015. The theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2020 is “Made to Shine”.

93. Name the CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal which was launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recently?

- 1) Aarogyapath
- 2) Aarogya Kisan
- 3) Aarogya Vidhaan
- 4) Aarogya Yojana
- 5) Aarogya Mitra

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Aarogyapath

Explanation:

Rajesh Bhushan, the officer on Special Duty of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched a National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal Aarogyapath to provide real-time availability of critical healthcare supplies with the involvement of manufacturers, suppliers and customers.

94. Which state has launched ‘Ghar ghar nigrani’ app to conduct house-to-house surveillance in the state to eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Odisha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Punjab

Explanation:

Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Amarinder Singh launched mobile based app ‘Ghar ghar nigrani’ app through video conference to conduct house-to-house surveillance in the state to eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic. The app was developed in-house by the health department.

95. K Sanjita Chanu who is in news recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Wrestling

- 2) Golf
- 3) Archery
- 4) Weightlifting
- 5) Fencing

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Weightlifting

Explanation:

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has cleared India's K Sanjita Chanu of anti-doping violation over charges brought up in November 2017 citing "non-conformities" in the handling of her sample.

96. National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) commences the trading in the country's first agri futures index NCDEX AGRIDEX. Where is the HQ of NCDEX located?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Nagpur
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Kolkata
- 5) Mumbai

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Mumbai

Explanation:

National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) the commencement of trading in the country's first agri futures index NCDEX AGRIDEX. NCDEX is regulated by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The HQ of NCDEX located at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

97. Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary is located at which Indian state?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Assam
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Meghalaya

5) Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Bihar

Explanation:

Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary is located in Bhagalpur District of Bihar, India.

98. What is the capital and currency of Malawi?

- 1) Dodoma & Shilling
- 2) Harare & RTGS Dollar
- 3) Lilongwe & Kwacha
- 4) Maputo & Metical
- 5) Lusaka & Pula

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Lilongwe & Kwacha

Explanation:

The capital and currency of Malawi are Lilongwe & Malawian Kwacha respectively. Recently in June 2020 EXIM has given \$215.68 mn LoC to Malawi.

99. Harike wetland is located in which state?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Assam
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Punjab

Explanation:

Harike Wetland also known as “Hari-ke-Pattan”, with the Harike Lake in the deeper part of it, is the largest wetland in northern India in the border of Tarn Taran Sahib district and Ferozepur district of the Punjab state in India.

100. Who is the President of Tanzania?

- 1) Yoweri Museveni
- 2) John Magufuli
- 3) Pierre Nkurunziza
- 4) Uhuru Kenyatta
- 5) Peter Mutharika

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) John Magufuli

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently thanked Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, President of the United Republic of Tanzania for the assistance provided by the Tanzanian authorities for evacuation of Indian citizens from Tanzania in the wake of COVID-19. The capital and currency of Tanzania are Dodoma & Tanzanian shilling respectively.

101. Vat Phou is the UNESCO world heritage site located in which country?

- 1) Laos
- 2) Tanzania
- 3) Tibet
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) Bhutan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Laos

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently had a telephonic conversation with Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Dr Thongloun Sisoulith on the health and economic challenges due to Covid-19 crisis. During the conversation PM

highlighted India's historic and cultural links with Laos and expressed satisfaction at being involved in the restoration of the Vat Phou hindu temple complex (UNESCO world heritage list). The capital and currency of Laos are Vientiane & Lao kip respectively.

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102. Which state/UT has prepared Poultry policy 2020 for the 1st time to boost poultry production in the region?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Puducherry
- 5) Odisha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

The Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) has prepared a J&K Poultry Policy, 2020/Operational Guidelines for the first time to boost poultry production in the region.

103. The 40th GST council meet headed by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman was held recently virtually. Under which article of constitution GST council was formed?

- 1) Article 279A
- 2) Article 280A
- 3) Article 266A
- 4) Article 281A
- 5) Article 262A

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Article 279A

Explanation:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the virtual 40th GST Council Meeting. The key outcome of this meet was further relief on late fee and interest payable on late payments as a part of compliance burden of businesses. This was the first meeting after COVID-19 breakout in India. GST Council is an apex member committee to modify or to procure any law or regulation based on the context of goods and services tax in India. The council is headed by the union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman assisted with the finance minister of all the states of India. It was constituted on 15th September 2016 under Article 279A of the Constitution.

104. India along with 12 other countries lead the “Verified” initiative launched by the UN to fight misinformation about COVID-19. What is the theme of “Verified”?

- 1) Commit, Space, Solution
- 2) Curb, Inform, Cure
- 3) Find, Curb, Inform
- 4) Science, Solidarity & Solution
- 5) Verify, Announce, Follow

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Science, Solidarity & Solution

Explanation:

India with 12 other countries lead the “Verified” initiative launched by the United Nations on 21st May 2020, to fight the spreading of misinformation about COVID-19 with fact-based accurate information. The initiative is led by the United Nations Department of Global Communication(DGC) with an aim to provide facts about COVID-19 in the digital space. This will provide information on three theme: Science, Solidarity, Solution – to advocate for support to impacted population.

105. Which private sector bank has launched “InstaFlexicash” an online overdraft (OD) facility for its salary account customers?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) IndusInd Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) RBL Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

ICICI Bank has launched 'InstaFlexicash', an online overdraft (OD) facility for its pre- approved salary account customers, by which these customers can get approval for OD instantly & in a paperless manner. The end-to-end fully digital facility can be accessed with no documentation, using the Bank's internet banking platform without visiting a bank branch.

106. RBI has proposed to set the age limit of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and whole time directors (WTDs) of Banks to _____ years.

- 1) 62
- 2) 60
- 3) 70
- 4) 65
- 5) 58

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 70

Explanation:

India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its Discussion Paper on 'Governance in Commercial Banks in India' proposed to set the age limit of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and whole time directors (WTDs) belonging to the promoter group of banks to 70 years and maximum tenure of 10 years. This offer has been made to improve administration in the banking sector.

107. RBI has made some changes to the monitoring structure of Financial Markets Infrastructure and Retail Payment Systems recently. Which among the following was designated as “system wide important payment system” (SWIPS)?

- 1) NPCI
- 2) SWITCH
- 3) IFSC
- 4) AePS
- 5) None of the Above

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) NPCI

Explanation:

India’s central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made some changes to the monitoring structure of Financial Markets Infrastructure (FMI) and Retail Payment Systems (RPSs) with the aim to ensure the security and stability of the payment structure. The new framework treats NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT). In addition, NPCI has also been designated as a “system wide important payment system (SWIPS).

108. Who chairs the committee restructured by IBBI for Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation process?

- 1) Uday Kotak
- 2) Ajay Piramal
- 3) Ashish Kumar
- 4) M.V. Nair
- 5) AshuSuyash

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Uday Kotak

Explanation:

In pursuance of regulation 3 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) advisory committee regulation 2017, the IBBI board has restructured an advisory committee on Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation process by including four new members. The new 14-member committee, formed in August

2017, will be chaired by Uday Kotak, the Executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

109. US based L Catterton has bought 0.39% stake in Jio platforms recently. What is the % stake which was bought by TPG Capital in Jio platforms (June 2020)?

- 1) 3.61%
- 2) 0.93%
- 3) 0.57%
- 4) 2.21%
- 5) 1.23%

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) 0.93%

Explanation:

The United States (US) private equity firms TPG Capital and L Catterton have become the 9th and 10th investors respectively in the Jio Platforms, as the latter has sold 0.93% stake in TPG for Rs 4,546.80 crore and 0.39% stake sold to L Catterton for Rs 1,894.50 crore.

110. Name the robot which was launched by central railways to boost the screening and surveillance of passengers.

- 1) Captain Amar
- 2) CaptainRam
- 3) CaptainAswanth
- 4) CaptainSamarth
- 5) CaptainArjun

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) CaptainArjun

Explanation:

The Railway Protection Force of Central Railway (CR), Pune division, Maharashtra launched a Robotic 'Captain Arjun' (Always be Responsible and Just Use to be Nice) to intensify the screening and surveillance of passengers. It was launched online by Arun Kumar, Director General (RPF), Railway Board in the presence of

Sanjeev Mittal, General Manager, Central Railway, among others The BrainChild behind this innovation is Alok Bohra DIG/RPF, Central Railway.

111. “FebriEye” developed by Vehant Technologies have been set up to ensure contactless entry. Which zone of railways sets up ‘FebriEye’?

- 1) Central Railway
- 2) Northern Railway
- 3) Eastern Railway
- 4) Southern Railway
- 5) Western Railway

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Central Railway

Explanation:

In order to effectively scan passengers for symptoms of COVID-19, and to ensure contactless entry Central Railway has set up a body screening facility “FebriEye thermal cameras”, developed by Vehant Technologies have been set up at ChhatrapatiShivajiMaharaj Terminus (CSMT) and LokmanyaTilak Terminus (LTT) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

112. Name the device which was launched by MoS Ministry of Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy, which kills viruses & other germs by sterilising, sanitising& disinfecting in large areas.

- 1) GermiQuick
- 2) GermiBAN
- 3) GermiWALL
- 4) GermiVANISH
- 5) GermiKILL

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) GermiBAN

Explanation:

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy launched a device, ‘GermiBAN’ that kills viruses & other germs by sterilising, sanitising& disinfecting in large areas. It also acts as an Air Purifier effective against viruses like COVID-19 which will stop the spread of it.

113. Who authored the biography of DadabhaiNaoroji titled “Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism”?

- 1) Dinyar Patel
- 2) DamodarDharmanandaKosambi
- 3) R. C. Majumdar
- 4) Jadunath Sarkar
- 5) RomilaThapar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Dinyar Patel

Explanation:

Historian Dinyar Patel’s biography of DadabhaiNaoroji, “Naoroji Pioneer of Indian Nationalism” was published by the Harvard University Press in May 2020.

114. Sushant Singh Rajput who is in news recently is a renowned _____.

- 1) Freedom Fighter
- 2) Lawyer
- 3) Politician
- 4) Cricketer
- 5) Actor

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Actor

Explanation:

Sushant Singh Rajput, 34-year-old actor committed suicide & found dead at his home in Bandra, Mumbai. He was born on 16th January 1986 in Patna, Bihar.He promoted the Women Entrepreneurship Platform of NITI Aayog which was

launched on 8th March 2018. He acted as M.S Dhoni in “MS Dhoni: The Untold Story” in 2016.

115. Cricketer Matt Poore who passed away in June 2020 belongs to which country?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) South Africa
- 5) New Zealand

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) New Zealand

Explanation:

Former New Zealand cricketer Matt Beresford Poore(all-rounder- right hand batsman and offspinner)passed away at 90. He was born on June 1, 1930, Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand.

116. When was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day observed annually?

- 1) May 30
- 2) July 15
- 3) June 15
- 4) February 15
- 5) April 30

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) June 15

Explanation:

Every year on June 15 The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day(WEAAD), across the world. This day raises awareness about abuse and neglect of older persons and raising awareness about the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.

117. The World Blood Donor Day (WBDD) was observed every year on June 14. What is the theme for WBDD 2020?

- 1) “Safe Blood save lives”
- 2) “Safe blood for all”
- 3) “Blood connect us all”
- 4) “Give Blood. Give Now. Give Often”
- 5) “Thank you for saving my life”

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) “Safe Blood save lives”

Explanation:

14th June of every year is celebrated as the World Blood Donor Day all over the world to create awareness about the need for safe blood and their importance in treatments and role in maternal and neonatal care. It was designated by the World Health Assembly(WHA) of the World Health Organisation(WHO). The theme of World blood donor day 2020 is “Safe Blood save lives”.

118. Where is the HQ of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) located?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Pune
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Chennai
- 5) Kolkata

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) New Delhi

Explanation:

The HQ of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) located at New Delhi.

119. What is the capital of New Zealand?

- 1) Canberra
- 2) London
- 3) Wellington
- 4) Dubai

5) Johannesburg

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Wellington

Explanation:

The capital and currency of New Zealand are Wellington and New Zealand Dollar respectively.

120. Who is the MD and CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

1) Amitha Sehgal

2) BiswamohanMahapatra

3) G. Sivakumar

4) Deepak Kumar

5) DilipAsbe

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) DilipAsbe

Explanation:

DilipAsbe is the present MD&CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

121. Abu Dhabi is the capital city of which country?

1) UAE

2) Syria

3) Palestine

4) Tunisia

5) Morocco

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) UAE

Explanation:

India is planning to post Naval Liaison Officers (LOs) at the Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre (RMIFC) in Madagascar and the European Maritime Awareness in the Strait of Hormuz (EMASOH) in Abu Dhabi (capital city of UAE) for improved Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA).

122. Which country has announced 'Jet Zero' plan to bring down aviation emissions?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) South Africa
- 5) New Zealand

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) United Kingdom

Explanation:

Recently, the United Kingdom (U.K.) announced a 'Jet Zero' plan to bring down its aviation emissions. The objective of the plan is to bring down greenhouse gas emissions from aviation to make carbon-free flights possible within a generation. Aviation emissions currently account for more than 2% of global greenhouse gases, and have risen by 70% since 2005. The International Civil Aviation Organization forecasts that they will rise another 300% by 2050 in the absence of measures to bring them down.